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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Manuel DaSilva
Parole denial

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Manuel DaSilva, age 72, was denied parole for the fourth time after a May 11, 2017 hearing before the Board of Parole Hearings held at the California Men's Colony state prison in San Luis Obispo. Deputy District Attorney Blythe Harris appeared at the hearing on behalf of the People.

DaSilva was convicted of murdering his wife, Rosa DaSilva, on July 5, 1992. DaSilva hit his wife over the head with a rifle and then shot her in the head at point blank range. A witness heard the shots and saw DaSilva in his yard holding the firearm. He told the witness, "My wife, she's no good. I kill this wife, she ruined my life."

DaSilva was 41-years-old at the time of the murder. In June of 1998, he pled no contest to second degree murder and was sentenced to 15 years to life in state prison.

The board denied parole for three years finding that DaSilva continued to be a danger to the community and that he needed to continue his mental health treatment. The board also made findings that he lacked significant insight into his responsibility for the crime and failed to realize the tragic impact it has had on the victim's family.

Under recent changes in the law, DaSilva is eligible for Elder Parole and also may be able to advance his next hearing date to as early as next year.

DaSilva is a Portuguese citizen and may be deported upon his release.

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