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**PRESS RELEASE**

**For Immediate Release**

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Re: Efrain Rodriguez Granted Parole

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Efrain Rodriguez of Ripon, CA was found suitable for parole at a March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015 hearing of the State Board of Parole Hearings held at Solano State Prison. Deputy District Attorney Brad Nix appeared at the hearing and argued for continued confinement based on the facts of the crime, the inmate's lack of insight into the cause of the crime and the inmate's poor future plans. This was the inmate's fourth parole hearing. His prior hearings were in 2006, 2010, and 2013. The Board of Parole Hearings disagreed and voted to start the process to set a parole date. That date will be set within the next 90 days or so.

On May 2, 1996, Efrain Rodriguez was convicted of murder in the second degree with use of a gun for one crime and voluntary manslaughter with use of a gun for a second crime and was serving a sentence of 20 years-to-life for these crimes.

On February 26, 1994 inside of Lupe's Bar in Modesto, Mr. Rodriguez had been dancing with the victim's girlfriend. He went to the restroom and on his return found that his beer had been spilled. He pulled his gun and fired six to seven shots at the victim resulting in the victim's death. He claimed that the victim was pulling a gun on him. The victim was found with a gun in his hand. Mr. Rodriguez fled from the scene. On March 19, 1994, Mr. Rodriguez tried to break up a fight outside of another bar. After a beer was splashed on him, he drew his gun, fired, and killed the man that splashed the beer. He again ran from the scene and was ultimately captured months later and prosecuted for the two murders.

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