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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: **HERNANDEZ PAROLE DENIAL**

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Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Augustin Hernandez, age 51, formerly of Sacramento, was found unsuitable for parole at a March 17, 2010 hearing of the State Board of Parole Hearings at Solano State Prison. Senior Deputy District Attorney Doug Maner opposed the parole request and requested continued confinement based on lack of rehabilitation and current risk of violence due to his continued denial of responsibility for this offense. The Board of Parole Hearings agreed and denied parole for 7 years.

Hernandez was convicted of premeditated attempted murder in 1998 and was sentenced to life in prison. In May 1997, Hernandez argued with his wife, choked and beat her at his house in Sacramento. She fled and he followed her to Modesto. He eventually found her sleeping with another man. Hernandez shot his wife six times while their daughters were clinging to her legs. At the parole hearing, Hernandez claimed that he blacked out due to excessive alcohol intake and methamphetamine abuse and he refused to admit any prior acts of domestic violence or take responsibility for this crime. Despite the fact that every bullet he fired struck his wife and that he was telling her he was going to kill her while he was shooting her, he denied that he intended to kill her. This was his first parole hearing.

If he is ever paroled, he will be immediately deported to Mexico.