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**NEWS RELEASE**

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Re: Bonnie Meyers/Parole Hearing

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MODESTO, CALIFORNIA – Stanislaus County District Attorney James Brazelton announced today that 72 year old convicted killer Bonnie Meyers was found unsuitable for parole at a March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2003 hearing of the State Board of Prison Terms held at the Central California Women's Facility at Chowchilla.

Bonnie Meyers stands convicted after a jury trial of the 1985 murder of 70 year old Don Meyers, her husband of seven months. The murder occurred at their Dutchhollow home in Modesto. Mr. Meyers was sitting in his Lazy-Boy chair around midnight when his wife repeatedly struck him in the head with a blunt object. Financial gain appeared to be the motive.

Deputy District Attorney Wendell Emerson appeared at the parole hearing and argued for continued confinement based on the callousness of the crime and the unreasonable risk of threat to public safety should Ms. Meyers be paroled. Modesto Police Lt. Dave Gianotti attended as the detective who investigated the homicide as did family members of the victim.

Ms. Meyers is serving a sixteen year to life sentence and has previously been denied parole. She will be scheduled for another parole hearing in four years.

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