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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Killer's Parole Denied

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Martin Guillory, formerly of Modesto, was found unsuitable for parole at a January 9th, 2013 hearing of the State Board of Parole Hearings in Soledad State Prison. Deputy District Attorney Robert J. Taro appeared at the hearing and argued for continued confinement based on the likelihood that Guillory would continue to commit violent crimes in our community if he were to be released. The Board of Prison Hearings agreed and denied parole for 3 years.

On January 8, 1988, after spending the evening alone in his garage smoking rock cocaine and drinking alcohol, Guillory murdered his wife, JoAnn, in their Modesto home by stabbing her 19 times. Guillory fled the home, went to the Bay Area and turned himself into authorities after smoking more rock cocaine. The Guillorys had four children who were asleep in their home during the time the crime was committed. Martin Guillory was convicted of second degree murder in 1988 following a jury trial and was sentenced to 16 years to life. DDA Taro argued to the board that due to the "shocking violence of the crime" and "monstrous injustice done to his wife" that Guillory presented an unreasonable risk of violence to the people who live and work in our community. Guillory had most recently been denied parole in 2010. He will be scheduled for another hearing in 2015.

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