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NEWS RELEASE

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Re: Antonio Perez Parole Hearing

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MODESTO, CALIFORNIA – Stanislaus County District Attorney James Brazelton announced today that Antonio Perez, age 49, has been found unsuitable for parole after a September 18th, 2002 hearing of the State Board of Prison Terms held at the Correctional Training Facility in Soledad, California.

Perez was convicted in 1987 of first degree murder with the use of a weapon for the killing of Stockton schoolteacher Carlos Porras. Porras disappeared in January of 1986 and his body found approximately one month later in a portion of the Delta Mendota canal located within Stanislaus County. He had been killed by blows to the head with a blunt instrument. Shortly after his disappearance, Perez was seen driving the victim's car and was in possession of the victim's wallet. He was arrested after the victim's body was found.

Perez is currently serving a sentence of 26 years to life in prison. This was his first parole hearing. Chief Deputy District Attorney John Goold appeared at the hearing and argued for Perez' continued confinement based on the brutality of the crime, the inmate's complete lack of remorse, and the threat to public safety if he was released on parole.

Perez will be scheduled for another parole hearing in four years.

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