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Re: Jose Gonzalez Parole Hearing

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MODESTO, CALIFORNIA – Stanislaus County District Attorney James Brazelton announced today that Jose Gonzalez, aged forty-nine, was found unsuitable for parole on April 5, 2004 by the State Board of Prison Terms in California Men’s Colony, San Luis Obispo. Deputy District Attorney David Huang appeared at the hearing and argued for continued confinement based on the argument that the defendant’s crime was perpetrated in a cruel and callous manner with disregard for life over a trivial matter.

On February 20, 1988, the defendant shot his 31 year old common law wife, Herlinda Carrillo, aged 31 at the time of her death using a .32 caliber pistol. The crime occurred in Patterson, California. The defendant then fled, with his children, and was arrested at a mental health facility in Arizona. The defendant was sentenced to fifteen years to life with an additional two year enhancement for using a firearm to commit Murder in the second degree.

This was Gonzalez’s third parole hearing and he will be eligible for another hearing in two years.