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Board of Parole Hearings (BPH) Denied Parole for Convicted Murder Arturo Huerta
CDC #AN2957; Court Case number

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced the California Board of Parole Hearings (BPH) denied release to convicted murderer Arturo Huerta. On September 21, 2023, BPH found that Huerta posed a current and unreasonable risk to public safety. Representing the District Attorney's Office was Deputy District Attorney Gina Nargie.

On December 5, 2012, a Kern County Jury found Huerta guilty of second-Degree Murder with personal use of a deadly or dangerous weapon. A Kern County Judge sentenced Huerta to 16 years-to-life in state prison.

On April 17, 2011, Huerta's roommate heard a woman screaming and sounds of a struggle coming from Huerta's bedroom. Huerta only started renting a room from the homeowner two weeks prior. The roommate called 911. When officers from the Bakersfield Police Department arrived, they found Huerta covered in blood. All four of his bedroom walls had blood spatter on them. Officers found the female victim inside Huerta's bedroom. Her arms were bound with a necktie. Her mouth and eyes were covered by a scarf tied to her face. Inside the bedroom, officers located a ball-peen hammer and knife covered in blood and glass on the floor. The victim died as a result of severe loss of blood due to injuries caused by a sharp object, asphyxia and cocaine intoxication. The coroner determined that the victim had defensive wounds.

The focus of the hearing with the Board of Parole was on Huerta's history of domestic violence, ability to manage his emotions and insight into his crime. Both at the time of the murder and at the parole hearing, Huerta admitted he struck the victim. He claimed he was angry because the victim wanted money from him. The Kern County District Attorney's Office asked the Board of Parole to deny parole. The Board of Parole found that Huerta was unsuitable for parole and posed a current unreasonable risk of danger to

society and denied parole for at least three years.

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented on the denial saying, “Serving justice and providing safety are among the top priorities in this office. Anyone who unlawfully takes an innocent life does not belong among our community.”

Arturo Huerta:

