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Re: Terry Clark Parole Hearing

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MODESTO, CALIFORNIA – Stanislaus County District Attorney James Brazelton announced today that Terry Clark, age 53, was found unsuitable for parole at a July 1, 2004 hearing of the State Board of Prison Terms held at Old Folsom Prison. Deputy District Attorney Doug Maner appeared at the hearing and argued for Clark's continued confinement based on the violent nature of the crime, Clark's lack of honesty regarding his responsibility for the crime, his lengthy criminal record, and incomplete parole plans.

In 1982, Clark and co-defendant William Smith shot and killed Harold Parker and wounded Lonnie Duford based upon the mistaken belief that Parker & Duford had stolen property from them two weeks earlier. They lured the victims into a residence by promising to sell them methamphetamine and ambushed them once they arrived. At the Parole hearing, Clark unsuccessfully tried to convince the Board that Parker's killing was accidental despite Smith's saying "We got the wrong guy" after shooting him; and that Duford's shooting was in self defense despite witness statements that Duford was unarmed and fleeing out the door when shot.

Clark was convicted of murder and attempted voluntary manslaughter in 1982 and was sentenced to a prison term of 23 years to life. He has previously been denied parole three times and will be scheduled for another hearing in one year.

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