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**PRESS RELEASE**

**For Immediate Release**

Date: March 3, 2009  
Re: Murderer, William Sizemore, granted a  
parole date.

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**Modesto, California** - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that William Sizemore, age 44, of Columbus, Ohio, was granted a parole date after a hearing of the State Board of Parole Hearings conducted on February 23, 2008 at Soledad State Prison. Deputy District Attorney Richard Gore appeared at the hearing and argued for the continued confinement of Sizemore based on the risk of danger to the public that he may pose should he be released into the community. The Board of Parole Hearings disagreed and concluded that Sizemore would not pose a danger to the community if paroled.

On October 21, 1983, Sizemore, then age 19, along with Michael Chandler, age 28, were traveling through California with victim William Martin, age 52, in Martin's motor home. Sizemore and Chandler hatched a plan to rob Martin and take his motor home. The three men pulled off the road in Modesto and Chandler and Sizemore took Martin out into an orchard where Chandler pulled out a gun and shot Martin to death. The pair left with the motor home and were arrested a few days later while committing additional crimes in Iowa.

On June 27, 1984, Sizemore was convicted by a jury of first degree murder. He was serving a twenty-five years-to-life prison sentence. Sizemore had been denied parole on five prior occasions.

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