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PRESS RELEASE

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Date: June 14, 2021
Re: Jonny Heu
Violent felon denied parole

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Jonny Heu, age 38, of Modesto, was found unsuitable for parole during a June 9, 2021, hearing of the State Board of Parole Hearings held at the California State Prison in Solano. Deputy District Attorney Monroe Tyler appeared at the hearing on behalf of the People.

On May 14, 2001, Heu and other members of the "Roselawn Boys" criminal street gang drove to the Modesto residence of a rival gang member that Heu believed had robbed him. Upon arrival, Heu went to the front door and yelled for the victim to "come out." When he saw the victim through a window, Heu fired one shot, leaving a hole in a bedroom wall and grazing the victim's stomach. Heu also "pistol-whipped" a second victim and broke out the windows of two vehicles that were on the property trying to find items he believed were taken from him.

On April 7, 2003, a Stanislaus County jury convicted Heu of premeditated attempted murder with an enhancement for personally discharging a firearm, shooting at an inhabited dwelling with an enhancement for personal use of a firearm and assault with a deadly weapon. He is currently serving a 20 years-to-life prison sentence.

While in prison custody, between 2007 and 2015, Heu accumulated five violations for illegal cell phone possession and three violations involving violent acts such as fighting other inmates. Heu also admitted to a prison psychologist that he began involvement with gang activities at age nine when he shot up a store. In prison, he admitted making knives, holding knives for others, being in prison riots and selling drugs. The psychologist concluded that Heu's lack of rule violations since 2015 made him a moderate risk for future violence.

Prosecutor Tyler appeared at the parole hearing and argued for Heu's continued confinement based on the current risk of danger to the community posed by Heu due to his negative peer relationships and antisocial personality traits. The Board of Parole Hearings agreed and denied parole for three years.

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This was Heu's first parole hearing. He will be eligible for another parole hearing in 2024. That date may be advanced to an earlier date based on Hue's status as a "youthful offender," having committed the crimes when he was 18 years old.

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