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### PRESS RELEASE

#### CONVICTED CHILD MOLESTOR MARK DAIGRE DENIED PAROLE

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Napa County District Attorney Allison Haley announced that Mark Daigre was denied parole after an October 5, 2022 hearing that was held via teleconference before the State of California Board of Parole Hearings. The denial imposed was for five years, pursuant to Marsy's Law which was passed by the voters in the November 2008 general election.

Mark Daigre stands convicted of the 1999 kidnapping and forced sexual assault of a 13-year-old boy. On December 30<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Daigre saw the boy at a bus stop in Napa and offered to give him a ride home. Mr. Daigre brought him to his house, invited him inside, offered him a beverage, and then strangled the victim until he lost consciousness. Mr. Daigre carried the victim upstairs into a bedroom, bound his hands, gagged him, and blindfolded him. Armed with a knife, he then violently and repeatedly sexually assaulted the child for hours. The victim was eventually permitted to leave the home and immediately sought help. Investigating officers later found pornographic material under Mr. Daigre's bed which depicted bondage and sexual abuse of children. Mr. Daigre was 33 years old at the time of the assault.

Mr. Daigre was subsequently found guilty of several felony crimes and special allegations following a court trial in Napa Superior Court in 2000. The Honorable Ronald T. L. Young ultimately sentenced Mr. Daigre to 115 years to life in state prison. He has served 22 years of that sentence. Mr. Daigre was eligible for parole this year under California's "Elder Parole" Law, which permits parole hearings for many inmates once they serve 20 years and reach age 50. Mr. Daigre does not suffer any conditions which lower his risk for violence.

In 1997, Mr. Daigre was acquitted of child molest charges on two different victims by a jury in Sonoma County. He has since admitted to these crimes, as well as earlier child molest against additional, unrelated victims.

Deputy District Attorney Taryn Hunter appeared at the hearing and argued against Mr. Daigre's release based upon the viciousness of the assault, his continued lack of insight into the events of the crime, his behavior while incarcerated, and the unreasonable danger he presents to the community should he be paroled. The Board of Parole agreed that Mr. Daigre continued to pose a threat to public safety and denied his parole for five years.

The Napa County District Attorney's Office sends a representative to every parole hearing for defendants serving a life sentence for a Napa County crime. Deputy District Attorney Taryn Hunter stated that, "Inmate Mark Daigre poses the most chilling kind of threat possible to our community. I am grateful for the bravery of the victim's family in choosing to participate in this hearing to help ensure that Mr. Daigre never has access to another child."

Any questions regarding this case may be directed to Assistant District Attorney Paul Gero.