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West Sacramento Murderer Denied Parole

(Woodland, CA) – **April 30, 2014** - Yolo County District Attorney Jeff Reisig announced that convicted murderer Kenneth Roy Stark, was denied parole for the ninth time yesterday by a two-commissioner panel of the Board of Parole Hearings. In June of 1985, Stark brutally murdered his friend, Ronald Meyers, by beating him with a tire iron and then left his body in the Yolo Causeway. A Yolo County jury convicted Stark of Second Degree Murder and on May 16, 1986. He was sentenced to 15 years-to-life in state prison

On April 29, 2014 Commissioners Arthur Anderson and Steve Mahoney determined that Stark, now 60 years old, still posed an unreasonable risk to public safety should he be released from prison. The Commissioners determined that a five year denial was appropriate at the present time. The Commissioners noted that the statements provided by Stark at the hearing were deceptive and misleading. Yolo County Sheriff Ed Prieto submitted a letter of opposition to the inmate's release. Sheriff Prieto stated that "Stark poses a threat to any community should he be released from prison and the only way to protect society from his unpredictable violent behavior is to keep him incarcerated."

Yolo County District Attorney Jeff Reisig stated that he is proud of the efforts of his Lifer Parole Division. "The loss to the family in these cases is both unimaginable and immeasurable," said Reisig. "We continue to do everything we can to support the Meyers family and all of the families on our lifer cases – that's the very least we can do for all families who have survived similar tragedies."

Kenneth Stark will be eligible for a new parole hearing in 2019.

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