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PRESS RELEASE

For Immediate Release

Date: October 3, 2017
Re: Graciela Elvira Cervantes
Parole denied

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Graciela Elvira Cervantes, age 36, of Modesto was found unsuitable for parole during a hearing before the State Board of Parole Hearings held at the Central California Women's Facility in Chowchilla on September 22, 2017.

Deputy District Attorney Meghan Anderson appeared at the hearing and argued for Cervantes's continued confinement based on the nature of the offense, the inmate's prior failure to obey the law while on supervised probation, and the fact that she still presents a serious risk to the public if paroled. The Board of Parole Hearings agreed and denied parole for 3 years.

On June 24, 2007, Cervantes entered a garage where the 18-year old victim was sleeping and kidnapped her. The victim was taken to Cervantes's apartment in Modesto where Cervantes locked her in a closet, threatened her with death, beat her repeatedly, cut her with scissors, burned her with cigarettes, and forced the victim into prostitution with various men. After two days, the victim escaped from Cervantes's car as they were driving in Modesto and ran to a nearby Gallo security office and Sheriff's deputies were called. Detectives subsequently located and arrested Cervantes on August 8th. She pled no contest to a violation of Penal Code §206 - felony torture in October, 2008 and was sentenced to serve life in prison.

This was Cervantes's second parole hearing. She previously received a three-year denial in March of 2016. She will be scheduled for another hearing in 2019. That hearing date may be sooner due to recent changes in the law.

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