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## PRESS RELEASE

### For Immediate Release

Date: March 9, 2016  
Re: Parole Denial/Stephen Durbin

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Stephen Durbin, age 65, of Oakdale was found unsuitable for parole at a February 24, 2016 hearing of the State Board of Parole Hearings conducted at the California Medical Facility in Vacaville, California. Deputy District Attorney Tony Colacito appeared at the hearing and argued for continued confinement based on Durbin's lack of remorse and the extreme safety risk he would pose to the community if released. The Board of Parole Hearings agreed and denied parole for five more years.

On May 16, 1999, Durbin shot and killed his sleeping 16-year-old son in the family home in Oakdale. Durbin then called 911 and confessed to the crime.

Durbin was sentenced to 18 years-to-life on June 28, 2000 for second-degree murder and being armed with a firearm during the crime. This was Durbin's first parole hearing. The Board, in denying parole, found that Durbin lacked any insight into why he committed the crime and showed no remorse for killing his own son.

Durbin will be eligible for another parole hearing in 2021.

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