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NEWS RELEASE

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Re: David Smith Parole Hearing

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MODESTO, CALIFORNIA – Stanislaus County Assistant District Attorney Carol Shipley announced today that David Smith, 41, was found unsuitable for parole at a September 8, 2005 hearing of the State Board of Prison Terms in Corcoran State Prison. Deputy District Attorney Michael Houston appeared at the hearing and the Board of Prison Terms denied parole for a one year.

Smith was convicted of First Degree Murder and the use of a deadly weapon in 1984 and is serving a 26 to Life prison sentence for the murder of Coy Mashburn in which Smith beat Mr. Mashburn with a claw hammer and stabbed him with a Phillips screwdriver. Smith had previously been denied parole in 2002, 1999, 1996, 1993, 1990, 1987 and 1984.

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