

Report: Parole officers failed to supervise Garrido

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A newly released report reads like a laundry list of oversights by agents charged with monitoring Phillip Garrido's federal parole in the 1990s, when he kidnapped and began his 18-year imprisonment of Jaycee Dugard.

The confidential review released Friday by James Ware, chief district judge for the Bay Area, was meant to bring attention to improvements made in monitoring parolees still under federal watch.

Written in December, it echoes a 2010 audit of Garrido's supervision by state parole agents, outlining a general lack of close supervision of the now imprisoned two-time kidnapper and rapist.

Among the report's criticisms are that agents:

- Downplayed repeated drug violations and substituted therapists' assessments for their own
- Never made sure Garrido registered as a sex offender
- Kept such loose track of him that when he started habitually raping the captive Dugard in 1991, his parole check-ins were at the agents' office rather than his home near Antioch.

Garrido was the charge of federal officers between 1988, when he was released from prison for the 1976 kidnapping and rape of a South Lake Tahoe woman, and 1999, when his parole was transferred to the state.

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