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Re: Allen Dale Stephens
“Three Strikes” inmate denied parole

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Allen Dale Stephens, age 60, of Riverbank was found unsuitable for parole following a May 7, 2021, hearing of the State Board of Parole Hearings held at Avenal State Prison. Deputy District Attorney Sameer Shukla appeared at the hearing on behalf of the People.

On January 31, 2000, at 9:47 p.m., police were called to a residence in Oakdale after it was reported that Stephens was creating a disturbance by pounding on the door trying to see his girlfriend. An officer saw Stephens in a vehicle backing out of the driveway without headlights on. When the officer attempted to pull him over, Stephens drove away at speeds of 65 to 70 miles per hour through a residential neighborhood, failing to stop at no less than six stop signs. Stephens was forced to abandon his vehicle after blowing out two tires and damaging the radiator. Officers arrested him as he ran from the scene.

Stephens’s prior criminal history included juvenile petitions for battery, petty theft, burglary and vehicle theft. He also had adult convictions for prowling, carrying a loaded firearm, resisting arrest, cultivation of marijuana, attempted rape and sodomy of a 14-year-old girl, assault with a deadly weapon and residential burglary of an occupied home where he forcibly moved the female resident towards a bedroom but ran away when the victim’s son confronted him.

On October 5, 2000, a Stanislaus County Superior Court jury convicted Stephens of felony evading a peace officer. His prior convictions for residential burglary and attempted rape were found true during a subsequent court trial. Each prior conviction counted as a “strike” under California’s “Three Strikes” law and were used in sentencing him to serve 25-years-to-life in state prison.

While in prison, Stephens has repeatedly violated prison rules including disobeying orders, sexual disorderly conduct, indecent exposure, misuse of mail, being out of bounds, threatening staff, exhibiting behavior that could lead to violence, smoking, flooding his cell, fighting, possessing inmate manufactured alcohol, soliciting others to smuggle controlled substances into prison and delaying a peace officer in the performance of his duties.

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A prison psychologist who examined Stephens prior to this hearing gave the opinion that the inmate's extensive criminal history showed a pattern of acting on sexually deviant urges with a nonconsenting person which supported a diagnosis of paraphilic disorder and antisocial personality disorder. He also found that Stephens showed no remorse or empathy and denied committing any of his documented sexual offenses. The report concluded that Stephens posed a high risk for violence in the community if he were to be released from prison custody.

During the hearing, prosecutor Shukla argued for the continued confinement of Stephens based on his lack of insight into why he committed the life crime and his prior sexual offenses as well as his continued rule violations while in prison. The Board of Parole Hearings agreed and denied parole for seven years.

This was the first parole hearing for Stephens.

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