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Re: CDCR Inmate Ondra O. Gwinn

On January 24, 2017, during a Board of Parole Hearing for inmate Ondra Gwinn, conducted at California State Prison Solano in Vacaville, Solano County Deputy District Attorney Robert Jones opposed the release of Gwinn. The inmate was convicted of attempted willful, deliberate, premeditated 1st degree murder with a weapon of James Cryer in an apartment parking lot at 2550 Hilborne Road, Fairfield. Gwinn knew the victim for approximately two years. The victim hired Gwinn, trained him and got him a job in the Los Angeles area. Gwinn soon started having money and drug problems which led to his termination. He blamed his problems on the victim believing that the victim and others had conspired against him. On the day of the crime, Gwinn armed himself with a .38 semiautomatic handgun and went to the area where the victim resided. He had been there two times earlier with the intent to kill him, but the victim was not there. This time when he got to the apartment complex, he saw the victim and his five-year-old son exiting a vehicle. Gwinn pulled up close to him and called his name. When the victim turned around, Gwinn started firing at him. He shot the victim twice while he was standing and two more time after he fell down. Gwinn continued to fire as he backed away and fled. The victim's five-year-old son was present the entire time. Although the victim survived, he was paralyzed from waist down. Gwinn was on probation at the time of the attempted murder. Gwinn was convicted of attempted 1st degree murder and assault with a firearm and received a sentence of life plus 4 years. Gwinn has been denied parole six times since his first parole board hearing.

On January 24th the Board of Parole Hearings once again denied Benton's bid for parole for another 3 years.