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Pleasure Point Rapist Will Not Be Paroled

District Attorney Jeffrey S. Rosell announced today that convicted “Pleasure Point Rapist” Kim Forrest Walters, 60, will not be eligible to seek parole for another three years.

In 1979, Walters was convicted in Los Angeles County for committing a series of violent and degrading sexual acts on multiple victims including rape, oral copulation, and forcing each victim to consume his feces. He was sentenced to 11 years in the California Department of Corrections. However, after serving only 5 years, he was granted parole and relocated to Santa Cruz County.

In 1985, Walters stalked the streets of Santa Cruz for more than six months. He committed a string of violent and well-planned nighttime burglaries and rapes that terrorized the Pleasure Point area and created an aura of fear throughout the entire community.

Walters targeted random women as he prowled through the neighborhood. He fixated on victims and studied the layout of their residences. He even went so far as to identify the number of people living inside and the locations where they slept. In the middle of the night, Walters entered the residences through unlocked doors or windows. He woke the victims by placing a knife against their throats and threatening to kill them or their family members. Walters blindfolded or tied cordage around their necks, and forced them outside at knife-point. He then raped, sodomized and sexually penetrated them repeatedly.

In 1987, a jury convicted Walters of 32 separate counts including kidnapping, sodomy, forcible rape, forcible oral copulation, forcible sexual penetration by foreign object, burglary, and other special allegations with regard to five victims. Superior Court Judge William Kelsay called Walters a “sexual psychopath.” He then imposed the maximum sentence allowed by law, 141 years, 2 months, to ensure that Walters would never be released from prison.

Although Walters would not have been eligible for release on parole until June of 2057, he is currently eligible for parole due to a 2014 change in the law that stemmed from a prison overcrowding class action case. Inmates who are 60 years or older and who have been incarcerated for 25 years or more, regardless of whether the sentence served is determinate or indeterminate, are now eligible for release under the new Elderly Parole Program.

Recognizing the danger that Walters poses to the community, Santa Cruz County District Attorney Inspector Morgan Chappell, Santa Cruz County Sheriff’s Office Detective Dan Freitas, Santa Cruz County Probation Officer Max Smith, and Santa Cruz County District Attorney Inspector Assistant

Blanca Uribe collaborated on a thorough and exhaustive investigative effort in order to ensure that Walters would not be released on parole.

One victim found the courage to attend the parole hearing at San Quentin State Prison. She conveyed the horrible details surrounding her violent rape. She explained the devastating effects that the attack had on her life up to the present. The victim delivered a powerful and passionate statement opposing his release on parole. Additionally, she expressed sheer outrage over the change in the law that now makes Walters, and others like him, eligible for parole consideration. Walters admitted he was not suitable for parole and reached an agreement with the parole board to delay his next hearing regarding eligibility for three years.

Santa Cruz County Assistant District Attorney Rafael Vazquez commended the strength and courage of the victim. “The Santa Cruz County District Attorney’s Office is committed to keeping our community as well as all other communities safe. We will do everything in our power to ensure that serial rapist Kim Forrest Walters serves the 141-year sentence imposed. That is the outcome that the victims, their families and our community expected. That is the only outcome that they deserve,” said Vazquez.