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NEWS RELEASE

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Re: Elias Bedoy Parole Hearing

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MODESTO, CALIFORNIA – Stanislaus County District Attorney James Brazelton announced today that Elias Bedoy, age 37, was found unsuitable for parole during a January 28, 2003 hearing of the State Board of Prison Terms held at Soledad State Prison.

In 1988 Bedoy was sentenced to a life term in prison after being convicted of attempted murder on Ramiro Saldivar and an additional four counts of assault with a firearm on Coco Rangel and Salomon Deleon. On June 18, 1987 sheriff's deputies found Saldivar near a vehicle across from Bedoy's residence in Grayson with gunshot wounds to his chest, abdomen and arm. Saldivar informed the deputies that Bedoy had shot him three times with a .12 gauge shotgun. Rangel had been shot in the back and Deleon in the leg. The shooting appeared to be the result of a longstanding feud between the Bedoys and the Saldivars.

Deputy District Attorney Elaine Casillas appeared at the hearing on behalf of the People of the State of California, and argued for continued confinement based on the callous nature of the crime for which he was convicted and the degree of threat he would pose to the public if he was released at this time. This was Bedoy's third parole hearing, and the parole board denied him parole for a period of one year.

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