



OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY
COUNTY OF TULARE

Tim Ward, *District Attorney*

PRESS RELEASE

3/25/21

PAROLE GRANTED IN 1994 VISALIA BAR MURDER

On March 24, 2021, a California parole board granted parole for Jon Gregorich, age 46, who was convicted of murdering a young man outside of a Visalia bar.

In the early morning of May 5, 1994, outside of the former Shagnasty's bar in Visalia, Gregorich and two other men, Leo Sisco and Rocky Rodrigues, beat an 18-year-old man to death after a brief altercation. A friend of the victim said that he was unrecognizable after the beating.

In 1995, Gregorich was convicted of second-degree murder and sentenced to 15 years-to-life in prison. Sisco was found guilty of second-degree murder and sentenced to 15 years-to-life. He was granted parole in 2015. Rodrigues was found guilty of involuntary manslaughter and was sentenced to four years in prison.

Under Senate Bill 118, which was signed by the Governor in 2020, inmates released on life parole can seek termination of parole requirements with the Division of Adult Parole Operations after 12 months.

This was Gregorich's fifth parole hearing. The District Attorney's Office routinely attends life parole hearings and a supervising deputy district attorney argued against inmate's release in this case.

*Media inquiries can be directed to the Office of the District Attorney, County of Tulare
Assistant District Attorney Dave Alavezos (559) 636-5494*