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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **For Immediate Release**

Date: July 2, 2024  
Re: Albert Van Jacob Wayne Heer  
Convicted Sex Offender's Parole Denied

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Jeff Laugero announced today that Albert Van Jacob Wayne Heer, age 36, of Modesto was found unsuitable for parole at a June 20, 2024, parole reconsideration hearing of the State Board of Parole Hearings at the North Kern State Prison in Delano, California. Deputy District Attorney Margot L. Roen appeared at the hearing and argued against Heer's release back on parole due to the nature of his current parole violation, his poor history on supervised release and his insufficient programming, specifically pertaining to his status as a sex offender.

Beginning in the summer of 2013 until March of 2014, Heer repeatedly sexually abused his cohabitating girlfriend's eight year old daughter. In March of 2015, Heer was charged with multiple counts of child sexual abuse. Heer ultimately pled guilty to continuous sexual abuse of a child in violation of California Penal Code section 288.5.

On August 3, 2023, Heer was released on parole with various conditions, one of which was that he refrain from viewing, possessing or accessing any sexually oriented or sexually stimulating material. On October 27, 2023, a parole search revealed that Heer had been viewing sexually explicit content in violation of the terms of his parole. A parole violation hearing was held in January of 2024 and Heer was found to be in violation of his parole and remanded to the custody of the Department of Corrections and the jurisdiction of the Board of Parole Hearings for the purpose of this parole reconsideration hearing.

At the June 20, 2024, hearing, Deputy District Attorney Roen argued that Heer was still a danger to public safety and should spend additional time in prison. Ms. Roen cited numerous factors in support of Heer's continued incarceration, including that Heer had barely been released from prison when he violated a condition of his parole that was directly related to his underlying sex offense conviction. In addition, Ms. Roen emphasized that Heer's pattern of noncompliance on supervised release and maintained that further incarceration was paramount in order to ensure Heer's participation in a sex offender treatment program within a structured environment where he would not present a danger to children or to the community at large.

After deliberating, the Board found that based on the gravity of the circumstances of his parole violation, Heer presented an unreasonable risk to public safety and denied parole for the statutory maximum period of one year. The Board cited other factors in support of its decision, such as his poor history on supervised release, his lack of sufficient programming, and recent rules violation while in prison, which the Board characterized as an aggravating factor in its determination that he remain incarcerated. The Board recommended that Heer comply with all rules while in prison, engage in significant programming, and develop a viable parole plan prior to his next hearing.

This was Heer's first parole reconsideration hearing. His next hearing will be held in one year.

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