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Re: Manuel Barcello Parole Hearing
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MODESTO, CALIFORNIA– October 28th , 2002- Stanislaus County District Attorney James Brazelton announced that Manuel Barcello, age 41, formerly of Riverbank, was found unsuitable for parole during an October 22, 2002 hearing of the State Board of Prison Terms held at Avenal State Prison in Avenal, CA.

Deputy District Attorney Jeffrey W. Mangar appeared at the hearing on behalf of the People of the State of California, and argued for continued confinement based on Barcello's prior criminal record, the callous nature of the crime for which he was convicted, and the unreasonable risk of threat to public safety should he be paroled.

In 1983, Barcello and his crime partner, Rodrigo Orozco murdered 78 year old George Shaffer during a home invasion robbery. Barcello is serving a life sentence and has previously been denied parole. He will be scheduled for another parole hearing in one year.