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Board of Parole Hearings Denied Parole for Convicted Child Molester Alan Powell
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District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced that the California Board of Parole Hearings (BPH) denied release to convicted child molester Alan Powell. On September 28, 2023, BPH found that Powell continues to pose a current and unreasonable risk to public safety. Representing the District Attorney's Office was Deputy District Attorney Gina Nargie.

In January of 1991, Powell pled guilty to three counts of lewd and lascivious conduct by force with a child under the age of 14. The victim was molested by Powell from ages 6 through 12. A Kern County Judge sentenced Powell to serve 18 years in prison. Powell was released on parole back to Kern County in March of 2000. Powell was 45 years old at the time of his release.

While on parole, Powell moved into a trailer parker off Rosedale Highway in Bakersfield. He lived in a trailer near the community pool. He befriended four minor males. By August of 2002, two different law enforcement agencies received reports from concerned citizens. One concerned citizen reported that Powell admitted to molesting boys living in the trailer park. The four minor boys, ages 9 through 11, were interviewed and an investigation was conducted. The boys disclosed that Powell showed them pornography and wrestled naked with them. Both 9-year-old boys disclosed that Powell had orally copulated them and that he had tried to sodomize them. The 10-year-old victim disclosed being sodomized by Powell. The 11-year-old victim reported being touched by Powell when they wrestled naked. Powell admitted to law enforcement many of the sexual acts the victims reported.

On April 4, 2003, Powell plead no contest to exhibiting harmful matter to a minor and annoying and molesting a child with prior convictions. Powell admitted two prior strike convictions for lewd and lascivious conduct by force with a child under the age of 14. This time, a Kern County Judge sentenced Powell to 50 years-to-life.

While Powell has served 33 years of his sentence, he still has 12 years remaining before his minimum eligible parole date. Recently, Powell was considered for early release under the Elder Parole Laws in which he was denied. The BPH has the option of denying an inmate parole for a period of 15, 10, 7, 5 or 3 years. Powell's commissioners issued a three-year denial. As such, Powell's next parole hearing date could potentially be in 18 months.

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented on the denial saying, "Powell's previous incarceration for over a decade failed to deter him from committing new sexually predatory crimes against four minor boys within less than 2 years of his release from prison. Elder Parole Laws that allow for child molesters to be released back into our community are of great concern."