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Re: Ian Charles Brown denied parole

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Ian Charles Brown, age 48, of Modesto was found unsuitable for parole at an April 11, 2017 hearing of the State Board of Parole Hearings in San Quentin State Prison. Deputy District Attorney Elaine G. Casillas appeared at the hearing on behalf of the People.

On March 17, 1995, Modesto Police were called to victim Jerome Perry's apartment after friends of the victim found him nonresponsive, lying on his back, with a large amount of blood around his head. A heavy glass flower pot was found next to the body and the victim's vehicle was missing.

During the investigation detectives learned that Jason Brown and his brother Ian had gone to the victim's home the night of the murder to drink beer, beat the victim up and steal his truck. Jason told detectives that after they got drunk with the victim, his brother Ian repeatedly punched and used a "large glass object" to strike the victim on the head. When they left, they stole the victim's truck.

Pursuant to a plea agreement, Jason Brown pled guilty to several felony charges in exchange for his testimony against Ian in trial. On March 17, 1997, Brown was convicted by a jury of first degree murder with an enhancement for using a deadly weapon. He was sentenced to 25 years to life in prison.

Deputy District Attorney Casillas attended the parole hearing and argued for Brown's continued prison confinement based on his lack of remorse and failure to take any responsibility for committing the crime.

The Board agreed and denied parole for 3 years, finding the crime to be a "brutal beating death." They also found that Brown's rules violations while in prison showed that he "is still unable to control his impulses, especially his anger."

This was Brown's initial parole hearing and first denial of parole.

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