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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Parole Denied for Frank Aleo

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Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Frank Aleo (62) of Modesto was found unsuitable for parole at a June 20, 2008 hearing of the State Board of Prison Hearings at Mule Creek State Prison in Ione. Deputy District Attorney Doug Maner appeared at the hearing and argued for continued confinement based on his lack of rehabilitation, significant disciplinary history while incarcerated and poor parole plans. The Board of Prison Hearings agreed and denied parole for the maximum amount of time permitted, five years.

Aleo planned the robbery of a drug dealer, who was armed. The victim\dealer attempted to use a rifle to defend himself and was fatally shot by Aleo's crime partner. Aleo, his young nephew and two others then ransacked the victim\dealer's home as he lay dying. They also robbed and threatened to shoot a 19 year girl who was present. Aleo was arrested shortly thereafter and claimed to have been passed out in his car while the crime occurred. The jury didn't believe his story and convicted him in 1982 of first degree murder, robbery, burglary, weapons charges & prior felony convictions. He is serving a life prison sentence, and had previously been denied parole in 2004. Aleo has been incarcerated for these crimes for 26 years. This was his second parole hearing.

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