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### **SANDY CHURCH**

District Attorney, Paul Gallegos, announced today that a panel of the Board of Prison Terms decided, late Thursday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010, that convicted murderer, Sandy Church, will remain behind bars. Church was denied parole from the life sentence he is currently serving for the 1990 first degree murder of William Matney.

Church shot Matney multiple times with a 9 mm pistol outside the old Alton Tavern.

At the hearing, the Board considered the facts of the killing, a current psychological assessment of Church and his conduct while in prison in reaching the conclusion that his release on parole would pose an unreasonable risk to the community.

The Victim's Bill of Rights Act of 2008, "Marsy's Law" provides for longer periods between parole suitability hearings.

The Board ruled that under Marsy's Law, Church can again apply for release on parole in 7 years.

Mr.Church, a native of Fortuna, is now 45 years old.

Assistant District Attorney Wes Keat presented the prosecution's case against his release.