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Re: **McIntyre parole hearing**

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MODESTO, CALIFORNIA – Stanislaus County District Attorney James Brazelton announced today that Jonathan McIntyre, age 39, of Modesto, was denied parole after a hearing before the State Board of Prison Terms held yesterday at the Soledad Correctional Facility.

McIntyre stands convicted for the December 1981 shooting death of Downey High School Teacher John Crahan. McIntyre and others wanted to extort money from Crahan by either kidnaping him or his elderly mother and holding them for ransom. McIntyre and Jack Britt, both armed with handguns, approached Crahan's home in east Modesto early on the morning of December 1st, 1981. When Crahan came outside, he was shot once in the chest by Britt and died. McIntyre was convicted after a jury trial of the killing of Crahan and the attempt to kidnap Crahan's mother. He was sentenced to life in prison.

Chief Deputy District Attorney John Goold appeared at the parole hearing and argued against McIntyre's release, citing the callous nature of the crime, the fact that McIntyre was the one who originally came up with the idea to blackmail Crahan, and the threat to public safety if McIntyre was released.

McIntyre will be eligible for another parole hearing in one year. Co-defendants Jack Britt and Stoney Lynn Hunt were also convicted in the case and are currently serving life sentences as well. Britt was denied parole in January and Hunt is scheduled for a parole hearing in about a month.

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