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SERIAL MURDERER DENIED PAROLE

Santa Cruz County District Attorney Jeffrey Rosell announced today that serial killer Herbert Mullin, 74, was denied parole by the California Board of Parole Hearings at a virtual hearing held on Thursday March 18, 2021. Mullin murdered 13 people in a four-month period in 1972 and early 1973. Mullin was convicted for the murders of ten of these individuals who were killed in Santa Cruz County. His youngest victim was a 4-year-old child; his eldest victim was 73. Mullin was also convicted of killing a priest in a confessional booth in Los Gatos, CA. Mullin committed another two murders for which he was never charged.

The Santa Cruz County District Attorney's Office was represented at the parole hearing by District Attorney Jeff Rosell. Mr. Rosell argued that Mullin should not be released from prison due to the number and magnitude of his crimes, their senseless and horrific nature, and the risk he would pose to the community if he were released.

At the hearing during questioning, Mullin continued to blame others for the murders including his parents, his sister, and numerous family members. Although he admitted that he had killed the 13 people he insisted that his parents forced him to do it by their inappropriate upbringing and felt his parents and sister should be held responsible. District Attorney Jeff Rosell stated:

“Mr. Mullin continues to blame others for his actions. He lacks insight and shows no true remorse for these brutal murders. To this day, Mr. Mullin continues to pose as high of a risk to the community as he did during his crime spree in 1972 and 1973 if he were released.”

The Parole Board agreed and extended his sentence for additional seven (7) years. Mullin is not eligible for parole until 2028.