PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Kheth Khun Parole Hearing

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Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Kheth Khun of Modesto was found unsuitable for parole at his State Board of Parole Hearing held on June 19, 2008 at the state prison in Soledad, California. Deputy District Attorney Richard Gore appeared at the hearing and argued for continued confinement based on the threat to public safety Khun would pose should he be released into the community. Parole was denied for a period of two more years.

On April 9, 1991, a jury convicted Khun of three counts of attempted premeditated murder with the personal use of a firearm. Khun's conviction arose out of an incident which occurred on November 9, 1990. On that night, Khun, a member of the Modesto Hit Squad street gang, went with other gang members to the area of the Pizza Pub restaurant in order to confront and shoot rival gang members. Upon his arrival, Khun got out the car and approached a crowd in the parking lot. He pulled a gun out from under his jacket and fired twice into the crowd and once at an individual in a parked truck . Two high school students who were in the crowd were seriously wounded. The wounded students were innocent bystanders, simply there for pizza after the Friday night football game.

Kuhn is serving a life sentence with the possibility of parole. Khun has always maintained his innocence and he did so again at the June 19th hearing. He will be scheduled for another parole hearing in two years.

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