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Attention: Non-Violent Second-Strikers
Board of Parole Hearings
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**Re: Inmate Scott Cameron Ellison; CDCR #D89217
Court Case Number 2012005360**

Dear Deputy Commissioner:

This letter is written to recommend the denial of an early release for second-strike inmate **Scott Cameron Ellison**. This recommendation is based on:

- (1) The circumstances of the commitment offenses.
- (2) The inmate's criminal history.

CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE COMMITMENT OFFENSES

In December 2011, officers with the Ventura Police Department Street Crimes Unit began an investigation into suspected drug sales at a residence in the City of Ventura. During surveillance, the inmate's vehicle was identified at the residence.

On February 10, 2012, undercover officers observed the inmate's vehicle parked outside of the Clock Tower Inn in the City of Ventura, which was an area of suspected illegal activity involving vagrants and narcotics users. Officers watched the inmate and a female exit the Clock Tower Inn and leave in the inmate's vehicle. A short time later, officers initiated a traffic stop as the vehicle failed to stop at a stop sign. The inmate's vehicle, which was being driven by the female, came to a stop in a Jiffy Lube parking lot. The inmate exited the passenger side and started to walk away. He was contacted and appeared nervous, as he was physically shaking and

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sweating. During a parole search, he was found in possession of a pill canister containing 0.60 grams of heroin and a hide-a-key magnet containing 1.3 grams of methamphetamine. During a search of his vehicle, officers located a backpack containing 29 clear plastic baggies, each containing methamphetamine (57.79 grams total), two digital scales, two glass pipes, a spoon, cut straws, 20 methadone hydrochloride pills, 57 unused hypodermic needles, and 138 clear plastic baggies.

Under Miranda, the inmate stated he and the female left the Clock Tower Inn to drive to another friend's house. The inmate had allowed her to drive his vehicle because she was in the process of buying it from him. The inmate did not know they were being pulled over and he exited the vehicle because he wanted to get an oil change at Jiffy Lube. The inmate denied ownership of the backpack but admitted ownership of the drugs found in his pockets.

On January 9, 2013, the inmate was interviewed by the Ventura County Probation Agency while in custody and he advised the backpack belonged to both of them, but he has a record. There was a lot of drugs because the female had just purchased them that day and had only sold a quarter of an ounce. The inmate denied selling any controlled substances and claimed the female was driving him somewhere to get more heroin.

INMATE'S CRIMINAL HISTORY

On February 12, 1982, the inmate and a companion ate a meal at a Ventura restaurant and then ran out of the restaurant without paying and a male customer followed them on foot. The inmate and his companion jumped the customer, who attempted to defend himself with a belt. The inmate and his companion knocked the customer to the ground and the inmate cut him numerous times with a knife. The customer was hospitalized for four or five days after suffering twelve lacerations and nerve damage to one of his fingers. The inmate pled guilty to violating PC 245(a)(1) and admitted he personally inflicted great bodily injury pursuant to PC 12022.7(a). He was initially sentenced to five years of felony probation and 270 days in the Ventura County jail. In June 1988, probation was revoked and the inmate was sentenced to six years in state prison.

On November 9, 1986, the inmate had been drinking with a 27-year-old female in the City of Santa Barbara when he punched her in the face, causing temporary unconsciousness and a fractured cheek bone. The inmate pled guilty to a misdemeanor violation of PC 243(d) and was sentenced to three years of probation and 15 days in the Santa Barbara County jail.

On March 27, 1994, officers with the Ventura Police Department response to a call of shots fired near a motel in downtown Ventura and initiated a felony stop on a nearby van. The inmate was one of the occupants in the van when the vehicle was stopped and he fled on foot. Officers located the inmate one block away as he ran across the rooftops of buildings. In the van, officers located a loaded .22-caliber handgun and a plastic identification holder with the inmate's driver's license and three baggies of methamphetamine in it. The inmate denied that he possessed and/or fired the handgun. The inmate pled guilty to a violation of HS 11377(a), admitted a PC 667.5(b) prison prior, and was sentenced to 28 months in state prison.

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On February 2, 1996, the inmate exchanged a belt at a store in the City of Oxnard which he had taken from a display. When stopped, the inmate struggled with the store security officials and he falsely identified himself with another name. The inmate pled guilty to violating PC 484(a) and was sentenced to three years of probation and 30 days in the Ventura County jail.

On August 27, 1997, the inmate was contacted during a traffic stop and found to be in possession of twelve baggies of methamphetamine, weighing 31.80 grams. The inmate pled guilty to violating HS 11379(a) and was sentenced to four years in state prison.

On September 10, 1997, the inmate drove to the Ventura home of his 29-year-old former girlfriend and demanded money. When she refused and told him to leave, the inmate became enraged and physically assaulted her. The inmate threatened to kill her as he beat her in the face and head. When he left, she called the police. The police spotted the inmate, who fled on foot. The inmate entered a home, demanding the occupants to drive him to an airport before again fleeing. When contacted, the inmate had a California driver's license, an ATM card, a telephone calling card under different names, and \$1,420 in U.S. Currency. During the interview, the inmate admitted that he had been selling drugs. The inmate pled guilty to a felony violation of PC 243(d) and was sentenced to two years in state prison.

On August 4, 2003, the inmate was contacted after he failed to make a right turn and struck a light pole. During a parole search, he was found in possession of 39.94 grams of methamphetamine, a scale, \$1,280 in U.S. Currency, packaging material, and prescription medication. The inmate pled guilty to violating HS 11378 and was sentenced to ten years CDC.

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

The inmate has not served his full sentence imposed by the court in this matter. Moreover, based on his commitment offense and steady criminal history, the inmate does not deserve to be released early from prison simply because he is a second-striker. The inmate consistently makes poor choices that victimizes others. Allowing the inmate to be released early will only enable him to victimize others as he has done before. I request you deny the inmate an early release because he poses an unreasonable risk to the public when released from custody.

Very truly yours,



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