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Re: Parole Board hearing for Inmate Andrea Clifton, CDCR #W82865

On March 8, 2017, a Board of Parole Hearing was held at the California Women's Facility in Chowchilla, Ca. for convicted murderer Andrea Clifton. At 7:25 the morning of August 3, 1999, the body of Richard Carrico, a Fairfield homeless man, was found face down in the mud on the Linear Park Trail located between 5th and Beck in Fairfield. The coroner determined the cause of death to be blunt force injuries to the face and head of Mr. Carrico caused by an unknown weapon.

During their investigation, Fairfield Police discovered that Andrea Clifton was seen with Mr. Carrico in Linear Park the evening before his body was found. An additional witness told police that inmate Clifton said she beat Mr. Carrico and did not know if he was dead or alive when she left him. Inmate Clifton was arrested on August 6, 1999, 4 days after Mr. Carrico was killed.

Inmate Clifton was found guilty by plea to second degree murder with use of a weapon other than a firearm and on November 19, 1999, she was sentenced to 16 years to life in prison. Inmate Clifton's last parole hearing held on May 22, 2014, resulted in a 5 year denial of parole. Inmate Clifton's petition to have her next hearing heard prior to the 5 years was granted and her hearing was heard on March 8, 2017, less than 3 years from the 5 year denial.

Deputy District Attorney Elizabeth Ring participated in the hearing by conference call and opposed the release of inmate Clifton, citing Clifton's continued risk to the safety of the community if released. The Board of Parole agreed that inmate Clifton continues to represent an unreasonable risk to the community and denied parole for an additional 3 years.