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West Sacramento Murderer Denied Parole

Woodland, CA – December 1, 2010- Yolo County District Attorney Jeff Reisig announced that on Tuesday, November 30, 2010, a 73-year-old convicted murderer named William Keller was denied parole for five years. In 1984, Keller killed Joseph Hosner, firing a shotgun at Hosner's head at close range. A Yolo County jury convicted Keller of murder and the use of a firearm in the commission of that murder. Keller was sentenced to 17 years to life in prison. Parole was denied to Keller on three previous occasions.

During the hearing which took place at High Desert State Prison, the Parole Board considered a letter from a family member of the victim in addition arguments from the Yolo County District Attorney's Office urging the Board to deny parole. The Board found that Keller was not suitable for parole because he presented "an unreasonable risk and threat to public safety." The Board further noted the heinousness of the offense and a lack of a suitable release plan for Keller.

District Attorney Jeff Reisig stated, "This is another example of the important work that our parole lifer unit is doing on behalf of our crime victims and the people of this County. While Keller is not young, his lack of understanding as to the circumstances that brought him to where he is in life has not changed. Without a demonstrated willingness and commitment to transformation, a murderer remains a danger to our citizens and release will be opposed."

Keller will be eligible for another parole hearing in 2015.

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