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PRESS RELEASE

For immediate release

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Re: Rodney Cruzon

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Modesto, California – Stanislaus County Assistant District Attorney Carol Shipley announced today that Rodney Cruzon of Modesto was found unsuitable for parole at a May 3, 2006 hearing of the State Board of Prison Terms in San Luis Obispo. Deputy District Attorney Richard Gore appeared at the hearing and argued for the continued confinement of Cruzon based on the threat posed to public safety should Cruzon be released. The Board of Prison Terms agreed and denied parole for another year.

Cruzon was convicted on October 7, 1986 of second degree murder. He is serving a 15 year to life prison sentence. On January 26, 1986, Cruzon and his crime partner Ricky James, entered the home of Harry Foursha, age 70. Mr. Foursha was struck in the head two or three times with a hammer wielded by James. Disabled from the blows, the two men then bound and gagged Mr. Foursha, and methodically went through the home looking for items to steal. Mr. Foursha died of asphyxiation and was found a few days later by his brother.

Cruzon had previously been granted parole on December 1, 2004. On April 13, 2005, that grant of parole was reversed by Governor Schwarzenegger. Cruzon will be scheduled for another parole hearing in approximately one year.

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