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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Catarino Sanchez Martinez

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Catarino Sanchez Martinez, age 48, of Modesto was found unsuitable for parole after a February 26, 2016 hearing of the State Board of Parole Hearings at California State Prison, Solano, in Vacaville. Deputy District Attorney Jeff Laugero appeared at the hearing and argued for Martinez's continued confinement based upon the nature of the offense, the inmate's lack of any insight into the crime and the fact that he still presents a serious risk to the public if released. The Board of Parole Hearings agreed and denied parole for 3 years.

In 1998, Martinez stabbed and seriously injured his wife after she told him she wanted a divorce. He was convicted by a Stanislaus County Superior Court jury on September 28, 1998 of attempted murder, domestic violence, personal use of a knife and personally inflicting great bodily injury.

Martinez is serving a prison sentence of 11 years-to-life. This is the fifth denial of parole. He will be eligible for another hearing sometime in 2019.

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