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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Eddie Lee Patterson
Career Criminal Denied Parole

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Jeff Laugero announced today that Eddie Lee Patterson, age 58, of Modesto was found unsuitable for parole at a November 5, 2024, hearing of the State Board of Parole Hearings. Deputy District Attorney Yasameen Sharifi appeared at the hearing and argued for continued confinement.

On August 29, 1996, and again on September 5, 1996, Patterson robbed the same convenience store in Ceres. On October 17, 1996, Ceres detectives arrested Patterson for the robberies. At the time of the Ceres robberies, Patterson was a parolee at large. He had been placed on parole for a Santa Clara County robbery conviction but had run away from his parole agent in May. During his interview, Patterson stated that since he was a three-strike candidate, he would not admit to committing the crime, even if he had been the perpetrator.

On July 14, 1997, Patterson was convicted of robbery and admitted his prior "Strikes" for a residential burglary and robbery. Patterson was then sentenced to 25 years to life in state prison.

During Patterson's third parole hearing, Prosecutor Sharifi argued against Patterson's release on parole based on his lack of understanding of his alcohol and drug addiction, his lack of insight into his criminality, and being unsuccessful while on parole in the past.

The Board deliberated shortly and agreed that Patterson was not suitable for parole. The Board indicated that they want Patterson to have detailed release plans, control of his emotions, and more programming. The Board agreed with Prosecutor Sharifi that Patterson's parole be denied for another three years.

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