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NEWS RELEASE

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Re: Edward Haro Parole Hearing

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MODESTO, CALIFORNIA – Stanislaus County District Attorney James Brazelton announced today that Edward Haro, age 48, was found unsuitable for parole at a March 9, 2005 hearing of the State Board of Prison Terms in Vacaville. Deputy District Attorney Doug Maner appeared at the hearing and argued for continued confinement based on the violent nature of the offense and lack of concrete parole plans. Cecelia Flores Kelley, the former wife of one of the two decedents, Joseph Flores, addressed the board and requested the release of her husband's killer.

Haro and four friends killed Gilbert and Joseph Flores after they accused them of burglarizing Haro's home. Haro had threatened on several occasions to kill the persons who stole his property and went in search of them with several armed companions. The Flores brothers were found by Haro and his crime partners, then kidnapped at gunpoint and taken to a remote orchard in rural Stanislaus County, where they were shot over ten times by three different guns. Haro and his crime partners then left the Flores brothers to bleed to death in the orchard while they went to a bar and drank beer.

Haro was convicted by a jury of two counts of murder and two counts of kidnaping with firearms allegations in 1986. Haro is serving a thirty one year to life prison term and was being considered for parole for the first time. Haro will be scheduled for another hearing in one year.

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