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Board of Parole Hearings  
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**Re: Inmate Raymond Garcia Aragon; CDCR F15561  
Ventura County Superior Court Case 2003016304  
Opposition to Letter Due to Board of Parole Hearings August 2, 2017**

Dear Board Members:

This letter is written to recommend denial of early parole for inmate Raymond Aragon. This recommendation is based upon:

- 1) The careless and dangerous nature of the commitment offense.
- 2) The inmate's lifetime of criminal conduct.
- 3) The unreasonable public safety risk if the inmate is released early.

## **CIRCUMSTANCES OF COMMITMENT OFFENSE**

The commitment offense represents the fifth time the inmate has been convicted of first-degree burglary. (Pen. Code § 459) Each of the prior offenses also resulted in a prison commitment.

During a week-long period in May 2003, the inmate burglarized four separate residences, ransacking the homes and stealing jewelry, cash, and precious family heirlooms. An 18-year-old girl was home alone in the last residence the inmate burglarized. The inmate pled guilty to four counts of first-degree burglary and admitted having suffered three prior convictions for serious and violent felonies. (Pen. Code §§ 667(c)(2), 667(e)(2), 1170.12(a)(2), 1170.12(c)(2)) He was sentenced to 20 years in prison on February 2, 2006.

## **CRIMINAL HISTORY**

This inmate is the epitome of a career criminal: a criminal history spanning five decades, convictions for battery, drug offenses, thefts, first-degree burglaries, robberies, and bank robbery, resulting in seven separate prison commitments. Very little of the inmate's adult life has been lived outside the criminal justice system.

Beginning in 1964, at the age of 18, the inmate was convicted of battery. (Pen. Code § 242) His criminal career quickly escalated to first-degree burglary and robbery in violation of Penal Code section 211 in 1967. Over the next two decades, the inmate was in and out of prison for burglary, robbery, and various drug charges. (Pen. Code §§ 459, 211; Health and Safety Code §§ 11550, 11530, 11555) In 1969 and 1970, the inmate escaped from two different custodial facilities.

In 1979, the inmate was convicted of bank robbery. (U.S. Code § 2113(a)) The inmate walked into the Valley Federal Savings and Loan in Ventura and presented the teller with a note, telling her to put money in a paper bag and no one would get hurt. The inmate was sentenced to six years in federal prison, paroled early, and committed another first-degree burglary within a few months. The inmate committed, was convicted, and sentenced to prison for two more first-degree burglaries before committing the instant offense. His last prison sentence prior to the commitment offense was for 22 years. He was on parole from that offense when he committed the commitment offense.

Included in the inmate's crimes are various drug offenses. The inmate admitted to daily heroin use since the age of 17.

## **DISCUSSION**

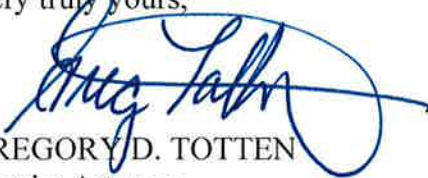
In consideration of the inmate's lifetime of theft, burglary, and robbery offenses, the inmate should not be released early. His crimes evidence a disregard for the safety of others. His continued criminality despite numerous prison commitments, and opportunities on probation and parole demonstrate he is unable to rehabilitate or reform. No evidence suggests the inmate will now refrain from the same type of dangerous criminal behavior for which he has spent most of his adult life in prison or on supervision.

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**CONCLUSION**

The inmate's incorrigible life of crime demonstrates clearly that he poses an unreasonable public safety risk to the community if granted early parole. I respectfully request the Board deny early parole for the inmate.

Very truly yours,



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