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### NEWS RELEASE

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## **Anthony Cooper Denied Parole for the 1980 Murder of Rachael Flores**

On June 1, 2022, at the California Institution for Men, the California Parole Board denied parole for Anthony Cooper, age 64.

On January 1, 1980, Ms. Flores' body was recovered in a muddy canal with many visible wounds to her body. Ms. Flores was kidnapped at gunpoint and taken to an isolated area where she was robbed and beaten and left to die.

Cooper was convicted of first-degree murder and was sentenced to 25 years to life in state prison on November 10, 1980.

Over the last forty years that Mr. Cooper has been incarcerated and eligible for parole, he has continued to violate rules and has had his parole denied three times.

The Fresno County District Attorney's Office routinely attends parole hearings and DDA Karen Mitchell argued against Cooper's release in this case.

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