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NEWS RELEASE

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Re: John Cole Parole Hearing

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MODESTO, CALIFORNIA – Stanislaus County Assistant District Attorney Carol Shipley announced today that John Cole, 47, was found unsuitable for parole at a September 8, 2005 hearing of the State Board of Prison Terms in Corcoran State Prison. Deputy District Attorney Michael Houston appeared at the hearing and argued for continued confinement based on the seriousness of the committing offense, he has had a lengthy history of violence remains an extremely high risk to the citizens of Stanislaus County to commit more violent crimes if he was released. The Board of Prison Terms agreed and denied parole for a minimum of four years.

Cole was convicted of Second Degree Murder and the use of a deadly weapon in 1988 and is serving a 16 to Life prison sentence. Cole had previously been denied parole in 2004 and 2000. Cole will be scheduled for another hearing in 2009.

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