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**PRESS RELEASE**

**For Immediate Release**

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Re: Ronald Anderson

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Ronald Anderson, age 46 of Modesto, was found unsuitable for parole at a July 3, 2007 hearing of the State Board of Prison Terms held in at the state prison in Ione, California.

In 1980, Anderson was convicted of first degree murder for the killing of Phillip and Kathryn Ranzo. The couple was killed in their home on June 24<sup>th</sup>, 1979 when Anderson, along with three other co-defendants, forced their way into the house and robbed the Ranzos before cutting their throats and leaving them both for dead. The bodies were discovered the following day after fellow employees contacted police when Phillip Ranzo, a Pharmacist, did not show up for work.

Deputy District Attorney Randy Fischer appeared at the hearing and argued against Anderson's parole based upon the outrageous circumstances involved in the offense and the fact that Anderson still posed an unreasonable level of danger to the community if he were to be released.

At the time of the murders, the Ranzo's nine year old son, Mark, had been staying at his grandparents home a few blocks away. At Tuesday's parole hearing, Mark Ranzo, now age 37, observed the entire proceeding and the board's decision. Sandra Ranzo-Howell, Phillip Ranzo's sister, gave an impassioned argument to the Board asking them to deny Anderson's parole because of the loss that he and his cohorts caused that day to their families.

The Board of Prison Terms denied parole for the maximum allowed by law. Anderson will be able to apply for parole again in five years.

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