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PRESS RELEASE

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Brenda Prado, age 62, formerly of Modesto, was found unsuitable for parole at a December 11, 2013 hearing of the State Board of Parole Hearings in Chowchilla. Deputy District Attorney Jared Carrillo appeared at the hearing. During the hearing, inmate Prado agreed that she is not currently suitable for parole and agreed to work on anger management and victim awareness concerns before her next hearing. The Board of Parole Hearings denied parole for an additional 5 years. Brenda Prado had previously been denied parole in 2009. Brenda Prado will be scheduled for another hearing in 2018.

In 1991, Brenda Prado was convicted of first-degree murder and conspiracy to commit murder for her role in the 1988 killing of then 23-year-old Esther Alvarado. Although not the actual killer, Prado and her "common-law" husband, Alfredo Padilla, solicited Jesus "Jesse" Hernandez to kill the victim because Prado and Padilla believed the victim had stolen drugs from them. Hernandez shot the victim with a shotgun. However, prior to her death, Alvarado was able to write her killer's name "J-E-S-S-E" in the mud where she lay. Prado is currently serving a prison sentence of 26-years-to-life.

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