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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Jessie Origel of Modesto was found unsuitable for parole at a hearing of the State Board of Parole Hearings in Calipatria, California. Deputy District Attorney John Baker appeared at the hearing along with five family members of the victim, John Tracey. Origel refused to come into the hearing room and offered a stipulation that he would be unsuitable for parole for five years. Prior to accepting the stipulation, the Board of Parole Hearings listened to several family members read impact statements on how they were dealing with the loss of Mr. Tracey. Mr. Baker argued for the denial of the offered stipulation. He cited Origel's poor prison behavior, poor psychological report and unstable social history as reasons for rejecting any stipulation for less than a 10 year denial of parole. The Board of Parole Hearings accepted Origel's stipulation of unsuitability for five years.

Origel was convicted of second degree murder on January 17, 2002 and was sentenced to 15 years to life in state prison on February 20, 2002. On December 21, 2000, the victim befriended Origel near River Road in Modesto. Origel subsequently attacked the victim with an axe. The victim was found shortly after the attack and was already deceased.

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