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NEWS RELEASE

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Re: Freddie Leon Rogers Parole Hearing

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MODESTO, CALIFORNIA – Stanislaus County District Attorney James Brazelton announced today that Freddie Leon Rogers, age 46, was deemed mentally unfit to attend his parole hearing at the Department of Corrections, California Men's Colony, in San Luis Obispo.

Deputy District Attorney Nate Baker appeared for the hearing to argue for continued confinement based on the heinous nature of the crime, Rogers' psychological instability, and his continued threat to the community if released.

A Stanislaus County jury found Rogers guilty of first-degree murder in the June 2, 1978 slaying of Jimmie Lee Hendrix in a Pine Street apartment. Hendrix was beaten with a tire iron, stabbed numerous times with a knife, and his body was thrown into a Salida area canal.

Rogers is serving a life sentence. This marks the eleventh time that Rogers has been denied parole. He will be scheduled for another parole hearing next year.