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West Sacramento Murderer Denied Parole

(Woodland, CA) – **June 9, 2015** - Yolo County District Attorney Jeff Reisig announced that convicted murderer Douglas Bentley was denied parole for the eighth time on Thursday, June 4, 2015, by a two-commissioner panel of the Board of Parole Hearings. The hearing took place at California State Prison, Sacramento in Folsom.

On December 2, 1978, Douglas Bentley and a co-defendant entered the 600 Club in West Sacramento with the intention of robbing the establishment. In a quick turn of events of the botched robbery, Cecil Renfro, aged 43 at the time and a patron of bar, was shot and killed by Douglas Bentley. On February 6, 1979, Bentley pled guilty to first degree murder and on March 26, 1979, he was sentenced to 25-years-to-life in prison for the murder.

On Thursday, both Commissioners both agreed that Bentley still posed a continued risk to public safety should he be released from prison. They cited his lack of insight into the crime, his lack of interest into self-help services, and many disciplinary actions while incarcerated as some of the reasons they denied his request for parole.

Yolo County District Attorney Jeff Reisig praised the efforts of his Lifer Parole Division and their commitment to protecting the citizens in our communities. "We will continue to protect the public long after the end of the court proceedings."

Douglas Bentley will be eligible for parole again in ten years.

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