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District Attorney Paul Gallegos announced today that convicted murderer Candace MacDonald was denied parole.

MacDonald applied for release for the seventh time at a hearing before the Board of Parole Hearings at Valley State Prison for Women. Though MacDonald, now 59 years old, attributed her criminality to methamphetamine addiction, the panel found that she was still unsuitable for release on parole for at least the next three years.

Convicted of first degree murder, MacDonald was sentenced in 1982 to serve a life sentence for the 1980 slaying of Solon Dunton. Dunton, 73 years old, was bound, robbed, stabbed, beaten and suffocated to death inside his Eureka home by MacDonald and crime-partner Michael English. English is also serving a life term in state prison. State law provides that those serving life sentences are released only upon approval of the Board of Parole Hearings. Assistant District Attorney Wes Keat argued against MacDonald's release based on the risk she poses to the safety of the community.