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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Parole Denied for John Adams

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Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that John Adams (51) of Modesto of was found unsuitable for parole at a June 19, 2008 hearing of the State Board of Prison Hearings at California State Prison, Solano. Deputy District Attorney Doug Maner appeared at the hearing and argued for continued confinement based on lack of rehabilitation, poor parole plans and significant disciplinary history while incarcerated. The Board of Prison Hearings agreed and denied parole for 1 year.

Adams killed James Goff after he intervened in an armed confrontation between Adams and a good samaritan who tried to prevent Adams from shooting a man with whom he'd just lost a fist fight. Goff said to Adams , "What are you going to do, shoot me?" Adams then shot Goff in the heart with a sawed off shotgun, killing him instantly.

Adams was convicted of first degree murder in 1981. John Adams is serving a twenty-five year-to-life term and has previously been denied parole 7 times. John Adams will be scheduled for another hearing in one year. Adams refused to attend the hearing or speak to the Parole Board. This was his 8th parole hearing.

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