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**Davis Murderer Denied Parole**

(Woodland, CA) – **March 5, 2013** - Yolo County District Attorney Jeff Reisig announced that convicted murderer Daniel Wehner was denied parole for the ninth time today by a two-commissioner panel 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. Robin was 19 years old when she was murdered and Manville, a UC Davis veterinarian student, was 25. Wehner had been stalking Ms. Ehlman and had physically abused her during their relationship, causing her to lose consciousness after choking her on at least one occasion.

On June 19, 1981, after Wehner agreed to a plea, a Yolo County judge sentenced Wehner 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."

Today, Commissioners John Peck and Terry Turner both agreed that Wehner would still pose a continued risk to public safety should he be released from prison. Commissioner Peck stated that "the commitment offense was cruel, horrific and brutal." Commissioner Turner, speaking directly to Wehner, added "it appears you are still searching for an answer as to why this happened." Turner continued, "you don't have enough tools to deal with any of the stressors you will face if released."

Those making statements at the today's hearing included two of John Manville's sisters as well as Robin Ehlman's father and younger sister. Chief Deputy District Attorney Jonathan Raven represented the District Attorney's Office at the hearing. Davis Police Chief Landy Black and retired District Attorney Investigator Jon Updergraff, who was a Davis police officer on his first week on the job at the time of the murders, wrote letters in opposition to Wehner's release.

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 had seen in over 30 years in 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.

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 again in three years.

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