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**West Sacramento Murderer Denied Parole**

(Woodland, CA) - November 26, 2014 - Yolo County District Attorney Jeff Reisig announced that yesterday a two-commissioner panel of the Board of Parole Hearings denied the parole of David Cree of West Sacramento. The hearing took place at a California State Prison at Solano in Vacaville, CA.

On October 8, 2000 the 20-year-old Cree and his crime partner, Jesse Lampkin, were driving along Capitol Avenue in West Sacramento after a night of drinking. They drove by Jimmy Lee Richardson and Gregory Rowan. Cree believed Richardson may have previously assaulted him. Cree pulled the car over and said "where are the girls" to Richardson and Rowan. Lampkin then pulled out a sawed-off shotgun and fired a number of rounds at Richardson and Rowan. Richardson died that day and Rowan survived with serious injuries. In 2003, a Yolo County jury convicted Cree of 2<sup>nd</sup> degree murder, discharge of a firearm, and attempted voluntary manslaughter. The trial judge sentenced him to 15 years-to-life in state prison. The jury also convicted Lampkin of murder but his case was reversed on appeal. On a retrial, a jury convicted Lampkin of manslaughter. Lampkin has since been released from prison.

On November 25, 2014 Commissioners Jack Garner and Mark Remis determined that Cree, now 34 years old, still posed an unreasonable risk to public safety should he be released from prison. The Commissioners determined that a three year denial was appropriate at the present time. The Commissioners noted that although he had made progress in the past three years, they were concerned about Cree's recent prison rules violations which involved violent and aggressive behavior. West Sacramento Police Chief Thomas McDonald submitted a letter of opposition to Cree's release. Chief McDonald stated that "Mr. Cree's willful disregard for human life and his inability to follow the law, or rules in general, makes him an unsuitable candidate for parole."

David Cree will be eligible for a new parole hearing in 2017, however, the law permits him to request an earlier hearing date.

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