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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Parole Denial--Darrell Lynn Adams

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Darrell Lynn Adams, age 58, of Modesto was found unsuitable for parole at a March 22, 2016 hearing of the State Board of Parole Hearings conducted at Solano State Prison in Vacaville, California. Deputy District Attorney Merrill Hoult appeared at the hearing and argued for continued confinement based on the inmate's lack of insight into the crime, his lack of remorse, and the current safety risk he poses to the community if released. The Board of Parole Hearings agreed and denied parole for 5 years.

In December of 1993, Adams was working as a pimp and drug dealer when he shot an unarmed man following a botched drug deal in Modesto. A jury convicted Adams of attempted murder with the use of a firearm on April 12, 1994 and Adams was later sentenced to life in prison plus an additional 9 years.

In denying parole, the Board found that Adams lacked credibility and lacked insight into why he committed the attempted murder and other serious crimes. The Board felt Adams still posed an unreasonable risk to public safety if released. Adams was previously denied parole in 2005, 2008, 2009, and 2014. He will be eligible for another parole hearing in 2021.

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