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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Parole Denied for
Terrance Griffin

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Modesto, California-- Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Terrance Griffin, age 32, of Modesto was found unsuitable for parole following a December 10th hearing of the State Board of Parole Hearings held at California State Prison, Sacramento. Deputy District Attorney Wendell Emerson appeared at the hearing and argued for continued confinement based on the threat to public safety should Griffin be released. The prosecutor noted that during Griffin's nearly 15 years in prison, he had been disciplined for multiple serious violations which included participating in a prison riot, attempted murder of a fellow prisoner, possession of deadly weapons on multiple occasions, fighting, possession of controlled substances, refusal to obey orders and willfully delaying officers. The victim's brother, Daniel Haran, addressed the Board and asked that his brother's killer not be released. The Board of Parole Hearings agreed and denied parole for seven years.

Griffin was convicted at a jury trial on May 10, 2006 of second degree murder and is serving a sentence of 15 years to life in prison for the beating death of 52-year-old Dwain Haran on November 19, 2001. On that date, the victim and Griffin had a verbal altercation. At the time, Griffin was the leader of the criminal street gang known as the "Bed Rock Boys" and was with several members of the gang during the incident. Griffin and the other gang members began to hit the victim because they felt he "disrespected" Griffin and the Bed Rock Boys gang. The victim attempted to flee the gang members and tried to get into a nearby home for safety. After the homeowner refused to allow the victim into the house, Griffin and the other gang members caught up to the victim and began hitting him again. Griffin picked up a log and struck the victim several times in the head. The victim collapsed and later died from the severe head trauma.

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