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Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Robert Khan, age 59, of Modesto was found unsuitable for parole at hearing of the State Board of Prison Hearings at Solano State Prison on August 20. Senior Deputy District Attorney Doug Maner appeared at the hearing and argued for continued confinement based on lack of rehabilitation and poor parole plans. The Board of Prison Hearings agreed and denied parole for 2 years.

On July 6, 1997, Khan shot Mohammed Hussein in the chest with a .22 caliber rifle after he refused to repay a \$6,000 debt. At trial, Khan claimed that he was at home during the shooting and blamed it on someone else. Khan was convicted of attempted murder of in 1997, and was sentenced to thirteen years to life in prison. Khan charged his story at the hearing, admitting shooting Hussein, but claimed that he shot him while unloading his gun. Khan admitted to the Board of Prison Hearings that when the gun discharged, he was pointing it at the victim during a heated argument and had just threatened to kill him moments before. This was Khan's first parole hearing.

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