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**PRESS RELEASE**

**For Immediate Release**

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Re: George Palomar Denied Parole

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**Modesto, California** - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that George Palomar, age 56, formerly of Modesto, was found unsuitable for parole at an October 30, 2014 hearing of the State Board of Parole Hearings at Soledad State Prison. Deputy District Attorney Jeff Mangar appeared at the hearing and argued for continued confinement based on the lack of remorse by Mr. Palomar. The Board of Parole Hearings agreed and denied Palomar's parole for three more years.

At a New Year's Eve party on December 31, 1980, Palomar had an argument with his girlfriend and ripped her dress because he did not like the clothes she was wearing. Palomar's friend then put his arm around his shoulder, walked him to his car, and told Palomar to take it easy and calm down. Palomar then sat in his car and pulled out his handgun from his waistband. His friend asked, "What's wrong with you?" Palomar then shot his friend four times in the chest and neck, killing him instantly. An innocent bystander was also hit by seven bullets, none of them fatal. In May 1981, a jury convicted Palomar of murder.

During the parole hearing, Palomar admitted that he fabricated a claim to the prison psychologist that the victim was armed with a knife and that he had shot his friend in self-defense.

"Mr. Palomar's insight into the murder is one of denial and minimization," stated prosecutor Jeff Mangar. "In fact, Mr. Palomar has minimized his behavior not only about the murder, but about everything that has ever happened to him negatively while in-custody." The Board agreed.

Palomar will be scheduled for another hearing in 2017.