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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 Jack Dewayne Britt of Ceres, was found unsuitable for parole at a January 6th 2002 hearing before the State Board of Prison Terms held at the Soledad Correctional Training Facility.

Britt was convicted of murder for the December 1st, 1981 killing of John Crahan, a local teacher. Britt shot Crahan at his Modesto home during a botched kidnaping and extortion plot. He was sent to the California Youth Authority in November of 1983 after pleading guilty to Second Degree murder with the use of a firearm. Two years later he was transferred to the State Prison system because he was no longer amenable to the Youth Authority programs.

Chief Deputy District Attorney John Goold and the victim's niece appeared at the hearing and argued against Britt's release on parole, citing as factors the nature of the crime, Britt's probation status at the time, his conduct while in prison, and the impact the crime had on the victim's 80 year old mother and relatives.

Britt is serving a life sentence and has previously been denied parole five times. He will be scheduled for another hearing in one (1) year.