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NEWS RELEASE

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MODESTO, CALIFORNIA – Stanislaus County District Attorney James Brazelton announced today that Andrew Flores, age 40, was found unsuitable for parole after an October 21st hearing of the State Board of Prison Terms held at Mule Creek State Prison.

Andrew Flores was convicted in 1990 of the attempted murder and robbery of 31 year old Kathy Ann Vargas. On October 17th, 1989, Flores repeatedly entered the Modesto Mini Mart where Vargas worked, the last time being at 1:30 AM. Flores was drunk, wielding a knife and demanded Vargas get him some beer. Ms. Vargas, afraid to turn her back on him for fear that she would be stabbed, told Flores to get whatever he wanted. Flores then attacked Vargas, stuffed something in her mouth to prevent her from screaming, and stabbed her a total of 7 times. Doctors at Memorial Hospital found Ms. Vargas “very close to death” when she was admitted.

Deputy District Attorney Annette Rees appeared at the parole hearing and argued that Flores still posed an unreasonable risk of harm to society and particularly to Stanislaus County, where he intended to return upon his release. “This was a needless crime, committed in a very cruel and callous manner, all for the sake of alcohol. Even 13 years later, nothing presented at this hearing gave me any reassurance that our community will be safe from this man’s violence and alcohol abuse.”

Andrew Flores is serving a Life plus 7 year sentence . He will be scheduled for another parole hearing in one year.

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