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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Arthur Yeary SC # 233428

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Arthur Lane Yeary of Modesto was found unsuitable for parole on May 4, 2016, at a hearing of the State Board of Parole Hearings conducted at San Quentin State Prison. Deputy District Attorney Brad Nix appeared at the hearing for the Stanislaus County District Attorney's Office and argued for continued confinement based on the viciousness of the crime and the defendant's failure to rehabilitate. The Board of Parole Hearings agreed and denied parole for seven (7) years.

On August 26, 1991, Arthur Yeary was sentenced to 26 years to life in state prison following his conviction at jury trial of murder and use of a weapon. District Attorney Birgit Fladager prosecuted Yeary at trial. Yeary struck his 69-year-old aunt, Joy Bell Goad, in the head 13 times with a roofer's hammer and then buried her body in her own back yard, just because she wanted him to move off of her property after staying there two months. Yeary, who had denied his guilt at trial, blamed his actions on his methamphetamine use for four days prior to the murder. Yeary had previously waived his first parole hearing in 2013.

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