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**Parole Denied for Child Murderer Alex Vasquez**  
*CDC #AF9647; Court Case #BF130349A*

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced the California Board of Parole Hearings (BPH) denied release to child murderer Alex Vasquez. On November 16, 2023, BPH found that Vasquez continues to pose a current and unreasonable risk to public safety. This was Vasquez's first parole hearing. Representing the District Attorney's Office was Deputy District Attorney Gina Nargie.

On November 29, 2006, Vasquez and the victim's mother drank alcohol and used marijuana while watching movies. The two were dating and had been living together for approximately 2-3 months. At the time of the crime, both Vasquez and the victim's mother said that Vasquez put the 7-month-old victim to bed. Vasquez told law enforcement the baby was crying. He admitted he "smacked" her a couple of times, grabbed her arms and lifted her up above his head. Based on Vasquez's statements and the investigation, officers determined that Vasquez threw the victim into the play pen. Vasquez admitted to law enforcement that he went to bed 10 minutes later. When he went to bed, he heard the victim struggling to breathe.

The next morning, the victim's mother gave the baby Tylenol because she was wheezing. By the evening, the victim had stopped breathing. Only after the victim stopped breathing did Vasquez and the mother seek medical attention. Ultimately, the victim died. The victim sustained a skull fracture that resulted in a brain bleed, a fractured right arm and bruising to her face. The doctors determined the victim's injuries occurred within 24 hours of her death.

On October 26, 2010, Vasquez pled to voluntary manslaughter, felony child abuse resulting in great bodily injury or death, corporal injury to a child, and accessory to a crime. A Kern County Judge sentenced Vasquez to 25 years-to-life in state prison.

Vasquez is being considered for early release pursuant to Youthful Offender Considerations, a hearing offered to those who were under 26 years of age at the time of their crimes. While Vasquez has served almost 14 years of his sentence, he still has 4 years remaining before his minimum eligible parole date.

The Kern County District Attorney's Office asked the Board of Parole to deny parole. The Board of

Parole has the option of denying an inmate parole for a period of 15, 10, 7, 5 or 3 years. Vasquez's commissioners issued a three-year denial. As such, Vasquez's next parole hearing date could potentially be in 18 months.

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented; "There should never be a possibility of parole for anyone who commits the heinous crime of taking a child's life. We will continue to fight to ensure that those responsible face the full consequences of their actions."

Alex Vasquez:

