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Full Panel of Commissioners Denies Parole of Davis Murderer

(Woodland, CA) – **November 18, 2009** - Yolo County District Attorney Jeff Reisig announced that convicted murderer Daniel Wehner was denied parole yesterday by the full panel of eleven commissioners of the Board of Parole Hearings. In 1980, Wehner brutally murdered his former girlfriend Robin Ehlman and her friend John Manville at the Castilian Apartments in Davis. Wehner had been stalking Ms. Ehlman and physically abused her during their relationship, causing her to lose consciousness after choking her on at least one occasion.

On June 19, 1981, Wehner was sentenced to 27 years to life for the murders. A court appointed psychiatrist interviewed Wehner's family prior to the sentencing hearing. Family members described him as "irresponsible," having an "explosive temper," and "violent." "He had a winning personality and charmed older people but had not an ounce of sincerity." Wehner's family described Robin as "soft and gentle."

At the September 10, 2009, parole hearing, the two sitting commissioners were unable to agree on whether or not to give Wehner a parole date. This split decision resulted in yesterday's "en banc" hearing before the full panel. At the September hearing, Commissioner Michael Prizmich voted against parole stating that the murders were calculated and dispassionate and that inmate Wehner "executed" Robin Ehlman when he shot her with the .357 Magnum revolver. Commissioner Prizmich reasoned that Wehner did not have the "kind of insight that I think is necessary to make you a safe risk." He stated that Wehner still had unresolved issues in dealing with his relationships with women.

Those making statements at yesterday's hearing included two of John Manville's sisters; Robin Ehlman's father, younger sister and niece; Assistant Chief Deputy District Attorney Jonathan Raven; Davis Police Chief Landy Black; and District Attorney Investigator John Updergraff who was a Davis police officer on his first week on the job at the time of the murders.

Chief Black stated that Wehner's "release will do nothing but raise the fears of citizens seeking the solace of peace, order, and justice in their communities and will only degrade their sense that justice prevails." Investigator Updergraff recalled these murders as being the most gruesome he has seen in over 30 years of law enforcement. When he arrived at the apartment, Mr. Manville was not yet dead. The gurgling sounds he heard left an indelible impression on him.

Robin Ehlman's younger sister Tracy Haynes spoke passionately to the eleven commissioners, "It is too late to save my sister Robin or John even though we desperately tried. Now it is about protecting my own children and society. You have no idea the type of individual you are dealing with but I do. Please don't let us down again. Let's learn from our mistakes the first time around and keep the rest of my family, especially my children, and the rest of society safe from Mr. Wehner."

Yolo County District Attorney Jeff Reisig stated that he is proud of the efforts of his Lifer Parole Division. "I can't imagine the pain these families continue to endure. It's immeasurable. We will continue to do everything we can to support the Ehlman and Manville families. We will continue to remember and honor Robin and John. That is the very least we can do for these families and all families who have survived similar tragedies."

Daniel Wehner will be eligible for parole consideration again in three years.

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