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November Parole for Clutchette

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SACRAMENTO — (UPI) — Soledad brother John Clutchette, recently acquitted of a murder charge in the killing of a prison guard, was granted a November parole today by the California Adult Authority.

The 29 year old convict was given a release date of Nov. 13, conditioned on his good behavior during the intervening period.

Clutchette and Fleeta Drumgo, now San Quentin inmates, were recently acquitted in San Francisco Superior Court of charges of murdering Soledad prison guard John Mills in 1970.

Serving Burglary Term

He was serving a six-month to 15-year term for a second degree burglary conviction. He first entered San Quentin Oct. 4, 1966.

Clutchette's previous parole date of April 20, 1970, was rescinded by the board following his indictment on the murder charge in the Mills slaying.

The third so-called Sole-

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dad brother — George Jackson — was killed along with two other inmates and three prison guards during an escape attempt last February at San Quentin.

Assemblyman Bill Greene (D-Los Angeles), Clutchette's mother, Mrs. Doris Maxwell of Compton, and his attorney met last night with Authority Chairman Henry Kerr and other board members to discuss the parole hearing.

Joseph Spangler the authority's administrative officer, said the parole date was set after "a prolonged and thorough discussion."

When asked by newsmen why Clutchette's previous parole date was not restored since he had been acquitted of the murder charge, Spangler replied that Clutchette "has had a considerable history of aggressive behavior" in prison.

But Spangler added that Clutchette's attorney told board members he was convinced the convict "wants to go out now and settle down to be a law-abiding citizen."

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