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JOSE GARCIA GRANTED PAROLE

In November 1993, Jose Garcia was in a fight in a bar on Yosemite Avenue in the city of Madera. After the fight broke up, Mr. Garcia chased the victim and stabbed him to death. He entered a plea to second degree murder. This defendant, who had been convicted of robbery and was on parole at the time of the murder, was sentenced to 15 years to life in state prison.

While in prison, he received ten write-ups for violence, including rioting. His current psychological profile states that he continues to be a “moderate risk” for future violence. A parole hearing was held at Calipatria State Prison for this prisoner on December 3, 2019. He had been denied parole at his last hearing, which occurred in 2018. During the 2018 parole hearing, he denied that he was ever in a criminal street gang.

At the parole hearing on December 3, 2019, this prisoner acknowledged that he had lied to the previous Parole Board about his gang affiliation. Not only did he admit that he was a member of a criminal street gang, but he admitted that he was in a leadership position of a gang** while incarcerated at Salinas Valley State Prison. Furthermore, he admitted that he had held a leadership position in the gang for many years.

During the parole hearing on December 3, 2019, a Senior Deputy District Attorney from the Madera County District Attorney’s Office argued strongly against a grant of parole based on this defendant’s history of violence and participation in violent prison gang activity during his incarceration. However, the Parole Commissioner decided that this prisoner is suitable to be released from custody on parole.

The Madera County District Attorney’s Office attends parole hearings for inmates serving life in prison due to crimes committed in Madera County. The fight for justice does not end when a defendant is convicted and sentenced, even when sentenced to life in prison. Proposition 57 has given the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (state prison system) broad authority to release inmates on parole early. Even in cases like Mr. Garcia’s, where Proposition 57 does not apply, the Board of Parole Hearings has the authority to grant parole to violent offenders even when the District Attorney’s Office and the victim(s) or their family members are strongly opposed. Despite this, the Madera County District Attorney’s Office will continue to seek justice by opposing early grants of parole when it does not promote the safety of the People of the State of California, and the people of Madera County.

CDCR inmates can be tracked online here: <https://inmatelocator.cdcr.ca.gov/>

**Gangs thrive on notoriety. As a result, we do not publish the names of gangs or gang members.