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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Douglas Mouser
Parole Denied

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Douglas Mouser, age 62, formerly of Modesto was found unsuitable for parole for the fifth time at an August 3, 2022 hearing of the State Board of Parole Hearings at Valley State Prison in Chowchilla. His prior hearings were in 2011, 2014, 2018 and 2021. District Attorney Birgit Fladager, who prosecuted the case in 1999 along with now-Judge Rick Distaso, appeared at the hearing on behalf of the People.

Mouser was convicted by a jury in 1999 for the 1995 strangulation murder of his 14-year-old step-daughter, Genna Gamble. Following the murder, Mouser dumped her nude body down an embankment off Tim Bell Road outside of Waterford where it was discovered shortly afterwards by a passer-by who had pulled over at a turn-out overlooking a creek and initially thought the body was a mannequin. The trial lasted four months and was later profiled on an episode of "Forensic Files."

Genna's father, Tom Gamble, attended the hearing as he has since the first one in 2011. Retired District Attorney Investigator Linda Weidman also was present. Gamble told the two Parole Commissioners that, 27 years after his daughter's murder by Mouser, he would not be opposed to a grant of parole if Mouser would simply admit the truth of what he did and explain why he did it. Mouser continues to deny his guilt despite overwhelming evidence. District Attorney Fladager pointed out Mouser's failure to internalize any of the programming he has done while incarcerated to the point that he has a complete lack of insight into his personality, his triggers and why he continues to refuse to accept responsibility.

Commissioners O'Meara and Nijjer agreed that Mouser has much work left to do to obtain the necessary insight such that he would no longer pose an unacceptable risk of danger upon release from prison. They noted a lack of introspection, an undercurrent of anger, his unawareness of his emotions, his portrayal of himself as the victim and blaming others for his situation. They suggested he consider what District Attorney Fladager said: that he can put a stop to all these hearings, he should do the work and find out why. They denied parole for five more years.

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