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**Parole Denied to Convicted Murder Michael Malone**  
*CDC #V42000; Court Case #BF098788A*

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced that the California Board of Parole Hearings (BPH) denied release to convicted murderer Michael Malone. On January 26, 2024, BPH found that Malone continues to pose a current and unreasonable risk to public safety. Representing the District Attorney's Office was Deputy District Attorney Gina Nargie.

On May 1, 2002, Anna Michaels, age 48, was found on Packing House Road suffering from a gunshot wound to the back of her neck. The victim was pronounced dead at the hospital. The victim had an amputated leg, and her crutches were found several miles east of where her body was found.

Malone was a long-haul trucker for a company based in Alabama. On April 30, 2002, Malone picked up a load of carrots in Bakersfield. While in Kern County and just prior to her murder, Malone asked the victim to purchase methamphetamine for him. He gave her \$1,300 dollars. The methamphetamine was not purchased, and the money was not returned to Malone. The investigation revealed that Malone bragged about killing the victim Anna Michaels because he had been "ripped off." Malone told a witness that he threw the victim out of his truck and shot her in the head. A witness in Alabama provided law enforcement with the gun found inside Malone's pick-up truck that was used in the murder.

On May 14, 2004, a Kern County Jury found Malone guilty of one count of murder in the second degree and one count of a felon in possession of a firearm. On June 28, 2004, a Kern County Judge sentenced him to 15 years-to-life.

On January 26, 2024, the Board of Parole focused on Malone's pervasive denial related to the execution style murder and his criminal history. In addition, the commissioners focused on Malone's insight and internalization of programming related to substance abuse and sex offending. This hearing was Inmate Malone's third parole hearing. The Kern County District Attorney's Office asked the Board of Parole to deny parole. The Board of Parole has the option of denying an inmate parole for a period of 15, 10, 7, 5 or 3 years. Malone's commissioners issued a three-year denial. As such, Malone's next parole hearing date could potentially be in 18 months.

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented; “There is a dangerous link between drugs and violent crimes that is affecting communities globally. Keeping criminals behind bars is one step in containing the problem.”

Michael Malone:

