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**Murderer Who Killed Infant Son Again Denied Parole**

**Davis Man Manuel Bermudez killed his 14-month-old son in 1994**

(Woodland, CA) – October 11, 2012 - District Attorney Jeff Reisig announced that on October 10, 2012, Board of Parole Hearing Commissioners denied parole to 42-year-old convicted murderer, Manuel Bermudez. The hearing took place at the California Medical Facility in Vacaville, California where Bermudez is serving life in prison.

In November of 1994, a Yolo County jury convicted Bermudez of murder and child abuse as a result of the beating death of his 14-month-old son. Bermudez committed the murder in Davis in January, 1994, and the Davis Police Department investigated the crime with the assistance of Yolo County Child Protective Services and the Winters Police Department. Bermudez lived in Davis but was located in Winters after the crime.

According to court records, and as stated by Board of Parole Hearings Deputy Commissioner Marisela Montes, the infant had been severely abused, with injuries noted from head to toe, including some that were weeks old and others that were just a few hours old. The emergency room doctor reported that the offense was the worst case of child abuse he had seen in 25 years of practice. Two surviving siblings were permanently removed from the home by Child Protective Services.

Yolo County Deputy District Attorney Larry Barlly, who prosecuted the murder in 1994, argued before the Board that Bermudez should remain in prison. Although Bermudez presented letters from his family and friends in an effort to gain his release, the Board declined noting the severity of the crime, Bermudez's callous indifference to human suffering, his lack of remorse, and the risk of danger his release would present to the public.

District Attorney Jeff Reisig applauded the success of the Parole Lifer Unit, and praised the decision of the Commissioners stating that, "there is no greater victim than a helpless infant who looks to his parents for protection." Reisig added, "We remain committed to protecting the public long after the end of the court proceedings."

Bermudez will not be eligible for parole again until 2017.

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