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NEWS RELEASE

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Re: RUSSELL SAMUEL TRUNZO Parole Hearing

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MODESTO, CALIFORNIA – Stanislaus County District Attorney James Brazelton announced today that RUSSELL SAMUEL TRUNZO, 45, was found unsuitable for parole after a March 21, 2002 hearing before the State Board of Prison Terms. The hearing was held at San Quentin Prison where Trunzo is being housed.

In 1979, Trunzo was convicted of Second Degree Murder for the killing of a 2 year old from Turlock. While watching his girlfriend's son, Trunzo had become angry and punished the child for wetting his diaper. He slapped and shook the child, causing the child's head to hit the back of a toilet. The child died the next day. Deputy District Attorney Michael Houston appeared at the parole hearing on behalf of the People and argued for continued confinement based on the facts of the murder and that Trunzo still posed a risk to the community.

Trunzo is serving 15 years to Life and has previously been denied parole 12 times. He will be scheduled for another hearing in one year.

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