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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Bonnie Sue Meyers, age 86, of Modesto, was found suitable for parole during a February 28, 2017 hearing of the State Board of Parole Hearings at the Central California Women's Facility in Chowchilla. Deputy District Attorney Jeff Laugero appeared at the hearing on behalf of the People.

Meyers had been convicted of second degree murder with use of a weapon for the brutal April 29, 1985 beating death of her husband of seven months, Don Meyers. She was sentenced to 6 years to life in state prison for that crime.

At the hearing in Chowchilla, Deputy District Attorney Laugero argued for continued confinement based on Meyers's complete lack of remorse and failure to acknowledge her role in the crime. She had been previously denied parole nine times. During the last parole denial in 2015, one Commissioner had remarked he was "terrified there will be another Don if we let you out."

This time, the Board of Parole Hearings determined that Meyers's advanced age, poor health, and institutional programming outweighed her continued denial of responsibility for the crime and found her suitable for release on parole.

The grant of parole is subject to review by the Governor's Office.

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