

Serial killer denied parole

Mullin, Herbert *RP 3-23-06*
Mullin continues to deny
responsibility for crimes

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Serial killer Herbert Mullin was denied parole by the state Board of Prison Terms at a hearing held Wednesday at Mule Creek Prison, Santa Cruz County District Attorney Bob Lee announced.

Mullin was convicted in 1973 of the murders of 10 people in Santa Cruz County. His youngest victim was a 4-year-old child; his eldest was in his 90s. He was also convicted of killing a priest in Los Gatos in a confessional booth. Mullin committed two additional murders for which he was never charged.

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Assistant District Attorney Ariadne Symons represented the District Attorney's Office at the parole hearing.

Symons argued that Mullin should never be released from prison under any circumstances 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. The Parole Board agreed and extended his sentence for the maximum time allowed under law, which is five years.

At the hearing, Mullin continued to deny responsibility for the murders. Although he admitted that he killed 13 people, he insisted that his parents forced him to do it by their inappropriate upbringing and felt his parents should be held responsible. Mullin is not eligible again for parole until 2010.