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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: NAHU RODRIGUEZ PAROLE DENIAL

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MODESTO, CALIFORNIA – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Nahu Rodriguez, age 42, formerly of Modesto, was found unsuitable for parole at a hearing on May 20 of the State Board of Parole Hearings at Solano State Prison. Deputy District Attorney Doug Maner appeared at the hearing and argued for continued confinement based upon the extreme violence of the attempted murder he committed, severity of injuries to the victim, Rodriguez’s lack of candor with the parole board, recent prison rules violations and unrealistic parole plans.

In 1993, Rodriguez shot his neighbor Andres Lopez in the face with a shotgun at point blank range, blinding him in both eyes, after attempting to hit him with a stick and threatening to kill him. He then fled the area only to be captured several years later. Nahu Rodriguez was convicted of attempted premeditated murder with the personal use of a gun and the infliction of great bodily injury in 1996.

Stanislaus Sheriff Detective Mark Copeland, who participated in the investigation of this case, wrote the Parole Board, “The victim will never be the same. He will be blind with partial vision. He will have to live out the rest of his life with help from other people because he is handicapped. He will not be able to support his wife. He will not be able to do things with his child that we take for granted.”

Rodriguez is serving an eleven-year-to-life term and was being considered for parole for the third time. He will be scheduled for another hearing in five years.

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