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Re: Parole Eligibility Hearing For Efrain Rodriguez Carol Shipley, Assistant District Attorney

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Efrain Rodriguez, formerly of Ripon, was found unsuitable for parole at a May 16, 2013 hearing of the State Board of Parole Hearings in California State Prison, Solano.

On February 26, 1994 prior to midnight at Lupe's bar at 5254 McHenry in Modesto, victim Rene Martinez knocked Rodriguez's beer off the bar during a dispute. Rodriguez pulled out a .22 semi-automatic Ruger pistol and shot Martinez three times killing him.

On March 20, 1994 shortly after 1:00 a.m., Efrain Rodriguez, Jose Rivera and another companion were drinking at Corina's Bar at South First Street in Turlock. During a dispute in the Bar's parking lot, Rodriguez shot Rivera to death with the same .22 Ruger pistol.

Efrain Rodriguez pled guilty to charges of Second Degree Murder and Voluntary Manslaughter, both with enhancements for the personal use of a firearm. On May 2, 1996, he was sentenced to state prison for 19 years-to-life.

Efrain Rodriguez was previously denied parole in June, 2006. At the 2013 hearing, the Board denied parole for another three years.