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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Ronnie Carlton Rogers
Convicted Sex Offender Denied Parole

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Jeff Laugero announced today that Ronnie Carlton Rogers, age 39, of Modesto was found unsuitable for parole during a January 24, 2023 hearing of the State Board of Parole Hearings held at the Salinas Valley State Prison in Soledad, California. Deputy District Attorney Victoria Vasquez appeared at the hearing on behalf of the People.

In 2008, two sisters, ages 12 and 11 years old, reported to law enforcement that Rogers had sexually abused and molested them since they were five. Rogers would rape each child, sometimes forcing the other to watch while he did it and forced them to orally copulate him. The older child said Rogers had molested her over 400 times and made them watch pornographic movies. Rogers threatened both that he would kill their family if they ever told anyone what he had done.

When questioned by police, Rogers admitted having a sexual relationship with each child, but placed the blame on the children, saying that they initiated any sexual contact, that he never forced himself on either girl and that they knew what they were getting themselves into. He described himself as completely respectful, honorable and always gave the girls a choice in their sexual relationship.

On March 24, 2009, before Judge Timothy Salter, Rogers pled to, and was convicted of, continuous sexual abuse of a child under 14 years of age and lewd and lascivious acts on a child under 14 years of age. Judge Salter then sentenced Rogers to serve 22 years in state prison.

Since going to prison, Rogers has committed various rule violations including two counts of theft in 2015, possession of a tattoo gun on two occasions in 2014 and 2011 and disruptive behavior in 2013.

Rogers told a prison psychologist who interviewed him that he had sexual thoughts or fantasies of the victims in the past, but not while in prison custody. He admitted abusing the victims because he knew they "wouldn't say no." The psychologist gave the opinion that Rogers posed a moderate risk to reoffend if released into the community.

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Contrary to what he told the psychologist, when questioned by the parole board, Rogers admitted having more current sexual fantasies involving the victims and said he masturbated while thinking of the victims about one year ago.

Prosecutor Vasquez argued for Rogers continued confinement based on his continuous sexual abuse of two children from the age of five years old to the age of 11 years old, his failure to attend any sexual offender programming classes in the last 14 years and his repeated rules violations while in custody.

After deliberating, the Board denied parole for a period of three years.

This was Rogers's first parole hearing. Although he will be scheduled for another hearing in three years, Rogers may petition for earlier hearing date if he can demonstrate a change in conditions justifying it.

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