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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Frank Joseph Aleo
Parole Denied

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Frank Joseph Aleo, age 73, of Modesto was found unsuitable for parole during a February 13, 2019, hearing of the Board of Parole Hearings held at Chino State Prison. Deputy District Attorney Michael Houston appeared at the hearing on behalf of the People.

On June 6, 1982, Aleo drove himself and three others to the victim's apartment in an attempt to rob the victim of either money or marijuana. Aleo knocked on the door but was denied entrance. When the victim asked who was there, a female co-defendant answered it was her. Two other co-defendants then kicked in the door and Aleo's nephew shot and killed the victim. In 1983, a Stanislaus County jury found Aleo guilty of first degree murder, robbery and residential burglary along with an enhancement for being vicariously armed with a firearm. A judge sentenced Aleo to serve 31 years to life in state prison.

During the hearing in Chino, prosecutor Houston argued to the Commissioners that Aleo had not done any of the things he was told to do the last time he was before the Board in 2017: he failed to adequately provide a specific Sexual Relapse program, he failed to discuss the facts of his prior sexual-related convictions, he minimized his role in the murder and did not have adequate parole plans if released. The Board agreed and denied parole for three more years, although under current law he may be eligible to advance that date into 2020.

This was Aleo's fourth hearing, having been previously denied parole in 2008, 2014, and 2017.

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