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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **For Immediate Release**

Date: March 7, 2024  
Re: Michael Brown, Sr.  
Convicted child rapist denied parole

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Jeff Laugero announced today that Michael Brown, Sr., age 55, of Modesto was found unsuitable for parole during a January 9 5, 2024, hearing of the State Board of Parole Hearings held at the California Rehabilitation Center State Prison in Norco. Deputy District Attorney Amy Elliott Neumann appeared at the hearing to represent the interests of the People of Stanislaus County.

From 2011 through July 2014, Inmate Brown committed continuous sexual abuse of a child under his care and living in his home. Inmate Brown was charged with and convicted of violating Penal Code section 288.5(A). He was sentenced to six years in prison.

Inmate Brown was paroled in January 2019, but he committed numerous parole violations including a refusal to report to sex offender classes, failing to keep his GPS monitor activated, taking drugs, and drinking alcohol. Because Inmate Brown had a total of 12 violations, his parole was revoked, and he was returned to prison. In 2022, Inmate Brown had an initial suitability hearing, and he was given a one-year denial.

At his recent parole hearing, Deputy District Attorney Neumann urged the Board not to release Inmate Brown because of his failure to program effectively, his lack of understanding about what led him to commit the sexual assaults of a child, and his lack of realistic parole plans. Specifically, Inmate Brown lacked a relapse plan to deal with his recidivism. Additionally, Inmate Brown showed little empathy for his victim and his insight into his crime was lacking. The Board agreed and determined that Inmate Brown needed more time to address his persistent criminal thinking, engage in programming for his co-dependency issues, and to explore the reasons why he committed his crime.

The Board denied parole for one year.

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