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Re: Shawn Wayne Anderson
Serial rapist denied parole

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Shawn Ramon Anderson, age 38, of Modesto, was found unsuitable for parole during a July 29, 2020 hearing of the State Board of Parole Hearings conducted at Sierra Conservation Center in Jamestown, California. Deputy District Attorney Monroe Tyler appeared at the hearing on behalf of the People.

Beginning in April 2002, Anderson attacked and sexually assaulted five different women in Stanislaus County. On April 16, 2002, victim #1 was picked up on Kerr Avenue after Anderson offered to give her a ride to Ceres. On the pretense of taking her to his car, he instead took her to a nearby school field, threatened her with a knife and sexually assaulted her.

On July 2, 2003, victim #2 was walking on Yosemite Avenue when Anderson came up behind her and choked her into unconsciousness. She woke up in a public restroom, where Anderson told her "if you move, I'll kill you bitch." before sexually assaulting her.

Victim #3 was forced into a vehicle on June 8, 2003, by threatening her with a knife. He took her to Mancini Park in Modesto, put her in a chokehold and raped her. Anderson also forced her to expose herself to two other men who were present nearby.

On February 15, 2004, Anderson kidnapped victim #4 off 9th Street by pretending to have a weapon in his pocket. He ordered her to get into his car and took this victim to Mancini Park where he sexually assaulted her.

On June 7, 2004, Anderson found victim #5 in Santa Rosa, California and offered to give her a ride. He drove victim #5 to a dark street where he sexually assaulted her. Although this offense occurred in Sonoma County a special provision of the California Penal Code allows for certain offenses – such as serial rapes – to be consolidated and tried in one jurisdiction.

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Only three out of the five victims were available to testify at the preliminary hearing in this case. On May 29, 2007, Anderson pled guilty to two counts of rape and two counts of sexual battery, involving four of the five victims. On July 9, 2007, he was sentenced to serve 14 years in prison pursuant to a plea agreement.

After going to prison, Anderson associated with the “Crips” criminal prison gang in 2012. In 2014, he was convicted in a new case for attempting to bring drugs and a cellphone into prison which added another 4 years to his 14-year prison sentence.

Anderson has a long criminal history which included various thefts, dissuading a witness, evading a police officer, possession of a bad check, false identification, and forgery. Since going to prison, he has attacked other inmates and seriously injured another inmate during a prison riot. He has also repeatedly been found making or possessing illegal prison-made alcohol.

During today’s hearing, Deputy District Attorney Tyler argued to the Board that parole should be denied based on the continuing risk Anderson poses to the community if released as well as his lack of genuine insight and remorse for the crimes he committed. The Board of Parole Hearings agreed and denied parole for 5 years.

Anderson committed these sexual offenses when he was under the age of 26. Pursuant to recent changes in the law, that makes him eligible for “youthful offender parole” after serving only 15 years instead of the total sentence of 18 years for all his crimes. If he serves the maximum amount of time possible with his current sentence, Anderson will be released in December 2022. However, the Board of Parole Hearings could request that Anderson be evaluated as a Sexually Violent Predator by the Department of Mental Health. If that examination determines that Anderson has a diagnosable mental disorder and will likely commit new sexually violent acts if released, he may be referred for a civil commitment to a State Hospital immediately upon any release from prison custody.

This was Anderson’s first parole hearing.

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