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VISALIA GANG MEMBER DENIED PAROLE FOR 1995 MURDER

On August 4, 2017, at the Correctional Training Facility in Soledad, a California parole board denied parole for Luis Rosa Amador, age 44, for murder and attempted murder against rival gang members in 1995. Amador received a 3 year denial and is not eligible for another hearing until 2020.

On May 25, 1995, about 10:30 p.m., four young individuals, two who were alleged members of a gang, were playing cards on the hood of a car in a carport in north Visalia when they heard a shotgun blast. Two young men were hit by the blast, a 17-year-old and a 19-year-old, and a green vehicle fled the scene. The 17-year-old victim did not survive and the 19-year-old was wounded in the back. After the shooting, witnesses stated they were told by Amador and a co-defendant, Jessie Farias, that they had done the shooting.

Amador was later found guilty by a jury of murder, attempted murder, and conspiracy to commit murder with gang allegations. He was sentenced to 25 years to life in prison. Farias is currently incarcerated for his role in the crime.

This was Amador's first parole hearing since being sentenced in 1996. 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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