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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Alejandro Rodriguez
Convicted Sexual Abuser Denied Parole

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Jeff Laugero announced today that Alejandro Rodriguez, age 47, of Modesto was found unsuitable for parole at a March 13, 2024, hearing of the State Board of Parole Hearings held at California Institution for Men. Deputy District Attorney Harmmeet Dhillon appeared at the hearing on behalf of the People.

In between April 2011 and July 2013, Rodriguez sexually assaulted his 14-year-old stepdaughter. Rodriguez began to touch the victim in her genital areas when she was in seventh or eighth grade. On one occasion, Rodriguez drove victim to the store, while driving to the store Rodriguez began to touch the victim and unzipped her pants. Victim tried to call for help and get away but she could not. Rodriguez locked the doors to the vehicle. Rodriguez drove to Cost-Plus Market, in Ceres. Once in the parking lot, Rodriguez forced victim to lay down in the backseat of the truck. Rodriguez forced himself on top of her. Victim attempted to push Rodriguez off but was unable to do so. Rodriguez then forcefully inserted his penis into her vagina.

In July of 2013, Rodriguez was supposed to take victim to the store to get something for victim's mother. Instead of driving the victim to the store, Rodriguez drove her to a park. Rodriguez parked in a secluded area where nobody else was present. Victim attempted to get out of the vehicle, but Rodriguez grabbed her and forced her in the back of the vehicle. Rodriguez began to slap and hit victim and forced her clothes off. Rodriguez then forced his penis into victim's vagina. Rodriguez told victim if she told anyone about this incident, he would kill her mother.

On December 12, 2014, the Defendant entered a plea of no contest to a violation of Penal Code Section 269(a)(1), aggravated sexual assault of a child. On January 6, 2015, Rodriguez was sentenced to 15 years to life in prison.

A prison psychologist who interviewed Rodriguez prior to the parole hearing gave the opinion that Rodriguez still posed a moderate risk for future violence if he were to be released into the community.

The victim, her father, and mother were present during the hearing and provided impact statements to the Board. Deputy District Attorney Dhillon argued Rodriguez lacks insight into the commitment offense as he minimized his actions when speaking about the incident. Additionally, Rodriguez had not completed any sexual offender rehabilitation programs and other necessary programming. Furthermore, Rodriguez had not developed a good relapse prevention plan. Based on the reasons noted above, Deputy District Attorney Dhillon asked the Board to deny parole for a period of five years.

After deliberations, the Board denied parole for a period of three years. The Board considered mitigating factors that Rodriguez has completed some programming and has not received any rules violations during his period of confinement. The Board found these mitigating factors to be outweighed by the aggravating factors, specifically, Rodriguez's criminal history, lack of insight, and not completing any sexual offender programming.

This was Rodriguez's first parole hearing. He will be eligible for another parole hearing in 2027 although that date may be advanced if he can demonstrate to the board a change in circumstances.

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