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## PRESS RELEASE

### For Immediate Release

Date: November 6, 2017  
Re: Jeffrey Paul Sanchez  
Parole granted

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**Modesto, California** - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Jeffrey Paul Sanchez, age 49, of Modesto was found suitable for parole during an October 31, 2017 hearing of the State Board of Parole Hearings held at the state prison in Soledad. Deputy District Attorney Jeff Laugero appeared at the hearing on behalf of the People.

On December 18, 1988, Sanchez and several co-defendants committed a robbery at the Assyrian Social Hall in Turlock. Expecting to take money from bingo patrons, the robbers arrived late, only to find a clean-up crew remaining at the hall. After robbing those present of their personal belongings, Sanchez decided to shoot one person in the back for no reason. The victim did survive. As Sanchez later described it, he shot the victim "in cold blood" because he was angry they did not get the money they had planned on.

Sanchez was convicted of attempted first degree murder and sentenced to life plus 9 years and 8 months in state prison. He has previously been denied parole six times, most recently in 2015. During the hearing, Deputy District Attorney Laugero argued for continued confinement based on Sanchez's lack of insight into the crime and the continued danger he presents to the community. The Board of Parole Hearings, giving great weight to Sanchez's status as a "youthful offender," found he no longer posed a threat and ordered his release.

The finding of suitability for parole will be reviewed by the Governor's office.

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