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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Andrew Lopez
Parole Denied

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Andrew Lopez, of Denair, was found unsuitable for parole at a hearing of the State Board of Parole Hearings in Corcoran State Prison on December 7, 2009. Deputy District Attorney Brad Nix appeared at the hearing and argued for continued confinement based on the cruel callousness of the murder Lopez committed, stabbing a vulnerable victim 13 times, his prior record of offenses including his being on parole at the time of this offense, his discipline record while in prison, his failure to rehabilitate and deal with his substance abuse and psychological issues, and his lack of remorse. Four members of the victim's family appeared and also argued for denial of parole. The Board of Prison Hearings agreed and denied parole for four more years.

Lopez was convicted in 1992 of second degree murder with use of a knife and one prison prior, for a murder at the Denair Community Park on June 25, 1991. He is serving a prison sentence of seventeen years to life. Mr. Lopez had previously been denied parole in 2002 and 2005. He will be scheduled for another hearing in 2013.

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