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Re: Parole Board hearing for Inmate Robert Mahoney, CDCR #E15785

On April 11, 2017, a Board of Parole Hearing was held at the California Training Facility in Soledad, California, for convicted murderer Robert Mahoney. On October 24, 1984, Cheryl Lynn Schwab went to a club in Half Moon Bay with some friends. Ms. Schwab was introduced to Robert Mahoney and during the evening they left the club together in Mahoney's truck, leaving Ms. Schwab's car in the parking lot of the club. The next day, on October 25, 1984, Ms. Schwab's purse, work smock, and slip were found on a beach in Half Moon Bay. That same day a missing person report was made by family members. On 10/26/1984, a fisherman found the body of Cheryl Schwab in the China Slough off Highway 37. Ms. Schwab's body showed signs of traumatic neck injuries indicating she had been strangled. Lacerations and massive bruises throughout Ms. Schwab's body were also found. Evidence showed that Ms. Schwab was killed at another location and her body was later dumped in the China Slough.

An extensive investigation ensued, lasting more than 3 years and involving law enforcement personnel from Daly City, Half Moon Bay, San Mateo County, Napa County and the Solano County District Attorney's Office. The investigation led to the arrest of Robert Mahoney for the murder of Cheryl Schwab. On March 27, 1989, a jury convicted Robert Mahoney of Murder in the second degree and on April 28, 1989, Robert Mahoney was sentenced to 15 years to life in prison.

Robert Mahoney has had several parole board hearings, the last of which was in 2015 and resulted in a 3 year denial of parole. On April 11, 2017, Deputy District Attorney Elizabeth Ring appeared with several members of Cheryl Schwab's family and joined them once again in opposing parole for Robert Mahoney. The Board of Parole considered all the evidence presented at the hearing and denied parole for Robert Mahoney for another 3 years, stating that he continued to represent an unreasonable risk to the safety of the community.