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GABRIEL TORREZ DENIED PAROLE

On August 22, 2019, a parole hearing was held at Mule Creek State Prison for Gabriel Torrez. Mr. Torres was eligible for a parole hearing for potential reduction of his previously imposed 23 year sentence because, under California law, he committed his crime when he was under 26 years old. Torres was convicted in 2004 of rape, carjacking, assault with intent to commit a sexual offense and forced oral copulation.

Because Mr. Torres was 21 years old when he committed these offenses, California law affords him “youthful offender status.” District Attorney Sally Moreno appointed a Senior Deputy District Attorney to attend the hearing on behalf of the People of Madera County. Argument was made in opposition of the release of Mr. Torrez. Fortunately, the parole board looked at his criminal history, his prison behavior and psychological assessment and found the defendant was an “unreasonable risk to the public” if released. Parole was denied for a period of 10 years.