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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **For Immediate Release**

Date: December 19, 2016  
Re: Andres Santana parole  
granted under new youthful offender program

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**Modesto, California** - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Andres Santana, age 44, of Modesto was found suitable for parole during a December 15, 2016 "Youthful Offender" hearing of the State Board of Parole Hearings held at the California state prison in Avenal. Deputy District Attorney Meghan Anderson appeared at the hearing and argued for continued confinement based on Santana's danger to the community if he was released. The Board of Parole Hearings disagreed and granted Santana parole.

On July 12<sup>th</sup>, 1992 Santana, then age 19, shot and killed 14-year old Florentino Garcia. Santana killed Garcia after he used methamphetamine and alcohol over a three-day period. A Stanislaus County Superior Court jury convicted him of first degree murder with use of a firearm but an appellate court reduced the charge to second degree murder. He was sentenced to serve 19-years to life in state prison.

This was Santana's 5<sup>th</sup> parole hearing. At his last hearing on July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015 the Board of Parole had given him a three-year parole denial, but recent changes in the law allowed him to accelerate his next parole hearing since he was only 19 at the time he murdered a 14-year old boy.

The Governor's Office will review the Board of Parole Hearings' decision.

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