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## PRESS RELEASE

### For Immediate Release

Date: November 30, 2023  
Re: Scott Terrell Simon  
Attempted Murderer Denied Parole

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**Modesto, California** - Stanislaus County District Attorney Jeff Laugero announced today that Scott Terrell Simon, 60, of Georgia was found not suitable for parole at a November 16, 2023 hearing of the State Board of Parole Hearings at Corcoran State Prison. Deputy District Attorney Victoria Vasquez appeared at the hearing and argued for continued confinement based on Inmate Simon's failure to accept responsibility for his crime, his lengthy criminal history, his multiple violations while in prison and his lack of offender change.

On November 20, 1995, 32 year old Simon, while wearing gloves, placed a gun in Jack Anderson's face and pulled the trigger from about a foot away. Simon shot at Anderson six times, hitting Anderson five times – once in the upper cheekbone, once in his right wrist, once in his chest, once in his left bicep and in between his shoulder blades near his spine. Following the shooting and after Anderson escaped the vehicle he was in with Simon, Simon aimed the vehicle at Anderson and hit Anderson in both of his legs with the vehicle.

Following a court trial, Simon was convicted of premeditated attempted murder, assault with a firearm, carjacking, assault with a deadly weapon, hit and run with injury and possession of a firearm having been convicted of a felony. The Honorable David G. Vanderwall sentenced Simon to 95 years-to-life in prison. The Fifth Appellate District affirmed Simon's conviction and sentence in 1999.

In preparation for the parole hearing, Simon refused to meet with his attorney on two occasions and on November 16th, Simon refused to attend this initial suitability hearing. The Board of Parole proceeded in Simon's absence, noting had Simon appeared at this hearing, they would have liked to discuss his 17 rules violations while in prison (six of which included weapons and three which involved substance abuse). The Board further stated they would have asked about his significant criminal history prior to the commitment offense and his patterns of crimes.

Following their review of what was before them – Simon’s prison file, the psychologist’s report, Simon’s criminal history and the arguments of counsel, the Board denied Simon parole for five years, finding him an unreasonable risk to public safety. Simon will be scheduled for another hearing in 2028, although he may petition the Board for an earlier date if there is a change in circumstances as defined under current law.

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