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Re: CDCR Inmate Jose Navarro Yniquez, K-60067

On January 24, 2017, during a Board of Parole Hearing for 69-year old inmate Jose Yniquez, conducted at the California Institute for Men in Chino, Solano County Deputy District Attorney Jack Harris opposed the release of Yniquez. The inmate was convicted of the murder of an acquaintance, Rosa Talamantes, with whom he was in dating relationship. Yniquez and Ms. Talamantes were last seen together on the evening of May 23, 1995, but she never returned home. When her children did not receive any credible explanation from Yniquez concerning their mother's disappearance, they reported her missing to the Dixon Police Department. Yniquez provided police with three differing accounts of their activities that evening but no information concerning her disappearance. A search of Yniquez' car revealed a bloodstained shirt. The inmate claimed the blood was his but a later analysis found a DNA match to that of Ms. Talamantes.

Approximately one month later, the badly decomposed and partially clothed body of Ms. Talamantes was discovered in an irrigation ditch alongside a gravel road near Hackman Road in Dixon. Her body was discovered by a farmer while plowing a nearby field. An autopsy disclosed that Ms. Talamantes suffered trauma to her neck consistent with strangulation. Yniquez continued to deny any responsibility for her death, however two witnesses reported that the prisoner told them that he had killed his girlfriend and needed money to return to Mexico.

Yniquez was convicted by a jury of 2nd Degree Murder and received a sentence of 16 years to Life. He had seven previous convictions for Driving Under the Influence of Alcoholic Beverages and/or Drugs, three of which were felony convictions for which he served a prison commitment. Yniquez was previously denied parole at his first parole board hearing in 2010. On January 24th, the Board of Parole Hearings again denied Yniquez' bid for parole for another 5 years, stating that he continued to represent an unreasonable risk of safety to the community.