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**PRESS RELEASE**

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Re: Parole Denied for Child Molester

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**Modesto, California** - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Jerry Dale Ballard of Modesto was found unsuitable for parole following a May 15, 2013 hearing of the State Board of Parole Hearings conducted at Avenal State Prison. Deputy District Attorney Brad Nix appeared at the hearing and argued for continued confinement based on the danger that Ballard still presents to the public, his lack of understanding of his severe pedophilia and drug use, and his failure to get treatment for pedophilia. The Board of Parole Hearings agreed and denied parole for five years.

Jerry Ballard was convicted in 1999 in three separate cases and sentenced to a total term of 18 years-to-life. In the first case, on February 16, 1996, Mr. Ballard kidnapped a 12-year-old girl off a public street in Modesto, threatened to kill her with a knife, and drove her into the country where he raped her. During the course of investigating the first crime, Detective Beck (now Captain) of the Stanislaus County Sheriff's Office uncovered two additional 12-year-old female victims who had been molested by Mr. Ballard, one of whom had a child by him. Mr. Ballard will be scheduled for another parole hearing in five years.

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