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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Michael Eugene Brown, Sr.
Convicted Child Rapist Denied Parole

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Jeff Laugero announced today that Michael Eugene Brown, Sr., age 56, of Modesto was found unsuitable for parole during a December 6, 2024, hearing of the State Board of Parole Hearings held at the California Rehabilitation Center in Norco. Deputy District Attorney James H. Langston appeared at the hearing on behalf of the People and argued for continued confinement.

Between 2011 and July 2014, Brown committed continuous sexual abuse of a child under his care and living in his home. Brown was charged with and convicted of violating Penal Code section 288.5(a). He was sentenced to six years in prison.

Brown was paroled in January 2019, but he committed numerous parole violations including a refusal to report to sex offender classes, failing to keep his GPS monitor activated, taking drugs and drinking alcohol. Since Brown had a total of twelve violations, his parole was revoked, and he was returned to prison. Brown had an initial suitability hearing in June 2022, and a parole reconsideration hearing in January 2024. At each of the hearings he was given a one-year denial.

At his recent parole hearing, Prosecutor Langston argued for the Board not to release Brown because of his failure to complete sufficient sex offender programming, his lack of insight about his crime, and his lack of realistic parole relapse prevention plans. The Board agreed and determined that Brown needed more time to understand how his behavior impacted the victim. Commissioner Kozel stated that Brown has made progress since the last parole hearing, but his testimony at the hearing showed a lack of insight and minimization of the crime committed.

The Board found that Brown still poses an unreasonable risk to public safety and denied parole for one year.

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