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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Leopoldo Navarette Canedo
Parole Denied for Convicted Murderer

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Leopoldo Navarette Canedo, age 69, of Modesto, was found unsuitable for parole during a January 25, 2019, hearing of the State Board of Parole Hearings held at the California State Prison, Solano in Vacaville, California. Deputy District Attorney Barry Shapiro appeared on behalf of the People.

On August 25, 1985, Canedo and a juvenile accomplice robbed victim Chauchtemoc Bernal of \$50.00 outside a convenience store on South Ninth Street in Modesto. Canedo was armed with a sawed-off shotgun. Canedo then went to the parking lot of the Sea Breeze motel and got into an argument with victim Ernest Morales. Canedo pulled out the shotgun, killed Morales and fled the scene. He was arrested five days later. At the time of the murder, Canedo was on parole from state prison.

In 1986, Canedo was convicted of second-degree murder and robbery. He was sentenced to serve 15 years to life in state prison.

Deputy District Attorney Shapiro appeared at the parole hearing and argued against Canedo's release citing a psychological assessment that found the inmate to be a moderate risk to reoffend. The Board agreed and denied parole for another three years. Canedo had previously been denied parole in 2014, 2009, 2005 and 2001. His next hearing will be scheduled in 2022.

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