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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Geraldine Quintin
Three Striker Denied Parole

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Modesto, California- Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Geraldine Quintin, age 69, was denied parole at the conclusion of a hearing by the Board of Parole Hearings held at the California Institute for Women in Chino. Deputy District Attorney Kirk Brennan appeared at the hearing on behalf of the People.

On August 27, 1995, Quintin burglarized a home, but was caught in the act by the homeowner who reported her license plate to police when Quintin drove away. A jury found her guilty of residential burglary on December 4, 1996. Quintin had previously been convicted of nine prior residential burglaries and had served two separate prison terms. Her nine prior serious felony convictions made her a “three-striker.” She was sentenced to 30 years to life on January 16, 1997 by Judge Girolami.

During her current incarceration, Ms. Quintin has received about 30 serious rules violations. She engaged in at least half a dozen acts of violence, including attempting to stab another inmate in the eye with a makeshift weapon. She also was disciplined for attempting to smuggle heroin into the prison.

A comprehensive risk assessment by a prison psychologist concluded that Quintin represents a moderate risk for future violence and an elevated risk relative to other long-term inmates. The assessment noted that Quintin displays all the predictive factors for violent recidivism.

After deliberations, the Board denied Quintin’s release on parole for a period of three years. The Board found that Quintin posed an unreasonable risk of danger to society if released. The Board noted Quintin’s extensive criminal history, prior violations of parole after prior prison terms, lack of self-control, and lack of insight and programming to address her serious substance abuse problems. She may petition the Board for an earlier date if circumstances warrant it. This was Quintin’s first parole hearing.

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