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**NEWS RELEASE**

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Re: Denial of Parole for Russell Trunzo

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Modesto, California – Stanislaus County Assistant District Attorney Carol Shipley announced today that Russell Trunzo of Modesto was found unsuitable for parole at a December 30<sup>th</sup> hearing of the State Board of Prison Terms at San Quentin Prison. Deputy District Attorney Richard Gore appeared at the hearing and argued for continued confinement based on the especially cruel and callous nature of the crime. The Board of Prison Terms agreed and denied parole.

Trunzo killed his girlfriend's two-year-old child four days before Christmas in 1978 because the child had soiled his pants and was having difficulties with potty training. Trunzo admitted to shaking the child and to striking the child numerous times. Trunzo was convicted of second degree murder and is serving a 15-years-to-life prison sentence. He has been denied parole on numerous prior occasions, and he will be scheduled for another hearing in one year.

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