

HELP BLOCK THIS PAROLE



On December 27, 1986, 20-year-old Cara Knott called her parents to let them know she was driving home to El Cajon from her boyfriend's house in Escondido. She never arrived. Because Cara was responsible and reliable, her family quickly became concerned. They called police to report her missing right away and began to search for Cara themselves.

Cara's body was found the next morning. Her skull had been fractured from a violent blow to the face, she had been strangled to death, and her body thrown off an isolated bridge near Mercy Road.

Overwhelming physical evidence and citizens' complaints quickly led the San Diego Police Department to arrest Craig Peyer, a California Highway Patrolman who was on duty the night of Cara's murder. Blood from scratch marks to Peyer's face and unique fibers from his uniform were found on Cara's body. The rope used to strangle Cara to death was found in Peyer's patrol car. The investigation prompted reports from over 300 women who had been stopped by Peyer in that same area of San Diego, and that his behavior towards them had been bizarre and frightening.

In 1988, Craig Peyer was tried and convicted of the First Degree Murder of Cara Knott, and sentenced to serve 25 years to life. He is the only CHP officer ever convicted of committing a murder while on duty. Peyer will soon be eligible for parole and his parole hearing will be in January, 2008.

Please help the Knott family and our community by writing to the Board of Parole Hearings by December 15, 2007, and ask them to deny parole to this murderer. Peyer used the trappings of a law enforcement officer under the Color-of-Authority to hunt women while he was on patrol duty. His behavior escalated over a period of time, resulting in the brutal killing of a beautiful young woman with everything to live for. This violent predator should remain behind bars for the rest of his life.

Letters in opposition of parole should be sent to John Monday, Executive Director, Board of Parole Hearings, and to the prison where the inmate is housed:

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Board of Parole Hearings
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California Men's Colony
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Post Office Box 8101
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Attn: C&PR

Please be sure to reference Peyer's name and CDC identification number in your letter: D-93018 and mark the letter 'CONFIDENTIAL.'

