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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **For Immediate Release**

Date: June 23, 2016  
Re: Ruth Anna Willmon

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Ruth Anna Willmon, 69, formerly of Modesto, was found unsuitable for parole at a June 23, 2016 hearing of the State Board of Parole Hearings in Chowchilla. Deputy District Attorney John R. Mayne appeared at the hearing and argued for continued confinement based on defendant's lack of remorse and severe danger of reoffending due to continuing and extraordinary mental health issues. The Board of Parole Hearings agreed and denied parole for seven years.

Willmon was convicted of murdering her estranged husband James Willmon by shooting him in 1986 and was originally sentenced to 16 years to life in prison in a plea agreement. She has been repeatedly denied parole in the intervening years. Ms. Willmon said during the hearing that if she had the shooting to over again, she would shoot her husband again because he was no longer human but rather an alien creature. She said there were many other aliens in society, but she would not shoot them if released.

Her next parole hearing is scheduled in 2023.

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