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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: David Ruff Parole denial

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Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that David Ruff, age 53, of Modesto, was found unsuitable for parole at an April 3rd hearing of the State Board of Prison Terms at Corcoran State Prison. Deputy District Attorney Doug Maner appeared at the hearing and argued for continued confinement. The Board of Prison Terms agreed and denied parole for 4 years.

Ruff was convicted of the November, 1989, murder of his brother's fiancée, Mona D'Angelo, in Modesto. The death occurred when he intentionally rammed his brother's car in a fit of rage and jealousy. He was also convicted of attempted murder and infliction of great bodily injury for the injuries to his brother and 14 year old niece who were also in the car. Both suffered fractured femurs. Ruff's blood alcohol content was .24 and he also had cocaine in his system.

His parole was denied because of the violent nature of his crime, as well as his prior crimes which included ten prior Driving While Intoxicated convictions and a State Prison term for burglary. He also had over thirty violations of prison rules including multiple assaults causing serious bodily injury. His most recent violation occurred in December of 2006 for possession of a weapon.

Ruff had no viable parole plans or employment arranged if he were to be released and had not completed Alcoholics or Narcotics Anonymous classes. Ruff has continued to deny responsibility for the Murder, claiming that it was an accident caused by alcohol and carbon monoxide poisoning.

Ruff is serving 26 years to life for this offense. This was his initial parole hearing.

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