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Re: JOHN ADAMS Parole Hearing

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MODESTO, CALIFORNIA – Stanislaus County District Attorney James Brazelton announced today that JOHN ADAMS, age 48, was found unsuitable for parole at an August 13th hearing of the State Board of Prison Terms held at the state prison in Vacaville.

Adams was convicted of first degree murder in 1981. He shot victim James Goff after Goff intervened in a armed confrontation between Adams and another person who was trying to prevent Adams from shooting a man with whom he'd just lost a fist fight. Deputy District Attorney Doug Maner appeared at the parole hearing on behalf of the People and argued for Adams' continued confinement based on the brutal and callous nature of the homicide, as well as his prior record of violent felonies, and vague parole plans.

Adams is serving a twenty five year to life term and has previously been denied parole four times. He will be scheduled for another hearing in one year.