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NEWS RELEASE

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Re: **BENJAMIN BALLARD** Parole Hearing

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MODESTO, CALIFORNIA – Stanislaus County District Attorney James Brazelton announced today that **BENJAMIN BALLARD**, Age 43, was found *unsuitable* for parole at an August 26th, 2003 hearing date of the State Board of Prison Terms in San Quentin , CA. Deputy District Attorney Marlisa Ferreira appeared at the hearing and argued for continued confinement based on the vulnerability of the victim, lack of provocation and the high degree of cruelty, callousness and disregard for human life which defined the circumstances of the offense.

BENJAMIN BALLARD was convicted of Penal Code Section 187, Murder in the Second Degree in 1985, when, under the influence of heroin he beat the three year old female victim so severely he broke her neck causing her death. **BALLARD** is serving a 15 years to life sentence and has previously been denied parole in 1999. **BALLARD** will be scheduled for another hearing in August 2006.

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