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**NEWS RELEASE**

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Re: John Ruiz Parole Hearing

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MODESTO, CALIFORNIA – Stanislaus County District Attorney James Brazelton announced today that John Ruiz, 54, was found unsuitable for parole at a 2-14-05 hearing of the State Board of Prison Terms at Solano State Prison, Vacaville. Deputy District Attorney Richard Gore appeared at the hearing and argued for continued confinement contending that if released, the prisoner would pose an unreasonable risk of danger to the public.

On September 15<sup>th</sup>, 1988, Ruiz became involved in a disputed drug deal where he shot and killed victim Jorge Ortiz. He was convicted of second degree murder on March 21<sup>st</sup>, 1989 and is serving a life sentence. He has previously been denied parole and will be scheduled for another hearing in three years.

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