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Re: Jason Sean Draper
Life inmate released after only 6 years in prison

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Modesto, California- Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Jason Sean Draper, age 41, of Modesto, was found suitable for parole during a November 10, 2021 hearing of the State Board of Parole Hearings held at Pleasant Valley State Prison in Coalinga. Deputy District Attorney Kirk Brennan appeared at the hearing on behalf of the People.

In 2014, Draper burglarized a home in Turlock. The owner arrived home during the crime and took photos of Draper leaving the scene. Draper pled guilty to the burglary in 2015 and admitted having a prior residential burglary conviction from San Joaquin County in 2007 and a robbery conviction in Stanislaus County in 2010. Both prior convictions were used as “strikes” under California’s “Three Strikes” law to impose a prison sentence of 25 years to life.

Draper’s prior criminal history also included a prison commitment in 2009 for assault with a deadly weapon and being a felon in possession of a firearm, as well as prior felony convictions for possession of stolen property (2007) and auto theft (2006).

During the parole hearing, Prosecutor Brennan argued against Draper’s release on parole and for continued confinement based on the inmate’s commitment offense, lengthy criminal history and lack of credibility.

At the conclusion of the hearing, the Board of Parole Hearings granted parole, finding that Draper had received no rules violations during his time in prison and had actively participated in programming such as a substance abuse, AA/NA, denial management, vocational training, college courses, and a K9 program. The Commissioners also felt that Draper had expressed significant insight into the causes of his criminal behavior.

Although sentenced to serve 25 years to life in prison under California’s “Three Strikes” law, recent changes to the law made Draper eligible for early release. This was his first and only parole hearing since being sent to prison in 2015.

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