



COUNTY OF FRESNO

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DISTRICT ATTORNEY SMITTCAMP TO ATTEND NEWS CONFERENCE ON STATE CAPITOL STEPS URGING GOVERNOR BROWN TO BLOCK THE PAROLE OF CONVICTED MURDERER

Fresno County District Attorney Lisa A. Smittcamp will join the family of Mike Morganti, Legislators, and Disability Rights Advocates at a News Conference urging Governor Jerry Brown to block the parole release for convicted murderer David Weidert.

District Attorney Smittcamp will attend the News Conference along with Fresno County Assistant District Attorney Blake Gunderson and Deputy District Attorney Douglas Treisman.

The News Conference will take place today, April 8, 2015, at 11 a.m., on the North Steps of the California State Capitol.

David Weidert was convicted for the 1980 murder of the developmentally disabled victim Mike Morganti. Mr. Morganti was beaten with a baseball bat and a shovel, stabbed with a knife, and forced to dig his own grave before being buried alive. Weidert was convicted of first degree murder and was sentenced to life in prison. The State Parole Board voted to release Weidert during a January 28, 2015 hearing. District Attorney Smittcamp, along with countless others, are urging Governor Brown to overturn the Parole Board's decision and keep Weidert in prison.