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PRESS RELEASE

For immediate release

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Re: MONTANO PAROLE DENIAL

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Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Antonio Montano, age 47 of Modesto, was found unsuitable for parole after an appearance before the State Board of Parole Hearings held at the California State Prison in Corcoran. Deputy District Attorney Doug Maner appeared on behalf of the People and argued against Montano's release.

On January 18, 1994, Montano flew into a jealous rage when he believed that his wife of sixteen years had an affair, stabbing and disemboweling her. The couple's young children saw Montano stab, choke and threaten to kill their mother, and ran to a neighbor's house to call for help. Montano admitted stabbing his wife, but claimed that it was an accident. In 1995, a Stanislaus County jury convicted him of attempted murder with premeditation, personal use of a deadly weapon and the infliction of great bodily injury. He was sentenced to life in prison.

During the parole hearing on July 6th, Montano maintained that he had been rehabilitated and was ready to return home to his wife whom he claimed would welcome him back. However, he never fully admitted his responsibility for the crime, failed to participate in domestic violence or substance abuse counseling, and has been an active, documented member of the Northern Structure prison gang for many years. The Board denied Montano's parole due to the violent nature of the attack and his inadequate institutional behavior.

This was Montano's third bid for parole. His next hearing will be in two years.

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