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DINUBA MAN DENIED PAROLE FOR 1978 MURDER

On February 14, 2017, at Kern Valley State Prison, a California parole board denied parole for Donald Griffith, age 73, of Dinuba, for murder he committed in 1978. Griffith received a 3 year denial and will not be eligible for another hearing until 2020.

On November 14, 1978, Griffith shot and killed his ex-girlfriend as she stood in the kitchen of her Visalia home cooking dinner for her two children. Griffith shot the victim through a window from outside the residence with a rifle.

On March 1, 1979, Griffith was convicted of first-degree murder with a special allegation of use of a firearm. He was sentenced to 27 years to life in prison. This is his fifth denial of parole.

The District Attorney's Office routinely attends parole hearings and a Deputy District Attorney argued against the inmate's release in this case.

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