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Re: Lifer Hearing - Benjamin Kaharik

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Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that BENJAMIN KAHARIK of Ceres was found unsuitable for parole after a hearing before the State Board of Prison Terms held in Lancaster, California on October 11th, 2006.

Deputy District Attorney Michael Houston appeared by telephone conference call at the hearing and argued for continued confinement based on the seriousness of the offenses and continued acts of violence while incarcerated in the state prison system. The Board of Prison Terms agreed and denied Kaharik's parole for another two years.

In 1997 Kaharik and a co-defendant kidnapped a man outside a Radio Shack in Ceres and drove him to an ATM where the victim was forced to remove money from his account. The victim was later released near an orchard in Keyes. As he ran into the Orchard, the defendants fired shots from a firearm.

In 1998 Kaharik was convicted of Kidnaping during a Carjacking, Carjacking and Robbery, all while using a firearm and sentenced to a life term in state prison. Kaharik will be scheduled for another parole hearing in two years.

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