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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Delbert Duane Tinsley

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Delbert Duane Tinsley, formerly of Modesto, was found unsuitable for parole after an October 30th, 2012 hearing by the State Board of Parole Hearings at Pleasant Valley State Prison in Coalinga.

Tinsley was previously convicted of second degree murder with two weapons enhancements and is serving a 17-year-to-life prison sentence. Tinsley murdered the victim after she was lured into an open residential garage in 1998. In an unprovoked attack, Tinsley beat her, bludgeoned her with a fire place poker and stabbed her multiple times with a small knife. With the help of another person, he then drove her to a rural area of Escalon and dumped her in a canal. Despite her numerous injuries, such as a broken arm and broken jaw and loss of large amounts of blood, the victim was still alive and subsequently drowned in the canal.

Deputy District Attorney Robert J. Taro, who prosecuted Tinsley at the April 2000 jury trial, appeared at the hearing and argued for continued confinement based on the extreme violence and callous disregard that Tinsley demonstrated towards the victim. Taro argued that, due to all of the facts and circumstances surrounding this atrocious crime, "The prisoner still owes more time for this life offense and should not be released." Members of the State Board of Parole Hearings agreed and denied parole for five years after which Tinsley will be entitled to another hearing. The Board has authority to deny parole for a period of time from three to 15 years.

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