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Attention: Non-Violent Second-Strikers
Board of Parole Hearings
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**Re: Laquinta Nunez Clark, CDC #AF2565
Ventura County Court Case #2009013831**

Dear Deputy Commissioner:

This letter is written to recommend the denial of an early release for second-strike inmate Laquinta Nunez Clark. This recommendation is based on:

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

CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE COMMITMENT OFFENSE(S)

The inmate sold cocaine to a confidential informant on two occasions, resulting in the issuance of a search warrant. A small quantity of cocaine and 20 rounds ammunition were found inside the inmate's residence. The inmate was at that time a convicted felon not allowed to possess ammunition. The inmate was arrested. A strip search of the inmate eventually yielded 9.84 grams of cocaine base secreted in his rectum. The inmate was convicted of possession of cocaine based for sale (Health and Safety Code section 11351.5), felon in possession of ammunition (Penal Code section 12316(b)(1), delaying a peace officer (Penal Code section 148(a)), and attempted destruction of evidence (Penal Code section 664/135).

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INMATE'S CRIMINAL HISTORY

The inmate has a significant criminal history replete with violence starting at age 12. By the time the inmate was 18 he racked up six arrests resulting in five juvenile convictions. By the time of the instant offense, at age 32, the inmate picked up an additional 12 arrests, resulting in six convictions, many of which were related to violence or drug dealing.

On June 18, 1990, at age 12, the inmate was arrested for Penal Code section 242. The inmate threw a rock at the five year old victim which struck his shoulder and caused injury. The inmate then dragged the five year old to a house under construction and shoved his head in an open window frame, threatening to slam the window shut and cut off his neck. Charges were not filed.

Just a week later on June 25, 1990, the inmate vandalized a residence by throwing a rock through the window and then challenged the two adult males who emerged from the residence to a fight. It appears Juvenile Probation handled the case informally and closed it unsuccessfully because the inmate did not complete his contract.

On January 6, 1991, at age 13, the inmate robbed a twelve year old victim of his remote control truck. The inmate was convicted as a juvenile of Penal Code section 211.

On December 3, 1993, the inmate stole two t-shirts and lied about his name when caught. The inmate was convicted as a juvenile of Penal Code sections 484(a) and 148.9.

On March 25, 1994, at age 16, the inmate burglarized vehicles and ran from the police. The inmate was convicted as a juvenile of Penal Code section 459.

On February 10, 1995, the inmate ran from police when they attempted to contact him after hearing breaking glass. The inmate was convicted as a juvenile of Penal Code section 148(a).

The inmate's life of crime continued as an adult.

On March 1, 1996, the inmate had a pager, \$1,081 cash, and possessed 23.88 grams of cocaine for sale. He was convicted of Health and Safety Code section 11351 and sentenced to three years at CDCR.

On February 5, 1998, the inmate was contacted in a hotel room along with other suspects and arrested for possession of rock cocaine found in a jacket the police linked to the inmate. The inmate was arrested for Health and Safety Code section 11351.5. Charges were not filed.

On February 11, 1998, the inmate was with an intended victim of BB gun assault. The inmate and the intended victim retaliated by hunting down the original aggressor whereupon the inmate

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fired a gun at the vehicle the original aggressor was driving. The inmate was convicted of Penal Code section 246, a strike offense, and sentenced to three years at CDCR.

On January 20, 2001, the inmate was driving a vehicle along with a passenger. A small quantity of cocaine base was located as well as a wallet containing the inmate's identification and \$875. The inmate was arrested for Health and Safety Code section 11352(a). Charges were not filed.

On August 11, 2001, October 4, 2001, and February 22, 2002, the inmate was arrested and subsequently convicted of three counts of driving on a suspended license in violation of Vehicle Code section 14601.1(a).

On March 10, 2002, the inmate was again in a vehicle with other occupants. 15 grams of cocaine base were found in the center console. The inmate was arrested for Health and Safety Code section 11351(a). Charges were not filed.

On December 5, 2004, the inmate committed a Penal Code section 148(a) and was subsequently convicted.

On April 29, 2005, the inmate was driving a car with switched plates and two other occupants. Drugs were found in the driver's seat and the center console. The inmate was arrested for Health and Safety Code sections 11350(a) and 11377(a). Charges were not filed.

On December 21, 2005, the inmate was involved in a verbal argument with his wife. He claimed she hit his car so he responded by hitting her car with a rock. Charges for Penal Code section 594(b)(2)(A) were filed but later dismissed.

On February 9, 2006, the inmate was contacted in a hotel room he claimed was registered to his ex-wife. A large amount of cocaine (amount unspecified) and scales were located in the room. The inmate's pants had a large sum (amount unspecified) of money which he claimed was from his ex-wife's tax return. The inmate was arrested for Health and Safety Code section 11351.5 but charges were not filed.

As can be seen from above, the inmate lives the criminal lifestyle. The inmate resorts to extreme violence against people when angry. At the very young age of 12, he threw a rock at a five year old and then terrorized him by threatening to cut his neck off after dragging him into a house under construction and placing his neck under an open window. The inmate's aggressive and assaultive behavior continued into adulthood. At age 20, the inmate retaliated at a perceived wrong by obtaining a gun and shooting it at the victim who was in a car.

The inmate is consistently around drugs as demonstrated by his numerous arrests for possession of sales. The inmate is sophisticated enough to keep the drugs in locations where he can claim they belong to others. Of note, in many of those instances, the inmate had a large sum of money on his person, indicating he holds onto his drug money but distances himself from the drugs.

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In the instant case, the inmate was convicted of possession for sales, along with a prior sales conviction and a strike. He was only sentenced to eight years CDCR. Given the inmate's prior history demonstrating a life of crime and violence, there is no doubt the inmate will continue the same when released.

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

The inmate has not served his full sentence imposed by the court. Moreover, based on his commitment offense and criminal history the inmate does not deserve to be released early from prison simply because he is a second-striker. 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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