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**Parole Granted for Convicted Carjacker and Kidnapper Hector Aviles Silva**  
*CDC #F99613; Kern County Court Case #DF007685A and  
Tulare County Court Case #VCF188075 and #VCF157194*

Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced the California Board of Parole Hearings (BPH) granted release to convicted carjacker and kidnapper Hector Aviles Silva. In November and December of 2005, Silva committed a string of carjackings in Tulare County and Kern County. On April 4, 2024, BPH found that Silva no longer continued to pose a current and unreasonable risk to public safety. Representing the District Attorney's Office was Deputy District Attorney Gina Nargie.

On November 21, 2005, Silva was in Tulare County armed with a revolver. When the victim went to enter his vehicle, Silva put the gun to the victim's stomach and ordered him to drive. Silva directed the victim to an orchard. Once in the orchard, Silva ordered the victim out of the car and demanded his money. As he escaped, he threatened to kill the victim if he called the police.

On November 30, 2005, in Kern County, Silva approached the victim at a gas station and asked for a ride. The victim agreed to give Silva a ride. During the car ride, Silva pulled out a gun and demanded the victim's money. Silva took the victim's wedding ring, wallet, and vehicle.

On December 20, 2005, Silva approached a male outside a market in Tulare County. Silva asked the victim for a ride to Fresno. Once in the car, Silva pulled out his revolver and threatened to shoot the victim. Again, Silva took the victim's vehicle and money. He threatened to shoot the victim if he called the police.

On December 22, 2005, Silva approached a 79-year-old victim who was trying to sell his car in Tulare County. This time, Silva pretended to be a potential buyer and asked to take a test drive. The victim agreed. While on the drive, Silva ordered the victim out of the car, took the vehicle and any money, and threatened to shoot the victim if he called the police.

Four hours later, on December 22, 2005, Silva approached the fifth victim in Tulare County. This victim was a dairy delivery driver. Silva pulled out a gun and demanded the victim's wallet. The victim grabbed Silva's gun and threw it into an adjacent dirt lot. Silva fled the area.

At the time of his crimes, Silva admitted to these crimes and said he committed them to support his drug addiction. Ultimately, Silva was convicted of two counts of carjacking with personal use of a firearm, another count of carjacking, kidnapping with personal use of a firearm, one count of dissuading a witness by force or threat with personal use of a firearm, another count of dissuading a witness by force or threat, attempted robbery, and felon in possession of a firearm. He was sentenced to 34 years in state prison.

At the time of the hearing, Silva had approximately 8 years left to serve on his sentence. Silva was considered for early release pursuant to Youthful Offender Laws. A youth offender is an incarcerated person who was under 26 years of age at the time of their controlling offense. Inmate Silva is currently 41 years old.

On April 4, 2024, the Board of Parole conducted Silva's third parole hearing. The commissioners focused on Silva's history of dishonesty at previous Board of Parole Hearings, his sobriety, and his recent attempts to avoid paying restitution to his victims. The Kern County District Attorney's Office asked the Board of Parole to deny parole. The Board of Parole found that Silva no longer posed a current and unreasonable risk to public safety and granted parole.

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented; "Hearing after hearing, we fight to keep criminals behind bars – especially those who have yet to serve the entirety of their sentence. Early release laws make it difficult to succeed in some cases, however, we will continue the fight regardless of obstacles we face."