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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Frank Aleo
Parole Denial

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Frank Aleo, age 72, of Modesto, was found unsuitable for parole during an August 30, 2017, hearing of the State Board of Parole Hearings held at the California State Institute for Men in Chino, California. Deputy District Attorney Rick Mury appeared at the hearing on behalf of the People.

On June 6, 1982, Aleo and co-defendants Benson Neal, Frank Ford and Sharon Poma, went to Dixon Flinders's Modesto home to rob him. Claiming to be Drug Enforcement agents, they kicked in the door when Flinders refused to open it. Frank Ford fired a single round from a .22 caliber revolver that hit Flinders in the chest killing him. Aleo and his co-responsible then ransacked the house expecting to find large amounts of cash. They came away with only some sea shells, a cassette player, a rifle, and \$100.00 in currency.

As a principal in the commission of the crime, Aleo was still legally responsible for the killing. He was convicted of first degree murder while armed with a firearm, first degree burglary and robbery plus enhancements for having served prior prison sentences. He received a sentence of 31 years-to-life in state prison.

At the hearing in Chino, Deputy District Attorney Mury argued for continued confinement based upon Aleo's lack of significant insight into what caused him to commit the crime as well as his lack of awareness of the factors which could lead him to committing further crimes of violence in the future. The Board of Parole Hearings agreed and denied parole for three years.

Aleo had previously been denied parole five times. The last denial was in 2014. Even though he received a three-year denial, under the current state of the law Aleo's next parole hearing may be scheduled as early as 18 months from this current denial.

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