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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Freddie Leon Rogers

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Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Freddie Leon Rogers of Modesto was found unsuitable for parole at a July 30, 2008, hearing of the State Board of Parole Hearings conducted at the Salinas Valley Prison. Deputy District Attorney Sandra Bishop appeared at the hearing and argued for continued confinement based on the heinous nature of the crime, Rogers's psychological instability, and his threat to the community if released. The Board of Parole Hearings agreed and found Rogers to be unsuitable for parole.

A Stanislaus County jury found Rogers guilty of first degree murder in the June 2, 1978, slaying of Jimmie Lee Hendrix. Rogers beat Mr. Hendrix with a tire iron and stabbed him numerous times with a knife. Several days later Rogers placed Mr. Hendrix's body into a sleeping bag and threw it into a Salida area canal where it was discovered by an MID worker.

Rogers is serving a life sentence. This is the tenth time that Rogers has been denied parole. He will be scheduled for another hearing in two years.

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