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Knights Landing Attempted Murderer Denied Parole

(Woodland, CA) – **October 25, 2013-** Yolo County District Attorney Jeff Reisig announced that on October 24, 2013, a two-commissioner panel of the Board of Parole Hearings denied parole to convicted attempted murderer Javiad Akhtar.

In 2001, Akhtar, in violation of a restraining order, went to the home of his estranged wife and their two children, cut the phone line to the house, and broke in through a side window. When his wife and children returned home, Akhtar came out of a back room and shot his wife with a BB gun as she tried to flee. He struck her in the head with the gun, causing it to break. Akhtar then drug his wife into the kitchen where he proceeded to stab her repeatedly in the head, throat, body. The attack occurred in front of the two children. After leaving his wife to die, Akhtar took his two children and put them in the car. When his ten-year-old daughter asked him why he hurt her mother, Akhtar told her to be quiet or he would throw her out of the car under the wheels of the car. Approximately, 12 hours after the attack, the victim was found severely injured and was immediately transported to the hospital by a Life Flight helicopter. Ultimately, the victim survived the brutal attack.

On March 30, 2002 a Yolo County jury found Akhtar guilty of Attempted Premeditated Murder, Torture, Cutting a Phone Line, Violation of Restraining Order, and Child Abuse. On October 11, 2002, a Yolo County Judge sentenced Akhtar to life in prison.

At the parole hearing, Commissioners Ali Tarrinnan and Richard Guerrero both agreed that Akhtar would still pose a continued risk to public safety should he be released from prison. The Commissioners cited the horrific nature of the crime, as well as Akhtar's lack of insight into his criminality, as he continues to blame the victim, his children, and the police for lying about him.

Deputy District Attorney Jay Linden represented the District Attorney's Office at the hearing. Sheriff Ed Prieto and District Attorney Jeff Reisig wrote letters in opposition to Akhtar's release.

Sheriff Prieto stated that Akhtar is violent, dangerous and "poses an unreasonable risk of danger to our community."

District Attorney Jeff Reisig commented on the horrific nature of the crime. "This horrible crime is an example of how domestic violence can lead to a gruesome murder," said Reisig. "As this is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, we must all think what we can do to combat domestic violence in our community."

Akhtar will be eligible for parole again in three years.

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