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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Richard Dean Morris
Parole Denied

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Richard Dean Morris, age 56, formerly of Ceres, was found unsuitable for parole during a February 27, 2018 hearing of the State Board of Parole Hearings at San Quentin State Prison located in San Quentin, CA.

Morris was convicted in 1985 of First Degree Murder and is serving a twenty-five-years-to-life prison sentence. He was also convicted in 1986 of stabbing another inmate causing great bodily injury and is serving a consecutive term of nine-years-to-life for that crime. Morris's brother, Robert, was also convicted for participating in the same murder. Robert was granted parole in 2016.

This was Morris's second parole hearing. Deputy District Attorney Heather M. Melton appeared at the hearing on behalf of the People and argued against the granting of parole based on Morris's continued dangerousness, deceptive answers that he gave during the hearing, and his incomplete parole plan. The Board agreed and denied parole for 3 more years.

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