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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **For Immediate Release**

Date: November 4, 2024  
Re: Albert Edward Sandner, Jr.  
Convicted Murderer Denied Parole

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Jeff Laugero announced today that Albert Edward Sandner, Jr., age 50, of Modesto was found unsuitable for parole during a November 1, 2024, hearing of the State Board of Parole Hearings at Pelican Bay State Prison in Crescent City. Deputy District Attorney Holly MacKinnon appeared at the hearing on behalf of the People.

On June 15, 2003, Sandner and two others robbed, and brutally murdered a 39-year-old man. Sandner and the others lured the victim into driving them to Turlock to meet up with other friends to party. They drove into a carwash at the edge of the city and callously stabbed the victim over 14 times and left his body in the roadway for an innocent motorist to discover. Sandner and the others then took the victim's vehicle and attempted to burglarize the victim's home but were unable to find the right key from the victim's set of keys.

On February 7, 2006, Sandner was convicted by a jury of first-degree premeditated murder, committed while engaged in a robbery. He was sentenced to 25 years to life in state prison.

Since his admission to prison, Sandner has committed numerous rules violations including fighting, rioting, contraband and resisting staff. A prison psychologist who examined Sandner in 2023 gave the opinion that he still posed a moderate (lower moderate) risk for violence if he were to be released into the community. The psychologist felt Sandner would benefit from participating in self-help programming such as anger management and communication skills.

Prosecutor MacKinnon asked the Board to deny parole, pointing out that although Sandner had participated in a sufficient amount of programming and had a detailed parole release plan, he had not yet developed sufficient coping skills to manage his triggers for violence, making him an unreasonable risk of danger to the community if he were to be released from prison.

After deliberation, the Board denied parole for three years, stating that Sandner still demonstrated limited self-awareness into the causative factors of his life crime and needed more time to internalize his programming. However, Sandner demonstrated remorse and took responsibility for his actions. The Board felt he was on the right path toward parole suitability.

This was Sandner's first parole hearing. Due to his age, he is eligible for elder parole consideration and may petition the Board for another hearing earlier than in three years should his circumstances support it.

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