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Re: Jose Jesus Gonzalez
Convicted killer denied parole

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Jose Jesus Gonzalez, age 64, of Modesto, was denied parole for the sixth time during a December 4, 2018, hearing of the State Board of Parole Hearings held at the state prison in Corcoran, California. Deputy District Attorney John Mayne appeared at the hearing on behalf of the People.

Gonzalez shot and killed his wife in 1988. He was convicted of her murder and sentenced to serve 17 years to life in state prison.

Gonzalez has documented serious mental health issues, and has, at times, resisted taking prescribed medication while in prison custody. During the parole hearing, he told the Board that he pointed the gun at his wife and pulled the trigger once, causing two bullets to be fired. He said that the gun was “locked” and was supposed to be inoperable so the shooting was an accident. He also said that a combination of caffeine, alcohol and medications taken at the time had caused his “neurons to explode.”

Deputy District Attorney Mayne appeared before the board and asked that parole be denied, arguing that Gonzalez continued to pose a danger to the community if he were to be released from prison. The Board agreed and denied parole for 5 years, finding that Gonzalez lacked appreciation for his responsibility in the murder and also the likelihood that he would not be compliant with mental health treatment if he were to be released.

Gonzalez’s next hearing should occur sometime in 2023.

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