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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Charles Wayne Lairson, age 65, formerly of Modesto, was found unsuitable for parole at an April 12, 2016 hearing of the State Board of Parole Hearings at Corcoran State Prison. Deputy District Attorney Tracy Roland appeared at the hearing and argued for continued confinement based on Lairson's lack of insight into the causative factors. The victim's daughter and two granddaughters addressed the board and read letters from other family members. They requested that Lairson never be released from prison. The Board of Parole Hearings denied Lairson parole for five years.

On April 10, 2001, Lairson killed his mother at her trailer home in Modesto when she caught him stealing money from her wallet. Lairson hit his mother in the head multiple times with a hammer, then stabbed her in the neck and chest, leaving her to die on the trailer floor. Lairson admitted to stealing the money to buy drugs. In January 2003, Lairson entered a plea to second degree murder and admitted and enhancement of personally using a deadly and dangerous weapon. He was sentenced to 16 years to life in prison.

Lairson will be scheduled for another hearing in 2021.