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Re: Rodrigo Orozco Parole Hearing

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MODESTO, CALIFORNIA – Stanislaus County District Attorney James Brazelton announced today that Rodrigo Orozco, 38, was found unsuitable for parole during a July 23rd, 2003 hearing of the State Board of Prison Terms held at California State Prison, Solano, in Vacaville.

Deputy District Attorney Elizabeth O'Hara-Johnson appeared at the hearing and argued for continued confinement based on the callous nature of the crime for which he was convicted.

On May 5, 1983, Rodrigo Orozco entered the home of 79 year old George Joseph Shafer. Orozco bound, gagged and robbed Mr. Shafer then left him to die from asphyxia due to strangulation by the ligature and gag in his mouth. Mr. Orozco was convicted of first degree murder and sentenced to 25 years to life in state prison.

Orozco has previously been denied parole. He will be eligible for another hearing in one year.

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