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Re: Carol Laverne Johnson
Parole denied

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Carol Laverne Johnson (AKA Carol Harris, Carol Hosely), age 63, was denied parole after a hearing by the Board of Parole Hearings at the Chowchilla State Prison on October 7, 2020. Chief Deputy District Attorney Marlisa A. Ferreira appeared at the hearing on behalf of the People.

On August 30, 2008 after getting into an altercation with her then-husband Karl Johnson, Carol Johnson called her son Dasheme Hosely to come over to her house on Lincoln Oak Dr. and “take care of this “expletive”.” Several people tried to stop Dasheme Hosely from coming to Modesto, but to no avail. At approximately 4:30 in the morning, Hosely, armed with a .38 caliber gun, rang the door bell. Carol Johnson, knowing her son was there to commit violence, sent her husband to the door to answer. When the door opened, Dasheme Hosely fired multiple times at Karl Johnson, killing him. After a month-long investigation, several people including Carol Johnson were arrested. She was subsequently convicted by a Stanislaus County jury of second degree murder.

A prison psychologist assessed Johnson to represent a moderate risk for future violence in the community if she were to be paroled. The psychologist also noted that Johnson has failed to address her lack of insight into her responsibility for this homicide and that she was at risk of succumbing to daily pressures due to her long history of substance abuse. The children and ex-wife of Karl Johnson spoke at the hearing and requested that parole be denied. Additionally, Johnson was found to be not forthcoming with the psychologist during her assessment interview and with BPH commissioners during questioning at the parole hearing since her account of the events were in stark contrast to the eyewitnesses’ statements.

After deliberation, the Board denied parole for a period of three years. This was Johnson's first parole hearing since her 2002 conviction.

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