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**PRESS RELEASE**

**For Immediate Release**

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Re: Juan Palacios-Perez

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**Modesto, California** - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Juan Palacios-Perez of Stockton was found unsuitable for parole at a November 5<sup>th</sup> hearing of the State Board of Parole Hearings at Mule Creek State Prison in Ione. Deputy District Attorney Beth O'Hara Owen appeared at the hearing and argued for continued confinement based on his lack of remorse, parole plans and programming. The State Board of Parole Hearings agreed and denied parole for three years.

Palacios-Perez faced this initial parole hearing based on a conviction in 1999. He was convicted of kidnapping, carjacking and use of a firearm and is serving a life +10 year sentence.

On May 16, 1998 at approximately 3:45am, Modesto Police were dispatched regarding a suspicious circumstance involving a man who stated he had been carjacked and was being forced to cash a check. The caller, a clerk at Pak-n-Save, indicated there was a suspect inside the store with the victim and another waiting in an unknown vehicle in the parking lot.

The victim stated as he walked out of the 7-11 on McHenry and Morris Avenue in Modesto, he approached his truck located directly in front of the store. He observed two males approaching him. Palacios-Perez pushed the victim from behind into the driver's seat while holding a gun to his head. The other subject (Antonio Moreno) got into the truck from the passenger side. Palacios-Perez ordered the victim to get into the truck and said "if you make a false move, I'm gonna kill you."

Palacios-Perez then drove the truck out of the parking lot onto Adams Street where the suspects took the victim's wallet and checkbook, removing approximately \$116 from his wallet. Moreno told the victim, "If you don't give us more money I'm going to kill you." The victim then explained he could get \$300 cash from his ATM. Upon arrival at the ATM, the victim was only allowed to withdraw \$100. Moreno then demanded a check be written and cashed. The suspects then drove the victim to Pak-n-Save. The victim and Palacios-Perez entered the store to cash the check. The victim seized an opportunity to gain safety when Palacios-Perez went to check on the truck. The victim then told the clerk that he had been kidnapped. The clerk initially didn't

believe the victim, so he begged the clerk to call the manager. Once the manager became involved, the police were called and responded immediately. Both suspects were taken into custody at the scene.

At the hearing, Ms. O'Hara Owen argued that continued confinement was necessary. "Mr. Palacios-Perez has shown zero remorse, zero empathy, zero accountability, zero plausible parole plans, zero planning for his drug problem and mental health issues thus has a zero chance of parole success."

Palacios-Perez will be scheduled for another hearing in 3 years.

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