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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Andrew Flores-Parole Denial

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Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Brigit Fladager announced today that Andrew Flores age 49 , formerly of Modesto, was found unsuitable for parole at an October 24, 2009 hearing of the State Board of Prison Hearings at Corcoran State Prison and Substance Abuse facility. Due to budgetary constraints, the District Attorney's Office did not attend the hearing, but did submit a letter in opposition to parole along with similar letters from the victim and the Modesto Police Department.

Flores was convicted of Attempted Murder, infliction of great bodily injury, and robbery in 1989. The District Attorney's Office requested that parole be denied due to the cruel and callous nature of the crime, prior unsuccessful attempts at rehabilitation, failure to upgrade educationally, and prior acts of prison misconduct. Flores repeatedly stabbed a mini-mart clerk because she would not hand him a beer while he was robbing her store. The victim suffered substantial injuries, nearly bled to death, and required two surgeries over a several year period. Flores had been on juvenile and adult probation at the time of the crime and, despite spending the last 19 years in prison, still does not have his G.E.D. In addition, Fores has had previous assaults and controlled substance violations.

The Board of Prison Hearings agreed with the District Attorney's recommendation and denied parole. Flores is serving a life sentence and has been denied parole 6 times; he will be eligible for another parole hearing in three years.

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