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## PRESS RELEASE

### For Immediate Release

Date: September 7, 2017  
Re: Shelton Adams  
Parole Denied

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Shelton Adams, age 39, of Modesto, was found unsuitable for parole during an August 31, 2017 hearing of the State Board of Parole Hearings held at the Soledad Correctional Facility. Deputy District Attorney Dina Petrushenko appeared at the hearing on behalf of the People.

In May of 1994, Adams shot and killed Francisco Vega, age 35, and Enrique Cuevas, age 19, by shooting one in the head and the other in the heart during a botched robbery attempt. It is believed that at the time Adams committed the crimes, he was merely showing off to fellow gang members. He was subsequently convicted of the double murder and sentenced to prison.

During the parole hearing on August 31<sup>st</sup>, Deputy District Attorney Petrushenko argued for Adams's continued confinement based on his repeated violations of prison rules since he has been incarcerated and the danger to public safety if he were to be released. The Board of Parole Hearings agreed and denied parole for five more years.

Adams was 16 years old at the time of the crime. He is serving a 19 years-to-life prison sentence. Previously, in 2014, Adams stipulated that he was not suitable for parole. He is eligible for another hearing in 2022, although based upon his age and current state of the law that date may be sooner.

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