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**Board of Parole Hearings Denies Parole of Double Murderer Ramon Birrueta**  
*CDC #C65353; Court Case Number SC023808*

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced that the California Board of Parole Hearings denied parole to convicted double murderer Ramon Birrueta. On October 3, 2023, BPH found that Birrueta, 78, continues to pose a current and unreasonable risk to public safety. Representing the District Attorney's Office was Deputy District Attorney Gordon Isen.

Birrueta has been an inmate of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation since May of 1983 and has been found in violation of at least seventeen serious rules violations as an inmate in prison. He is serving a sentence of 27 to life for two counts of murder.

In the early morning hours of March 22, 1982, Birrueta argued with his girlfriend, and his neighbor after the trio had been drinking. Birrueta entered his neighbor's apartment where his girlfriend had fallen asleep. He then fatally shot his neighbor at least five times and stabbed her twice. He then fatally shot his girlfriend four times. His neighbor's two children were asleep in another room at the time of the shooting.

Parole was denied for a period of three years. In announcing the parole board's decision, Presiding Commissioner Robert Barton noted that since the inmates last parole hearing, Mr. Birrueta had taken no steps to prepare himself to be released into the community or to avail himself of available resources to address his domestic violence issues.

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented on the denial; "Birrueta has a horrid criminal history and continues to be a risk to others even behind bars. I'm glad that the Board of Parole Hearings was able to recognize the danger that Birrueta poses to public safety."