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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Scott Arlan Hendrix
Three Strikes inmate denied parole

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Scott Arlan Hendrix, age 48, formerly of Modesto, was found unsuitable for parole during his initial hearing before the State Board of Parole Hearings held today at Sierra Conservation Center in Jamestown. Deputy District Attorney John Goold represented the People and opposed release on parole.

Hendrix is a career criminal who began breaking into houses at age 15 to support a drug habit. Despite being sent to the California Youth Authority as a juvenile and serving two prison terms as an adult, he continued to commit residential burglaries. In August of 1996, Hendrix was sentenced under California's "Three Strikes" law to serve 26 years to life in state prison.

Since being in prison custody, Hendrix aligned himself with the Nazi Low Riders, a white supremacist prison gang, reportedly for "protection" from attack by other inmates. As part of that group Hendrix admitted he participated in gang riots, fights, extortion, intimidation, drug trafficking, making weapons and passing them as instructed to other inmates. According to Hendrix's testimony during the hearing, one of those weapons he made was used in a prison murder committed by another inmate. Hendrix's last documented violent act was fighting with another inmate in 2015.

Prosecutor Goold argued to the board that Hendrix should not be released from custody. During the hearing, Hendrix had no real answers to the board's questions. He showed little to no insight into the reasons for his criminality other than telling the board he finally "woke up" and didn't want to die in prison. He showed no real understanding of what motivated him to become addicted to drugs or continually break into people's homes, commit violence while incarcerated and he had no detailed relapse prevention program or solid parole plans.

After deliberations, the Board of Parole Hearings denied Hendrix parole for a period of seven years.

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