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NEWS RELEASE

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Re: Rose Marie Sabala Parole Hearing

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MODESTO, CALIFORNIA – Stanislaus County District Attorney James Brazelton announced today that Rose Marie Sabala, age 51, was found unsuitable for parole at a *May 20, 2002 hearing* of the State Board of Prison Terms at the California Institute for Women in Corona. District Attorney Jim Brazelton appeared at the hearing and argued for continued confinement based on the cruelty of Ms. Sabala's committment offense, her failure to adequately rehabilitate herself or acquire a marketable vocational skill. Additionally, Ms. Sabala has no parole plans to ensure her ability to support herself or to conform to the expectations of the community.

Sabala was convicted of *the second degree murder* of her newborn daughter in 1982. She is serving a 15 years to life sentence and has previously been denied parole on numerous occassions. Sabala will be scheduled for another hearing in two years.

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