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**Woodland Man Who Killed Baby Denied Parole
The Parole Board Found Fowler a Danger to the Community**

(Woodland, CA) – November 8, 2011- District Attorney Jeff Reisig announced today that on November 7, 2011 a panel of two Board of Parole Hearing commissioners found that 50-year-old Christopher Fowler must stay in prison for at least three more years.

In 1984, Fowler was convicted and sentenced to 15 years to life in prison with the possibility of parole for the November 1, 1983 murder of his girlfriend's son, 22 month old Baby Aaron. The night before the murder, Fowler and his girlfriend were at their home in Woodland. The next day Fowler was babysitting Baby Aaron and Baby Aaron's 3-year-old sister. When Baby Aaron would not stop crying, Fowler smacked him in the face, shook him and threw him to the ground twice. Baby Aaron's sister witnessed the violent assault. Fowler and the baby's grandmother drove Baby Aaron to Woodland Memorial Hospital. The baby was later transferred to the UC Medical Center in Sacramento due the life threatening injuries. Baby Aaron was in a coma until November 3, 1983 when he was pronounced dead as a result of fatal injuries to his brain.

Last year, the Board granted Fowler parole only to be reversed by Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr. Governor Brown issued his decision on April 7, 2011. In reversing the Parole Board, the Governor stated "The utter inhumanity of Mr. Fowler's crime coupled with his inability or unwillingness to understand, own, or achieve some credible level of insight tells me that there is a substantial risk of danger to the public were he to be released from prison."

The November 7th parole hearing took place at California Training Facility in Soledad, CA where Fowler is in prison. Fowler has been in prison for 27 years and has had 13 previous hearings. During the most recent four hour hearing which ended after 6 pm, the panel heard from Baby Aaron's grandmother and his two aunts who pleaded with the commissioners to keep Fowler in prison. Yolo County Sheriff Ed Prieto sent a letter to the Parole Board members urging them to keep Fowler in prison due to the fact that he would present a threat to the community if released at this time. Chief Deputy District Attorney Jonathan Raven appeared personally arguing against Fowler's release. In denying Fowler parole, Commissioner Cynthia Fritz stated that Fowler had not "come to grips" with why he murdered baby Aaron. Fritz continued, "while the child was lifeless, the child continued to be beaten" by you.

Yolo County District Attorney Jeff Reisig praised the decision. "It is clear that this defendant still poses a serious risk to our community. The parole denial was proper."

Fowler will not be eligible for parole for three more years.

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