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Re: Delbert Dwayne Tinsley
Convicted killer parole denied

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Delbert Dwayne Tinsley, age 48, was denied parole at the conclusion of a hearing by the Board of Parole Hearings held at the California Institute for Men prison in Chino, California. Deputy District Attorney John Goold attended the hearing on behalf of the District Attorney's Office.

On June 1, 1998, a young student on his way to school saw two men loading a body into the back of a car on Chrysler Drive in Modesto. He reported what he saw to school officials who notified Modesto Police. Responding officers detained three people at the home, including Tinsley. Police found blood and other evidence indicating a violent crime had occurred.

At the same time, San Joaquin County Sheriff's deputies were called to a report of a woman's body found in a canal near Escalon. The body of 39-year-old Cindy Lou Hubbard was recovered from the canal. She had multiple wounds to her body. The coroner determined she had died from drowning.

Investigation revealed that Tinsley, then 26 years old, had beaten Hubbard in the garage of his home with a fireplace poker and stabbed her. When he discovered she was still alive he stomped on her and a co-defendant help him put her into the trunk of his car. They drove her to Escalon and dumped her, still alive, onto a canal bank where she slid into the water and drowned.

Tinsley was convicted of second degree murder and sentenced to 17 years to life in prison. While in prison, he violated prison rules including participating in a riot, disobeying orders, refusing to work, assaulting other inmates and was a member of the Norteno prison gang until 2010. He was also sentenced to an additional two years, eight months of consecutive prison time after being found in possession of a deadly weapon. During the parole hearing Tinsley was unable to really tell the Board how he would stop himself from becoming violent due to his obsession with controlling women.

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This was Tinsley's third parole hearing. Deputy District Attorney Goold asked the board to deny parole based on Tinsley's statements during the hearing, his continuing obsession over controlling women and his inability to reassure the board he would be able to control his behavior if released. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Board denied parole for another three years. Recent changes in the law allow Tinsley to request that hearing be advanced to an earlier date.

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