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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Darrell Lynn Adams
Parole granted

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Darrell Lynn Adams, age 61, of Modesto, was found suitable for parole during a February 12, 2019 hearing of the State Board of Parole Hearings held at the Solano State Prison in Vacaville. Deputy District Attorney Emily Jeng appeared at the hearing on behalf of the People and argued against Adams's release.

On December 3, 1993, victim Doil Tidwell and a friend, Mike Irving, were smoking rock cocaine at the Paradise Apartments in Modesto and then at a house on Oak Street. They encountered Adams and an argument ensued that resulted in Irving returning some drugs to Adams. Forty minutes later, Adams drove by the Oak Street house and Tidwell approached his car. Adams told Tidwell to "run" and shot Tidwell in the arm as he ran away, causing severe injury.

In 1994, a Stanislaus County jury convicted Adams of premeditated attempted murder with an enhancement for using a firearm. He was sentenced to serve a life term in state prison.

Deputy District Attorney Emily Jeng appeared at the hearing on February 12th and argued against parole based on his continued lack of insight into what caused him to commit the crime and that he posed a high risk of danger to society if released. The Board of Parole Hearings disagreed and found that there was no evidence that Adams posed an unreasonable risk to public safety.

Adams had previously been denied parole in 2005, 2008, 2009, 2014 and 2016.

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