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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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Re: **Denial of Parole** 

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MODESTO, CALIFORNIA – Stanislaus County District Attorney James Brazelton announced today that **Freddie Leon Rogers**, 44, a former Modesto resident, was found unsuitable for parole by the State Board of Prison Terms during a July 23, 2002 parole hearing. The hearing was held at the California Men's Colony in San Luis Obispo, where Rogers is currently housed.

Deputy District Attorney Jeanne Schechter appeared on behalf of the People and argued against parole for Rogers, based on his prior criminal history and the depravity of the crime for which he was convicted and sentenced to life in prison.

A Stanislaus County Superior Court jury found Rogers guilty of first degree murder and robbery in the June 2, 1978 slaying of Jimmie Lee Hendrix in a Modesto, Pine Street apartment. Hendrix was beaten with a tire iron, stabbed numerous times, and had his throat sliced open by Rogers. A few days later, Rogers and an accomplice dumped Mr. Hendrix's body into a canal in the Salida area.

Rogers will be eligible for another parole hearing in two years.