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California Board of Parole Hearings
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**RE: Richard Flowers
Valley State Prison**

To Whom It May Concern,

Please do not grant parole to Inmate Richard Flowers, the murderer of 78 year old Mary Garcia. Richard Flowers stabbed Mary Garcia, stole her money, jewelry and her car, selling the car parts to buy cocaine.

Richard Flowers had a previous criminal history with his first adult conviction in 1974. He has been sentenced to prison 6 separate times. His crimes included residential burglary, first degree burglary, grand theft, receiving stolen property and check fraud. There were also multiple parole violations.

Tulare County District Attorney Tim Ward stated in a 2018 letter to Governor Brown that “Flowers had numerous opportunities for rehabilitation and to change his behavior in an appropriate and positive manner; instead, despite having a good education, a wife and several children to raise, he chose to continue to engage in criminal conduct for a period of 20 years. Not only did he demonstrate an outright unwillingness to obey the law, but the level of violence in his criminal behavior escalated, as evidenced by the cruel, vicious, and fatal crimes against Mary Garcia.”

We ask that you not release this murderer back into our community.

Respectfully submitted,

[YOUR NAME HERE]