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**Davis Murderer Denied Parole**

(Woodland, CA) – **January 12, 2015** - Yolo County District Attorney Jeff Reisig announced that convicted murderer Daniel Wehner was denied parole for the tenth time on Friday, January 9, 2014, by a two-commissioner panel of the Board of Parole Hearings. The all day hearing took place at California State Prison, Solano in Vacaville.

In March, 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 and emotionally 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."

On Friday, Commissioners Arthur Anderson and Cliff Andres both agreed that Wehner still posed a continued risk to public safety should he be released from prison. Commissioner Anderson stated "with rage and malice Wehner stood over Robin and pumped numerous bullets into her body in a fit of rage." Commissioner Andres, speaking directly to Wehner, cited his "inconsistencies, minimization and lack of an explanation" in talking about the murders.

Those making statements at the hearing included John Manville's older sister as well as Robin Ehlman's father and younger sister, who was 14 when Werner murdered Robin and John. 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 has 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 five years.

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