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KENNETH JACKSON DENIED EARLY PAROLE



In 2013, Kenneth Jackson, along with an accomplice, set several fires in Yosemite Lakes Park. The Madera County District Attorney's Office filed felony arson charges against him and successfully prosecuted him at jury trial. Kenneth Jackson was convicted of several counts of arson and eventually sentenced to 20 years in the state prison. He is currently in state prison.

However, under California state law, Mr. Jackson is eligible for review under the Nonviolent Offender Parole Review Process, which means he is eligible to be released from prison after serving much less than 20 years. The Board of Parole Hearings has reviewed Mr. Jackson's eligibility for early parole each year since 2017. The Madera County District Attorney's Office has successfully opposed his release each time.

The most recent review process concluded on September 9, 2019 with a denial of Mr. Jackson's release. During the review process, the District Attorney again opposed the release of Mr. Jackson. The District Attorney's position was supported by dozens of letters from citizens of Madera County who wrote to the District Attorney to express their concerns about the potential release of Mr. Jackson. The District Attorney's Office would like to thank all of the citizens of Madera County who wrote letters opposing Mr. Jackson's release, as it was critical in keeping a dangerous criminal incarcerated and keeping the mountain area of Madera County safe. We anticipate Mr. Jackson being considered for early parole in 2020.