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Re: Douglas Mouser—Parole Denied

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Douglas Mouser, age 54, formerly of Modesto, was found unsuitable for parole at a December 2nd, 2014 hearing of the State Board of Parole Hearings conducted at the Valley State Prison in Chowchilla. District Attorney Birgit Fladager, who was the original trial attorney in 1999, appeared at the hearing and argued for continued confinement based on the cruel and violent nature of the crime, Mouser’s total lack of remorse, failure to accept responsibility and inability to demonstrate any insight for the crime.

Mouser was convicted by a jury of second degree murder in December 1999 for the 1995 killing of his step-daughter, 14-year-old Genna Gamble. Mouser strangled Genna to death and dumped her nude body down an embankment off Tim Bell Road outside Waterford.

The Board of Parole Hearings Commissioner agreed with the prosecutor that absolutely nothing had changed since Mouser’s last parole hearing in February 2011 where he was given a 5-year denial. Mouser had requested an expedited hearing date based on a claim that he had completed additional programming while in prison. The Board agreed that Mouser’s failure to admit guilt and discuss the facts of the crime demonstrated a lack of insight which indicated that Mouser continues to pose an unreasonable risk to public safety if released. Genna’s father, Tom Gamble, attended the hearing and spoke eloquently about the impact of the loss of his daughter and his opposition to a grant of parole.

The Board denied parole for another five years. Unless an expedited review is granted, Mouser will be scheduled for another hearing in 2019.

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