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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Benjamin Kaharik, formerly of Ceres, was found unsuitable for parole at a September 11, 2012 hearing of the State Board of Parole Hearings in Blyth at Chuckawalla Valley State Prison. Senior Deputy District Attorney Michael D. Houston appeared at the hearing and argued against Kaharik's release based on the fact Kaharik continues to pose an unreasonable danger to safety of the citizens of Stanislaus County. The Board of Prison Hearings agreed and denied parole until 2015 at which time Kaharik will again be considered for release.

In 1998, Kaharik and his co-defendant, Patrick Perry, were convicted of Kidnapping During a Carjacking, Carjacking and Robbery. Both admitted that during the commission of those offenses that they personally used a firearm. Both are serving life prison sentences. Kaharik has previously been denied parole in 2006 and 2009.

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