

# **William Sizemore**

## **denied parole**

**Stanislaus County District Attorney Jim Brazelton announced today that William Sizemore, age 36, was found unsuitable for parole at a June 19, 2001 hearing of the State Board of Prison Terms in Soledad State Prison. Deputy District Attorney Thomas Brennan appeared at the hearing and argued for continued confinement based on the callousness of the crime and the prisoner's conduct over a 6 day period following the murder.**

**Sizemore was convicted of the 1984 murder of 53 year old William Franklin Martin in an orchard at Crow's Landing, Stanislaus County. Sizemore and co-defendant Michael Chandler had befriended William Martin in Medford, Oregon on October 20, 1983. Sizemore, Chandler, and Martin drove Martin's recreational vehicle from Oregon to the Fink Road exit in Crow's Landing. According to Sizemore, co-defendant Chandler shot the victim three times in the face "for no reason." Sizemore and Chandler departed Crow's Landing in the victim's motorhome and used the victim's credit cards in California, Nevada, Utah, Wyoming, Nebraska, and Iowa. On October 26, 1983, they attempted to use the victim's credit card at a West Des Moines, Iowa gas station and were refused. Sizemore and Chandler then robbed and kidnaped the station attendant and after trying to evade law enforcement officers, were arrested. The .38 caliber revolver used in the murder and some of the victim's jewelry were found in Sizemore's possession.**

**Sizemore is serving 28 years to life. Sizemore will be scheduled for another hearing in 3 years.**