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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Teresa Patterson, 44, formerly of Modesto, agreed to a five-year denial of parole at a February 6, 2014 hearing in Chowchilla. Deputy District Attorney John R. Mayne appeared at the hearing.

Patterson was convicted of first-degree murder and is serving a 25-to-life year prison sentence for murdering three-year-old Jerome Martin in 1989. She beat Jerome over a period of months while living with Jerome's mother, who was also convicted of murder but who has since been granted parole. Jerome was buried by the two women who initially reported he had been kidnapped.

Patterson waived her right to a suitability hearing after a recent conviction for possessing drugs in prison.

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