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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Martin Guillory—Parole Denied

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Martin Guillory, age 56, formerly of Modesto, was found unsuitable for parole at an October 30, 2014 hearing of the State Board of Parole Hearings at Soledad State Prison. Deputy District Attorney Jeff Mangar appeared at the hearing and argued for continued confinement based on the severity of the commitment crime and Guillory's likelihood to commit more violent crimes in our community. The Board of Parole Hearings agreed and denied Guillory's parole for five years.

On the evening of January 8, 1988, Guillory was smoking rock cocaine in his garage when his wife entered. They started arguing over his excessive use of cocaine and their lack of money to provide for their four children. His wife went into the master bedroom. A few minutes later, Guillory went into the master bedroom and stabbed his wife nineteen times with a butcher knife, including two stab wounds through her heart and one to her face. Guillory cleaned himself up and drove to the Bay Area where he purchased more crack cocaine, checked himself into a motel in Daly City, and smoked the cocaine. He placed a phone call to his work supervisor and informed him that he had just killed his wife and asked him to retrieve his four children from the house. Modesto Police officers arrived at the house and located Guillory's deceased wife under the bed covers in the master bedroom with numerous stab wounds. Their four children were still asleep in the next bedroom. Guillory turned himself in to the police the next day. He claimed that his crack cocaine must have been laced with PCP because he did not remember stabbing his wife nineteen times. On August 30, 1988, a jury convicted Guillory of murder.

In preparation for the parole hearing, a prison psychologist had concluded that Guillory had a "low to non-elevated risk to reoffend." However, Deputy District Attorney Jeff Mangar argued that "Mr. Guillory presented an unreasonable risk of violence due to the shocking violence of the crime and his likelihood to commit more crime if released back into our community." Guillory blamed his drug use for the horrific stabbing, and had been attending drug abuse counseling while incarcerated. However, Guillory had been caught taking a non-prescribed morphine pill two months prior to his parole hearing. "How can we expect Mr. Guillory to follow the law while experiencing the stress of daily life back in Modesto," stated prosecutor Jeff Mangar, "when he can't even follow the prison rules in a structured environment?" The Board agreed.

Guillory had most recently been denied parole last year, and will be scheduled for another hearing in 2019.