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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Antonio Montano- parole denied for 1994
Attempted Murder

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Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Antonio Montano, age 51, formerly of Modesto, waived his parole hearing and agreed to a one year parole denial in front of the State Board of Prison Hearings at Corcoran State Prison on December 3, 2008. Senior Deputy District Attorney Doug Maner appeared at the hearing and would have argued for a two-year parole denial (the maximum for a non-homicide) if the inmate had not waived his right to a hearing.

The case arose out of events which occurred on January 18, 1994, in the city of Modesto. Montano flew into a jealous rage when he believed that his wife of sixteen years had an affair. He used a knife to repeatedly stab and disembowel her. Her injuries were life threatening and she was hospitalized for weeks. The couple's young children saw Montano stab, choke and threaten to kill their mother, and ran to a neighbor's house to call for help. Montano admitted stabbing his wife, but claimed that it was an accident. The jury didn't believe his story and convicted him in 1995 of attempted murder with premeditation, personal use of a deadly weapon and the infliction of great bodily injury.

Montano did not have valid and verifiable parole plans nor was there sufficient evidence that he had been rehabilitated and no longer posed a risk to the community.

Montano had been sentenced to life with the possibility of parole . He has been incarcerated for this crime for 14 years. This was his 4th parole hearing.

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