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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that a panel of the State Board of Parole Hearings has overturned a previous finding that Daniel Ray Slayter of Turlock was suitable for parole.

On May 27, 2015 Slayter was found suitable for parole during a hearing of the State Board of Parole Hearings at Valley State Prison, Chowchilla. Deputy District Attorney Jeff Laugero appeared at that hearing and argued for continued confinement based on the nature of the offense, the inmate's lack of insight into the crime, prior criminal history, and a flawed Comprehensive Risk Assessment (CRA) relied on by the Board of Parole Hearings panel.

Each finding of suitability for parole is subject to independent review by the Office of the Governor. During an October 20, 2015 En Banc review at the Board of Parole Hearings Executive Board meeting, Deputy District Attorney Laugero appeared and again argued for Slayter's continued confinement based upon the inaccurate criminal history relied on in the CRA. Based on the arguments presented, the issues raised with the CRA and the Governor's concerns, the matter was scheduled for a rescission hearing.

At the rescission hearing on February 18th, 2016, the panel agreed with the District Attorney's Office that inmate Slayter's previous finding of suitability for parole was based on inaccurate information in the CRA. A subsequent assessment based on the corrected information found inmate Slayter to pose a moderate to high risk of reoffending and parole was denied.

Daniel Ray Slayter was convicted on July 7, 1994 of rape, kidnapping during carjacking, personal use of a knife, assault with a deadly weapon and false imprisonment and was sentenced to 15 years to life in state prison. Slayter had previously been denied parole five times. He is nonetheless already scheduled for his next parole eligibility hearing in June 2016.

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