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Re: Parole Denied for Frank Aleo

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Frank Aleo of Modesto was found unsuitable for parole at a September 17, 2014 hearing of the State Board of Parole Hearings (BPH) 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 callous disregard for life exhibited by Aleo in the commission of the crimes leading to his life sentence, insufficient parole plans, insufficient progress in addressing his potential for future violence, and lack of insight into what motivated him to commit murder. The BPH panel agreed and denied parole for three years.

On June 6, 1982, Aleo, his 17-year-old nephew Frank Ford, Benson Neal, and Sharon Poma conspired to rob Dixon Flinders at his Modesto home. They went to Mr. Flinders's home and announced themselves at the front door as drug enforcement agents. They then kicked the front door open, whereupon Frank Ford, using a .22 caliber pistol, shot and killed Mr. Flinders with a single gunshot to the chest. 19-year-old Sharon Pitts, who was lying on a bed immediately next to where Mr. Flinders was standing when he was shot, witnessed the murder. Aleo and his co-responsibles then ransacked the house, ultimately stealing a rifle, some sea shells, a tape deck for an automobile and \$100.

In 1983, Aleo was convicted of first degree murder while armed with a firearm, first degree burglary and robbery. Prior prison terms, including one for a violent felony added time to his sentence. He is currently serving a sentence of 31 years to life in state prison. In 2005, he was caught in possession of heroin by prison authorities and in 2007 was sentenced to a three-year concurrent term in state prison for the new offense. Aleo was previously denied parole in 2004, 2008 and 2011. Aleo will be scheduled for another parole hearing in three years.

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