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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: MANUEL DASILVA PAROLE DENIAL

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Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Manuel Dasilva, age 64, formerly of Modesto, was found unsuitable for parole at an October 1, 2009 hearing of the State Board of Prison Hearings at Pleasant Valley State Prison in Coalinga where Dasilva is undergoing treatment by the Department of Mental Health. Senior Deputy District Attorney Doug Maner opposed the parole request and requested continued confinement based on lack of rehabilitation, poor parole plans and mental health problems which make him a threat to society. The Board of Prison Hearings agreed and denied parole for 3 years.

In 1992, Dasilva shot his wife during an argument over his infidelity. His wife was unable to walk without crutches due to a recent surgery. He first shot his wife in the head with a rifle, inflicting a non-fatal wound. He then struck her on the head with the rifle barrel, killing her. Dasilva's trial was delayed five years due to claims that his mental illness made him incompetent to stand trial. After several stays in multiple state psychiatric facilities, Dasilva's mental issues were resolved to the point that he could go to jury trial. In 1998, he was convicted of First Degree Murder with the use of a firearm and was sentenced to life in prison.

He has been incarcerated for 17 years. This was his third parole hearing.