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Re: Parole Board hearing for Inmate Matthew Cortez, CDCR #F66674

On April 11, 2017, an initial Board of Parole Hearing was held at the California Training Facility in Soledad, California for Matthew Cortez, convicted of sexual penetration by foreign object with force and violence during the commission of a burglary. On July 20, 2005, Matthew Cortez broke into the Vallejo apartment of the estranged mother of his 3 children with the intent to sexually assault her. Cortez took the victim's cell phone so she could not call the police. Cortez then punched the victim several times in the face and threatened more violence if she continued to resist. Cortez locked the bedroom door and held the victim against her will. Cortez digitally penetrated the victim during his attempt to rape her. Prior to trial, Cortez entered a plea to the above sexual assault during the commission of a burglary and was sentenced to 15 years to life.

Deputy District Attorney Elizabeth Ring appeared at the parole hearing for Matthew Cortez and objected to him being released on parole because he continues to represent an unreasonable risk of safety to the community. The Board of Parole agreed and denied parole. Matthew Cortez will be eligible for another parole board hearing in 3 years.