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Re: Richard Revelez
Parole Denied

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Richard Revelez, age 64, of Patterson, California was found unsuitable for parole following an April 13, 2021 hearing of the State Board of Parole Hearings held at the Correctional Training Facility in Soledad, California. Deputy District Attorney Sara Sousa appeared at the hearing on behalf of the People.

From 1999 to 2000, Revelez sexually abused his 11-year-old stepdaughter, Jane Doe, who he had known since she was two years old. Revelez took sexually explicit photographs, touched and had sexual intercourse with the victim. Even after Jane Doe gave birth, at 11 years old, to Revelez's child, he continued to abuse her.

School officials looking into the victim's absences from school learned of the victim's pregnancy and childbirth and contacted law enforcement. Investigating detectives interviewed the victim who admitted Revelez had been sexually abusing her and was the father of her child. When interviewed, Revelez denied it. A search warrant of his house uncovered pornographic material and sexually explicit photos of the victim.

On September 13, 2000, Revelez pled no contest before Judge David VanderWall to a violation of Penal Code, § 288(a), lewd and lascivious acts with a child under 14 years of age. He also admitted a "one-strike" life enhancement under Penal Code, §12022.8 and was sentenced to serve 15 years-to-life in state prison. Revelez is also required to register with law enforcement as a sex offender for the rest of his life.

Revelez has spent the last 21 years incarcerated in state prison and was recently eligible for parole consideration pursuant to California's newly enacted "Elderly Release Program."

Prosecutor Sousa appeared at the hearing and argued for continued confinement based on Revelez's lack of remorse for molesting and impregnating his then 11-year-old stepdaughter, shifting blame onto the victim's mother and other females in his life which he claimed caused him to be a broken man who made terrible decisions, and his failure to accept that he suffers from pedophilia.

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Although Revelez's elderly status was given special consideration by the Board of Parole, the Board found that he continues to pose an unreasonable risk to society if released. He demonstrated a callous disregard for human safety, he destroyed the victim's life and he lacks any significant understanding or insight as to his pedophilic behavior. The Board denied Revelez's parole for three years.

This was Revelez's fourth parole hearing. He had been previously denied parole in 2011, 2016 and 2019.

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