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**NEWS RELEASE**

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Re: <<def's name here>> Parole Hearing

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MODESTO, CALIFORNIA – Stanislaus County District Attorney James Brazelton announced today that Frank Ford , aged 39 of Modesto, was found unsuitable for parole at a December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2003 hearing of the State Board of Prison Terms held in Folsom State Prison. Deputy District Attorney Thomas Brennan appeared at the hearing and argued for continued confinement based on the totality and callousness of defendant's conduct at the time of the crime which would jeopardize the safety and security of the citizens of Stanislaus County should he be paroled.

Ford murdered Dixon Flinders during the commission of a home invasion robbery in June of 1982. He was convicted of robbery, burglary, and murder by a jury in 1984. Ford was 17 at the time of the crime but prosecuted as an adult due to the seriousness of the crimes involved. Ford was one of three subjects who forced entry into Flinders home to steal a large amount of marijuana that was alleged to have been there. At the time the entered the home, the attackers identified themselves as members of law enforcement. Ford shot and killed Flinders when Flinders tried to defend his house by pointing a rifle at the intruders.

At the time, Ford was a parolee from the California Youth Authority. He claimed both that he didn't participate in the robbery, and also self-defense for shooting Flinders.

During this December's parole hearing, Ford continued to minimize his criminal conduct and claimed that the shooting as unintentional. This was Ford's second parole hearing. After deliberating, the Parole Board denied Ford's request for parole issuing a 3 year denial.

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