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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Gustavo Peregrina
Convicted Child Molester Denied Parole

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Modesto, California- Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Gustavo Peregrina, age 47, was denied parole on April 2, 2021, at the conclusion of a hearing by the Board of Parole Hearings held at Valley State Prison in Chowchilla, California. Deputy District Attorney Kirk Brennan appeared at the hearing on behalf of the People for Stanislaus County.

Over a five-month period in 2008, Peregrina sexually molested his 13-year-old step-daughter dozens of times. On June 4, 2009, a Stanislaus County Superior Court jury convicted him of aggravated sexual assault of a child and continuous sexual abuse of a child. Judge John Freeland then sentenced Peregrina to serve 15 years to life in state prison.

During Peregrina's parole hearing, Prosecutor Brennan argued against Peregrina's release based on his minimization of the commitment offenses, lack of insight into what led him to commit the sexual abuse, lack of internalization of the programming he had received while in prison and inadequate parole plans. A comprehensive risk assessment by a prison psychologist opined that Peregrina still represents a moderate risk for future violence to the community if released.

After deliberations, the Board found Peregrina still posed an unreasonable risk to public safety and was not suitable for parole. The Board noted that Peregrina had no prison rule violations and no criminal history in the United States other than one previous deportation. However, the Board also found that Peregrina lacked credibility during his testimony, minimized his conduct during the commitment offenses, had limited understanding of his triggers, had not internalized prison programming and had underdeveloped parole plans. The Board denied parole for a period of five years.

Peregrina has been in prison custody for 11 years. This was his first parole hearing. He may petition for an earlier hearing if he can show a change in circumstances.

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