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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Killer Denied Parole

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Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Billy Allen, formerly of Richmond, was found unsuitable for parole at a July 21, 2011 hearing of the State Board of Prison Terms at San Quentin State Prison. Deputy District Attorney Doug Maner appeared at the hearing and argued against the granting of a parole date based on the extremely violent nature of Allen's crime and his lack of rehabilitation. The Board of Prison Terms agreed and denied parole for 3 more years.

On September 12, 1989, Allen was convicted of the premeditated murder of Johnny Wittaker and assault with a deadly weapon on Dan Ensley and Ron Alexander in Modesto. Allen and Wittaker were romantic rivals. Allen shot Wittaker and two of his friends at point blank range with a sawed-off shotgun following a series of increasingly violent confrontations. At the parole hearing, although Allen claimed he was rehabilitated, he was not credible or honest with the parole board when discussing the circumstances of his crime. DDA Maner pointed out that Allen's remorse and understanding of the factors that caused him to commit murder were shallow and inadequate.

Allen is serving a 27 years-to-life prison sentence. This was his second parole hearing. Allen will be entitled to another hearing in 2014.

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