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Date: February 5, 2021 Re: Keith Allen Carey John Goold, Public Information Liaison Phone: (209) 525-5550

Child Molester Granted Parole

Modesto, California- Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Keith Carey, age 63, was granted parole at the conclusion of a January 6, 2021 hearing by the Board of Parole Hearings held at the Valley State Prison (CVSP) in Chowchilla, California. Deputy District Attorney Kirk Brennan appeared at the hearing on behalf of the People for Stanislaus County.

Over a roughly three-year period from 1999 to 2002, Carey repeatedly molested his step-daughter and her friend when they were between the ages of eight and twelve years old. On October 1, 2002, a Stanislaus County jury found Carey guilty of four counts of lewd acts on a child under 14 years of age along with an enhancement for committing the crimes against more than one victim. On December 17, 2002, he was sentenced to serve 15 years to life in prison.

Since being incarcerated, Carey has remained largely discipline free, with no serious rule violations. A comprehensive risk assessment by a prison psychologist opined that Carey represents a moderate risk for future dangerousness.

During the parole hearing, Deputy District Attorney Brennan argued against release on parole based on Carey's continued minimization of the crimes he committed, lack of credibility and the inadequacy of his parole plans. He also noted that one of Carey's victims died of a drug overdose at the age of 18.

After deliberations, the Board found Carey suitable for release on parole. The Board found that Carey was open and honest with the Board, owned up to lying at his last parole hearing, and had an acceptable release plan. The Board noted that Carey had completed Road to Freedom sex abuser training twice, denial management, self-care series training, relapse prevention, victim's impact training and AA/NA. The Board noted that Carey was able to identify causative factors of his crime and his triggers, and that he acknowledged how detrimental his conduct was to his victims. The Board also noted Carey's age (63), his health issues and his largely discipline-free 19 years in prison.

This was Carey's second parole hearing. He was previously denied parole for seven years in 2013.

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