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NEWS RELEASE

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Parole Hearing

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MODESTO, CALIFORNIA – Stanislaus County District Attorney James Brazelton announced today that Robert Morris, age 48, was found unsuitable for parole after a September 25th hearing of the State Board of Prison Terms held in Folsom State Prison.

Robert Morris and his brother Richard were convicted of killing 22 year old sister-in-law, Cindy Morris, wife of another brother, Randy. Morris murdered Cindy in her Keyes home by manually strangling her at least twice. After being choked into unconsciousness the first time, she re-awakened only to be strangled to death on the second attempt. Her four year old daughter was also in the house and was taken away to another location after she woke up from the commotion that occurred during the murder. Cindy Morris' was apparently killed in an attempt to collect the proceeds of a life insurance policy.

Deputy District Attorney Beth O'Hara-Johnson appeared at the hearing on behalf of the People. As sometimes occurs in these situations, once the District Attorney's representative actually appeared at the prison, the inmate then stipulated to a one year parole denial without conducting any hearing.

Robert Morris is serving 25 years to life and has previously been denied parole several times. He will be scheduled for another parole hearing in one year. Morris' Brother Richard was also convicted of murder and is serving a life sentence in prison.

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