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## PRESS RELEASE

### For Immediate Release

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Re: Teako Matthews Hoskins  
Convicted Killer Denied Early Parole

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**Modesto, California** - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Teako Matthews Hoskins, age 48, of Modesto was denied early parole during an April 14, 2022 hearing before the State Board of Parole Hearings held at Richard J. Donovan Correctional Facility in San Diego. Special Prosecutor Holly MacKinnon appeared at the hearing on behalf of the People.

On June 22, 1993, Hoskins, then 19 years old, entered the home of victim Toyo Leche Thompson, then age 21, in order to rob her of \$40 worth of drugs. Even though he was friends with the victim, he savagely stabbed her at least 30 times with a kitchen knife in front of her 3-year-old child and 8-month-old baby. Hours after the murder, the victim's 3-year-old child walked to a neighbor's house to complain that she was cold and that her mother was dead. The neighbor then went to the victim's house where he heard the baby crying and found the body of the victim.

Hoskins was arrested and charged with murder and special circumstances, making him eligible for the death penalty. On November 9, 1994, a Stanislaus County Superior Court jury convicted him of first-degree murder but was unable to reach a verdict on the special circumstance. On March 1, 1995, Hoskins agreed to serve a 32 years-to-life sentence in exchange for a dismissal of the special circumstance allegation.

Since going to prison, Hoskins has repeatedly engaged in violent behavior – fighting, battery on an inmate, battery on staff, battery on a peace officer and participating in a riot. In one incident, Hoskins broke another inmate's jaw. He was also cited for violating prison rules such as disobeying orders, resisting staff, refusing to perform assigned duties, behavior which could lead to violence and delaying / obstructing a peace officer.

A prison psychologist who interviewed Hoskins in January of this year gave the opinion that Hoskins still represented a high risk for future violence in the community if he were to be paroled. The psychologist noted that, despite Hoskins being a “youthful offender” at the time of his offense, he continued to engage in criminal and manipulative behavior, failed to participate in sufficient

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self-help programming and had not addressed his impulsivity. Hoskins also continued to deny full responsibility for his past crime and did not show any appreciation for the impact it had on his victims.

During the hearing, prosecutor MacKinnon argued for continued confinement based on the extreme danger Hoskins represented to the community should he be released. MacKinnon stressed to the Board how Hoskins had 50 documented serious rule violations during his incarceration and lacked sufficient substance abuse programming. The Board of Parole Hearings agreed and denied Hoskins parole but for only three years.

This was Hoskins's second parole hearing. Parole was previously denied in 2017 for five years. He will be eligible for another parole hearing in 2025, however, that date may be advanced based on recent changes in the law. Hoskins has been in prison for approximately 27 years.

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