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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Hector Carrera
Life inmate granted parole

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Hector Carrera, age 81, of Lancaster was found suitable for parole during a July 12, 2022 hearing of the State Board of Parole Hearings held at the California Healthcare Facility (prison) in Stockton. Deputy District Attorney Amy Neumann appeared at the hearing on behalf of the People.

In June of 1990, Carrera separated from his wife. Over the next two years, he tried to convince her to return to him and even threatened to kill her if she did not do so. On September 7, 1992, Carrera went to the victim's Modesto home where she lived with their children. He threatened her with a knife, chasing her from the residence to a vehicle then to another nearby home. Carrera also brandished the knife at others who tried to help. After he stabbed the victim twice in the abdomen, he was stopped by his own son who hit him over the head with a wooden board.

Carrera was convicted of premeditated attempted murder, domestic violence and brandishing a weapon. On May 18, 1993, he was sentenced to serve a life term in state prison.

At the parole hearing on July 12th, Carrera refused to participate. Prosecutor Neumann argued against release on parole and for continued confinement based on Carrera's failure to program, recent threats he has made to institutional officers and the continuing threat he poses to his victim who wrote a letter to the Board asking them to deny parole. In the victim's letter, she stated Carrera had threatened to finish what he started and kill her.

The Board of Parole Hearings disagreed that he still posed a danger, finding that Carrera's recent diagnosis of dementia and physical health problems due to his advanced age were mitigating factors. In granting parole, the Board directed that he be placed in a skilled nursing facility upon release. The Board also made parole contingent upon an investigation into the victim's claim that Carrera had recently threatened her.

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The Board's decision now advances to the Decision Review Unit which has 120 days to review the grant of parole. If the Decision Review Unit approves the decision, Governor Newsom will then have 30 days to reverse, modify, refer to the full Board sitting *en banc* or let the grant of parole stand.

This was Carrera's eighth parole hearing after having been previously denied in 2001, 2003, 2005, 2008, 2010, 2015 and 2017.

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