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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: ARMONDO MENDEZ PAROLE DENIAL

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Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Armondo Mendez, age 42, of Modesto, was found unsuitable for parole at a February 11, 2009 hearing of the State Board of Prison Hearings at Mule Creek State Prison. Senior Deputy District Attorney Doug Maner appeared at the prison anticipating to argue for continued confinement and a 10-to-15-year parole denial based on lack of rehabilitation, poor parole plans and significant disciplinary history while incarcerated, including 25 prison disciplinary violations in the last 10 years. Before the hearing could commence, the Board of Prison Hearings negotiated an agreement with the inmate and his attorney for the minimum length of denial possible, three years. The District Attorney's Office was not permitted to participate in these negotiations.

The inmate was convicted in 1996 of committing lewd acts with a child under 14 years old and of having been convicted of committing lewd acts with children on previous occasions. His most recent victims were 4 and 5 years old at the time of their victimization. Mendez had been previously been convicted of the same crime in 1986. He was sentenced to 15 years to life in prison and has been incarcerated for this crime for 13 years. This was his first parole hearing.

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