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Woodland Murderer Denied Parole

Woodland, CA – September 5, 2018- Yolo County District Attorney Jeff Reisig announced that on Friday, August 31, 2018, the California Board of Parole Hearings denied parole of 36-year-old convicted murderer Antonio Morales for a period of seven years. On September 11, 2003, Morales and Juan Carlos Montoya assaulted and stabbed Jesus Alderete to death in an alley near 5th Street in Woodland. A Yolo County jury convicted Morales of second degree murder and participation in a street gang. He was sentenced to 16 years-to-life in prison. This was the first parole hearing for Morales.

During the hearing which took place at Substance Abuse Treatment Facility, California State Prison at Corcoran, the two-commissioner panel considered statements from family members of the victim, a letter from Woodland Police Chief Luis Soler, a report from a CDCR psychologist, and arguments from the Yolo County District Attorney’s Office urging the Board to deny parole. The commissioners found that Morales was not suitable for parole because he presented “an unreasonable risk and threat to public safety.” Commissioners further noted the heinousness of the offense, a lack of genuine remorse for the victim, numerous rules violations in prison, and a lack of a suitable release plan for Morales. In addition, commissioners urged Morales to earn his GED and participate in meaningful programs while incarcerated, such as Victim Awareness.

Morales will be eligible for another parole hearing in 2025.

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