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PORTERVILLE RAPIST DENIED PAROLE FOR 15 YEARS

On November 7, 2017, at the Richard J. Donovan Correctional Facility in San Diego, a California parole board denied parole for Doyle Wayne Davis, age 60, for rape and other violent crimes. Davis received a 15 year denial and is not eligible for another hearing until 2032.

On June 18, 1991, Davis took a 17-year-old female and 14-year-old male to Lake Kaweah to go swimming. While there, Davis provided the female with beer and marijuana. On the way home, he drove into an orchard and stopped. Over a period of approximately four hours, he beat the female, raped her five times, forced her to orally copulate him four times, and sodomized her once. The male had been attacked and forced to lie in the back seat of the car with his hands and feet tied behind his back and a gag in his mouth. Afterward, Davis drove a short distance, untied the male, and told them to get out of the car. The victims walked about five miles before they found a residence to ask for help.

Davis was found guilty of multiple counts of rape, sexual assault on a child, assault with a deadly weapon, false imprisonment, and threatening or dissuading a witness. He was sentenced to 60 years determinate in prison in 1992, as a life sentence for such a crime was not law until 1994. Davis possessed a previous conviction for rape and kidnapping in 1983 in Kern County.

This was Davis' initial parole hearing. Davis was eligible for early release under California's recently enacted elder parole provisions which are applicable at age 60. In this case, Supervising Deputy District Attorney Robert Dempsie, who prosecuted this case in 1992, attended the hearing and argued against Davis' release. The female victim also testified against Davis' release.

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