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PRESS RELEASE

For immediate release

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Re: Salesh Prasad

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Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Salesh Prasad of Modesto was found unsuitable for parole at a July 20, 2007 hearing of the State Board of Prison Terms at Mule Creek State Prison. Deputy District Attorney Richard Gore appeared at the hearing and argued for continued confinement based on the danger to the community that Prasad would pose should he be released from prison. The Board of Prison Terms agreed and denied parole for Prasad.

Prasad was convicted of second degree murder with the use of a firearm for the execution style murder of Thomas Ortiz on June 4, 1994. Prasad is serving a 20 year to life prison sentence. This was his first parole hearing; he will be scheduled for another hearing in 2012.

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