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Re: Parole Board hearing for Inmate Arsenio Morgan, CDCR #V88713

On May 18, 2018, a second Board of Parole Hearing was held at the California State Prison-Solano for Inmate Arsenio Morgan, convicted by jury of Kidnaping for purpose of Carjacking.

In the late evening of September 16, 2003, Inmate Morgan and his co-defendant (his cousin) went to the parking lot of the Solano College, saw a woman walking to the parking lot and attacked her from behind as she was opening the door to her car. Inmate Morgan choked her, threatened her, and threw her into the backseat of her car before covering her head with a jacket. Inmate Morgan stayed in the backseat with the victim while his crime partner drove her car to Richmond. During the ride, Inmate Morgan searched the victim, taking her cell phone and purse.

Once in Richmond, Inmate Morgan took away the victim's glasses and pushed her out of the car before both defendants rode away in her car. The victim was able to get to the Richmond Hall of Justice to report the crime. After police investigation, warrants for the arrest of both suspects were issued and on October 21, 2003 both suspects surrendered to police on the warrants.

On July 12, 2005, Inmate Morgan was sentenced to seven years to life in prison after he was found guilty at trial. In his first parole board hearing in 2011, Inmate Morgan received a seven-year denial of parole, making him eligible for another hearing in 2018.

Deputy District Attorney Elizabeth Ring participated in the parole board hearing for Inmate Morgan and objected to his release, arguing that he continues to represent an unreasonable risk to the community if released. Deputy District Attorney Ring asked for a denial of seven years before inmate Morgan would be eligible for another parole hearing. The Parole Board agreed that inmate Morgan is unsuitable for parole, but only gave him a five-year denial making him eligible for a subsequent parole hearing in five years.