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PRESS RELEASE

For immediate release

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Re: Denial of parole

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Modesto, California – The Stanislaus County District Attorney's Office announced today that Ruth Willmon, formerly of Modesto, was found unsuitable for parole at a subsequent parole consideration hearing of the State Board of Prison Terms at the California Institution for Women in Corona, CA on March 24. Chief Deputy District Attorney Steve Casey appeared at the hearing and argued for continued confinement based on the prisoner being an unreasonable risk to society. The Board of Prison Terms agreed and denied parole for two more years.

In 1986, Ruth Willmon pled guilty to second degree murder with a gun use enhancement for the shooting death of her estranged husband, James Lee Willmon. She is serving a 16-years-to-life prison sentence. Ruth Willmon waived a parole consideration hearing in 2004 due to on-going mental health treatment and will be scheduled for another hearing in 2008.

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