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PRESS RELEASE

**For immediate release**

Date: October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2007

Re: Parole Denial in murder  
case

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**MODESTO, CALIFORNIA** - Stanislaus County District Attorney, Birgit Fladager, announced today that Fernando Arreola, age 37 of Turlock, was found unsuitable for parole after an October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2007 hearing before the State Board of Prison Terms held at Corcoran State Prison. Deputy District Attorney Doug Maner appeared at the hearing and argued for Arreola's continued confinement based on the extremely callous and violent nature of the crime, Arreola's documented disciplinary problems while in state prison and inadequate parole plans. The Board of Prison Terms agreed and denied Arreola's parole for the maximum time permitted - five years.

In 1995, Arreola was convicted by a Stanislaus County Superior Court jury of second degree murder for causing the death of his girlfriend's 10 month old baby boy. He was subsequently sentenced to serve a life sentence in prison.

The Board of Prison Terms' unusual five year parole denial was prompted, in part, by Arreola's plans to live with a teenage relative if he was released from prison, his lack of candor with the Board during the parole hearing, his recent disciplinary violations while in prison and his refusal to accept responsibility for the crime.

This was Arreola's second parole hearing. In 2002, Arreola's parole was denied for 4 years.

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