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PAROLE DENIED FOR 1995 ELDER ABUSE MURDER

On February 28, 2017, at the California Medical Facility in Vacaville, a California parole board denied parole for Gary Brasuell, age 43, for the beating and murder of a 67-year-old victim in 1995. Brasuell received a 5 year denial and is not eligible for another hearing until 2022.

Brasuell sometimes stayed with the victim at his Exeter residence despite strong disagreement from the victim's family. On June 16, 1995, a family member, who would regularly check-in on him and deliver groceries, discovered the victim in a chair covered with a sheet and his cane across his lap. Brasuell was questioned and admitted to getting in to an argument with the victim, who had allegedly hit him with his cane. Brasuell stated that he grabbed the cane and beat the victim, which caused bruising, lacerations, two broken ribs, a broken breastbone, and broken dentures. Realizing the victim was severely injured and not wanting to get in to trouble, Brasuell got a rope and strangled the victim "to put him out of his misery."

In October of 1997, Brasuell was found guilty of first-degree murder with use of a deadly weapon and was sentenced the 26 years to life in state prison.

This was Brasuell's first 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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