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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Parole Denied for Richard Hueitt

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Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Richard Hueitt (50) of Modesto was found unsuitable for parole at a June 19, 2008 hearing of the State Board of Prison Hearings at California State Prison, Solano. Deputy District Attorney Doug Maner appeared at the hearing and argued for continued confinement based on Hueitt's lack of rehabilitation, poor parole plans and inability to accept responsibility for the crime. The Board of Prison Hearings agreed and denied parole for three years.

Hueitt was enraged that his wife was seeing another man and chased her several miles after she left a local bar called the Glo Worm. Hueitt deliberately rammed his 6,000 pound truck into his estranged wife's VW Beetle at 40 MPH, killing his young daughter, Shannon Yarnell. For the first time, Hueitt admitted partial responsibility for this crime, claiming that while the crash was "an accident," he nonetheless intended to damage his wife's car so she couldn't use it to visit his romantic rival. He had previously threatened to kill her nine times in the four months before this assault.

He was convicted of second degree murder and assault with a deadly weapon by DDA Doug Fontan in 1996 and sentenced to fifteen years-to-life in prison. This as his first parole hearing.

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