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SEX OFFENDER SERVING LIFE IN PRISON DENIED PAROLE

On October 10, 2017, at Valley State Prison in Chowchilla, a California Parole Board denied parole for Ernie Sedillo, age 66. Sedillo received a seven year denial and is not eligible for another hearing until 2024.

In April of 1997, Sedillo molested a seven-year-old female victim at his home while he worked as a church youth coordinator in Visalia. Prior to that, he molested a 15-year-old female victim at his home in Ivanhoe while he worked as a youth counselor in January of 1996.

In November of 1997, Sedillo was found guilty of four counts of lewd act on a child under the age of 14 and two counts of misdemeanor child molestation. The crimes constituted Sedillo's third "strike" under California's Three Strikes Law, as he possessed two prior strikes for robbery.

He was sentenced in April of 1998 to 25 years to life in prison.

This was Sedillo's initial parole hearing. The District Attorney's Office routinely attends parole hearings and a Supervising Deputy District Attorney argued against the inmate's release in this case.

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