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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Richard Fuentes Revelez
Convicted Sex Offender Released on Parole

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Jeff Laugero announced today that Richard Fuentes Revelez, age 66, formerly of Patterson was found suitable for parole during a December 15, 2022 hearing of the State Board of Parole Hearings held at the Correctional Training Facility in Soledad. Deputy District Attorney Margot L. Roen appeared at the hearing on behalf of the People.

From 1999 to 2000, Revelez repeatedly sexually abused Jane Doe, the 11-year-old daughter of his then live-in girlfriend and mother of two of his younger children. Revelez had known Jane Doe since she was two years old. Even after Jane Doe turned 11 years old and gave birth to Revelez's child, he continued to abuse her.

School officials looking into the victim's absences from school learned of Jane Doe's pregnancy and childbirth and contacted law enforcement. Investigating detectives interviewed Jane Doe, who admitted that Revelez had been sexually abusing her and was the father of her child. When interviewed, Revelez denied doing anything. A search warrant for his house uncovered pornographic material and sexually explicit photos of Jane Doe.

On September 13, 2000, Revelez pled no contest before Judge David Vanderwall to a violation of Penal Code § 288(a), lewd and lascivious acts with a child under 14 years of age and admitted to a "strike" life enhancement under Penal Code § 12022.8. Judge Vanderwall then sentenced him to serve 15 years to life in state prison and ordered him to register as a sex offender for the rest of his life.

Upon finding Revelez suitable for parole, the Parole Board cited his good track record of institutional behavior during his 22 plus years in prison, his solid work ethic while incarcerated, and his "pro-active" participation in many self-help programs as some of the reasons for its decision. In addition, the Parole Board felt that Revelez expressed genuine remorse toward Jane Doe, exhibited sufficient insight and self-awareness of his crimes, and that, despite the many opportunities to relapse into using drugs while in prison, Revelez chose to stay sober. The Parole Board also acknowledged the numerous laudatory remarks Revelez had received from people who had observed him over time, and his well-developed post release plans, including support from various individuals in the community.

At the end of the hearing, the Parole Board found that Revelez was suitable for parole. In doing so, the Board imposed special conditions upon his release, such as requiring he live in transitional housing outside of Stanislaus County, submit to random drug and alcohol testing, and have no contact with Jane Doe or the child he fathered with her.

The Parole Board's decision is subject to review and does not become final for 120 days, at which time, the Governor has 30 days to review the Parole Board's decision to determine if the decision will be allowed to stand, if it should be referred to the full Board for review "en banc" or if it should be reversed. This was Revelez's fourth hearing before the Parole Board.

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