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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Gary Charles Bowlin
Parole denial

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Gary Charles Bowlin, age 41, of Modesto, was denied parole at the conclusion of a hearing by the Board of Parole Hearings held at the California Medical Facility in Vacaville. Deputy District Attorney John Goold attended the hearing on behalf of the District Attorney's Office.

On October 1, 2001, Bowlin and David Ramos went to a house in Modesto to confront the victim at his front door over a disagreement. The victim was shot with a shotgun as he turned to call 911. He received serious injuries requiring repeated hospitalization, several surgeries and suffered permanent injury.

In 2003, Bowlin was convicted by a Stanislaus County jury of premeditated attempted murder, negligent discharge of a firearm into a residence, assault with a firearm, and being a felon in possession of a firearm along with enhancements for personally discharging a firearm and causing great bodily injury. Bowlin was later sentenced by Superior Court Judge Al Girolami to serve 29 years, 8 months in state prison.

Since being incarcerated, Bowlin joined a prison gang as a "White Crip" and amassed numerous violations of prison rules including participating in gang riots (2015, 2013, 2006); fighting (2013, 2008, 2004); sexual misconduct (2011), possessing a metal shank (2011); refusing to report (2008); possessing inmate manufactured alcohol (2008, 2007); disobeying rules (2008, 2007, 2005) and willfully delaying a peace officer in the performance of his duty (2005). Bowlin has a long criminal history dating back to 1996 including drug, auto theft and carrying a loaded firearm in public.

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Deputy District Attorney Goold asked the board to deny parole based on Bowlin's lack of credibility as shown by his evasive statements during the hearing that minimized his involvement in absolutely every negative incident in his file, his relatively recent start at positive programming and the danger he poses to the community if he were to be released.

At the conclusion of the hearing, the Board denied parole for another five years. This was Bowlin's first parole hearing since being sentenced in 2001.

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