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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Armondo Mendez-Parole Denied for
Convicted Child Molester

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Armondo Mendez, age 47, formerly of Modesto, was found unsuitable for parole at a December 16, 2014 hearing of the State Board of Parole Hearings at Kern Valley State Prison in Delano. Deputy District Attorney Jeff Mangar appeared at the hearing and argued for continued confinement based on the current threat that Mr. Mendez poses to our community. The Board of Parole Hearings agreed and denied Mendez's parole for seven more years.

In 1996, Mendez was convicted of molesting his brother's four-year-old daughter and five-year-old son on several occasions in May 1996. Mendez was living with his brother's family because his own home had burned down. He babysat while the other adults were working. On December 26, 1996, Mendez was sentenced to fifteen years-to-life in state prison. Ten years earlier, Mendez had been convicted of molesting his other brother's five, six, and seven-year-old boys for which he received a six-year prison term.

During the parole hearing, Mr. Mendez could not explain how he has changed or what he has learned since being incarcerated. When asked why a prior conviction for child molestation did not stop him from re-offending, he had no response. Although counseling is available at the prison, he has not attended any sex offender treatment programs. "Mr. Mendez has provided no meaningful explanation for his deviant, antisocial behavior," stated prosecutor Jeff Mangar, "and he continues to refuse mental health programs." Although Mendez received a three-year denial at his last parole hearing, the Board agreed that Mendez is still a danger if released back to Modesto.

Mr. Mendez will be scheduled for another hearing in 2021.