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PRESS RELEASE

**For immediate release**

Date: July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2007  
Re: Parole Hearing John Free

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**Modesto, California** – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that John Free, age 55, of Modesto, was found unsuitable for parole after a hearing of the State Board of Prison Terms held on July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at the State Prison in Vacaville. Deputy District Attorney Michael D. Houston appeared at the hearing and argued for Free's continued confinement based on the facts of the commitment offense and that Free still poses an unreasonable risk of danger to the citizens of Stanislaus County. The Board of Prison Terms agreed and denied parole for 2 years.

In 1980, a Stanislaus County Superior Court jury convicted Free of Murder in the Second Degree and the use of a gun for the killing of victim Luther Fear. The Judge sentenced Free to a prison term of 15 years to Life. Free has previously been denied parole eight times. He will be scheduled for another parole hearing in 2009.

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