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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Daniel Ray Slayter
Parole Granted

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Daniel Ray Slayter of Turlock was found suitable for parole at a May 8, 2019 hearing of the State Board of Parole Hearings at Mule Creek State Prison in Ione. Chief Deputy District Attorney Jeff Laugero appeared at the hearing and argued for continued confinement based on the nature of the offense, the inmate's lack of insight into the crime, criminal history, and the continuing threat of danger posed to the public. Inmate Slayter was convicted on July 7, 1994 of rape, kidnapping during carjacking, use of a knife, assault with a deadly weapon and false imprisonment and has been serving a prison sentence of 15 years to life.

The victim appeared at the hearing with her husband and adult daughter. The victim and her husband provided impact statements to the Board. These statements were two of the most impactful statements the Commissioners had heard in their years of conducting these hearings, both in their message and guidance to inmate Slayter. The victim told the panel how this crime, though traumatic, did not ruin her life. She was able to have a fulfilling life, with a loving husband and children. Her husband also provided a guide to inmate Slayter as to how he should view this chance at freedom and what he should do with this opportunity. Inmate Slayter apologized for the crime.

Inmate Slayter was previously found suitable for parole at a May 27, 2015 hearing. DDA Laugero appeared at that hearing and had argued for continued confinement of inmate Slayter. Though the panel at that hearing found inmate Slayter suitable for parole, then-Governor Brown intervened and requested an En Banc hearing of the Parole Board based on information provided by DDA Laugero at the hearing. On October 20, 2015, the Parole Board set the matter for a rescission hearing. DDA Laugero appeared at the February 18, 2016 rescission hearing and the panel found inmate Slayter's previous finding of suitability for parole to be based on inaccurate information. An investigation into the issues raised by the District Attorney's Office at the earlier hearings had confirmed the information relied on by the Board was inaccurate. A subsequent assessment based on the corrected information found inmate Slayter posed a moderate to high risk of reoffending. The earlier erroneous evaluation rated inmate Slayter a low to moderate risk of sexual recidivism. Based on the corrected assessment, the grant of parole was rescinded.

Slyter had previously been denied parole in 1997, 2000, 2005 and 2009, and he waived his parole hearing in 2012 and 2016.

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