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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Initial Parole Eligibility Hearing
For Robert Aron Williams

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Modesto, California Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that ROBERT ARON WILLIAMS of Modesto was found unsuitable for parole at a May 8, 2013, hearing of the State Board of Parole Hearings at the California Institution for Men in Chino, California. Deputy District Attorney John Goulart appeared at the hearing and argued for continued confinement based on the vicious nature of the crimes for which Williams was convicted, his failure to address his propensity to commit domestic violence, his failure to present a comprehensive drug and alcohol relapse prevention plan, and his lack of adequate parole plans including a place to live and likely employment prospects. The Board of Parole Hearings agreed and denied parole for three years.

On November 13, 1996, Williams assaulted his wife, Ruby Williams, with a knife and inflicted severe wounds to her face and head. He also battered her causing the loss of several teeth. Leaving her for dead, Williams fled, stealing the cash Ms. Williams possessed. Williams was arrested approximately two months later. Williams has a long history of domestic violence, including a "strike" prior which was an Assault with a Deadly Weapon upon a girlfriend during which he used a knife and inflicted great bodily injury upon her. That offense occurred in 1992 in Sacramento County; he was still on formal probation for that offense when he committed the 1996 assault against Ruby Williams.

On April 8, 1998, Williams was sentenced to 18 years to life for the crimes of attempted premeditated murder, robbery, aggravated mayhem, and spousal battery, with a strike prior, and enhancements for intentional infliction of great bodily injury and using a knife in the commission of his crimes. This was Williams's first parole eligibility hearing.

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