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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Jesus Roman, Jr.
Sex Offender Parole Denied

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Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Jesus Roman, Jr., age 48, of Modesto, was found unsuitable for parole during a June 13, 2018 hearing of the State Board of Parole hearings at Correctional Training Facility located in Soledad, CA. Deputy District Attorney Erin Schwartz appeared at the hearing on behalf of the People.

In 1998, Roman picked up a 13-year-old female hitch-hiker while driving on his truck route making deliveries to Tracy, Manteca and Stockton. As he drove, he learned that she was a runaway but did nothing to notify her parents or law enforcement. When Roman finished his route that day and returned to Modesto, he raped her. At the time, Roman was already on federal parole for having raped his wife.

In 2000, Roman was convicted by a Stanislaus County jury of having committed lewd and lascivious acts with a child under the age of 14 by use of force or fear. He was also found to have suffered a prior violent felony conviction for having raped his wife. Roman was then sentenced to 25 years-to-life in state prison.

Since being incarcerated for the last 18 years, Roman completed his high school degree and suffered one minor rules violation. However, the Parole Board found that Roman had failed to adequately address or understand the issues that led him to commit his life offense and his prior act of violence against his wife. He also failed to address or even consider how his acts affected either victim. Based on these factors, the Board found him unsuitable and denied parole for 3 years, although they could have denied parole for 5, 7, 10 or 15 years. This was Roman's first parole hearing. He will be eligible for another parole hearing in 2021, if not earlier.

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