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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Douglas Mouser, age 60, of Modesto, was found unsuitable for parole following a hearing of the State Board of Parole Hearings held at Valley State Prison in Chowchilla on December 16, 2020. District Attorney Birgit Fladager, who prosecuted the case in 1999 along with now-Judge Rick Distaso, appeared at the hearing on behalf of the People.

Mouser was convicted in a 1999 jury trial for the 1995 strangulation murder of his 14-year-old step-daughter, Genna Gamble. Following the murder, Mouser dumped her nude body down an embankment off Tim Bell Road outside of Waterford where it was discovered shortly afterwards by a passer-by who initially thought it was a mannequin. The trial lasted four months and was later profiled in an episode of "Forensic Files."

In light of the current pandemic, the hearing was conducted via internet appearances. Genna's natural father, Tom Gamble, also attended the hearing and again asked the Board members to deny parole. This was the fourth time Mr. Gamble has had to attend a parole hearing and ask to keep his daughter's killer behind bars. The Board Commissioners determined that Mouser poses an unreasonable risk of current dangerousness due to his complete lack of insight into why he committed the murder and his lack of credibility in continuing his implausible denial of responsibility for the crime.

Mouser is serving a 15 years-to life sentence. He was previously denied parole in 2011, 2014 and 2018. Although he received a 3-year denial from Commissioners De La Torre and Shinaver, under the current state of the law he may request to advance the next hearing to as soon as next year.

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