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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that on December 20, 2006, Jesse Wayne Hernandez, age 44, of Modesto, was found unsuitable for parole at a hearing of the State Board of Prison Terms at California State Prison, Solano. Deputy District Attorney Carolyn Matzger appeared at the hearing and argued for continued confinement based on the callous and calculated nature of the crime, the inmate's failure to remain discipline-free while incarcerated, and his inadequate parole plans.

Jesse Wayne Hernandez had been convicted of kidnap for robbery with use of a deadly weapon and inflicting great bodily injury, first degree robbery, assault with force, auto theft, and attempted murder. He is serving a prison sentence of 7 years to life with a 4 year enhancement. He has previously been denied parole four times. In 1987, Hernandez, while under the influence of alcohol, entered Troy Pullin's taxi cab. As Mr. Pullin began to drive, Hernandez stabbed Mr. Pullin's hand, held a knife against Mr. Pullin's throat, threatened to kill him, and made him drive 10-15 miles outside Modesto. He stole Mr. Pullin's money and then ordered him out of the taxi. He forced Mr. Pullin's face down on the ground, threatened to kill him, and stabbed him in the thigh, causing an 8 inch deep stab wound. Hernandez drove away and was arrested in Dublin, California.

Also in attendance were family members of the victim who has since passed away. The family members talked about the devastating effect the inmate's criminal actions had on Mr. Pullin and their whole family. The Board of Prison Terms denied parole for a period of one year.

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