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Board of Parole Hearings
Attn: Nonviolent Parole Review Process
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**Re: Inmate Kenneth Hall; CDCR AT1764
Ventura County Superior Court Case 2012029044
Opposition Letter Due to Board of Parole Hearings August 10, 2017**

Dear Board Members:

Just over three years ago, the inmate was sentenced to serve 17 years in prison. This letter is written to recommend denial of early parole for inmate Kenneth Hall. This recommendation is based upon:

- 1) The inmate's commitment offense.
- 2) The inmate's significant criminal history.
- 3) The unreasonable risk of violence to the community if released early.

CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE COMMITMENT OFFENSE

The inmate and other Los Angeles Crip gang parolees were found to be part of a residential burglary spree that accounted for 15 burglaries. The first victim was Cristina Granados, a mother who was home alone with her infant child when the inmate broke into her home. Ms. Granados saw the inmate climb a ladder to the second story of the home, and open her bedroom window. Luckily, she was able to grab her child and drive away before the inmate broke into the home. The inmate was found hiding in a jacuzzi, and in possession of a can of pepper spray.

Victim Charles Foster returned to his home to find that over \$100,000 in jewelry and cash had been stolen. In addition, a window had been smashed and a bedroom ransacked. Victim Joanne Cowan reported items stolen valued over \$100,000. Victim Ron Pelleg returned home to find that a window had been broken, and his home had been ransacked. The inmate stole expensive handbags, and Mr. Pelleg's 9mm gun.

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In total, an investigation of the inmate found he was involved in 15 home burglaries. In all of the home burglaries, the inmate broke a rear window to the home, entered, and ransacked the home while stealing expensive jewelry, cash, and other valuables. Reports indicate that the inmate stole "hundreds of thousands of dollars." The inmate took a plea deal, and pled guilty to first-degree residential burglary, a violation of Penal Code section 459, with two prior strikes, pursuant to Penal Code section 667/1170.12, three prior serious felonies pursuant to Penal Code section 667(a)(1), and three prior prison terms pursuant to Penal Code section 667.5(b). On April 3, 2014, the inmate was sentenced to serve 17 years in prison.

CRIMINAL HISTORY

With a long criminal history of approximately 25 years, the inmate is the embodiment of a career criminal and poses a serious threat of violence to the community.

In 1992, the inmate was arrested for grand theft auto, a violation of Vehicle Code section 10851. While on probation in 1993, the inmate was again arrested for grand theft auto.

In 1994, still on probation, the inmate and an accomplice robbed a bank. The inmate was in the lobby with a handgun, while his accomplice pistol whipped a customer and threw a bank teller to the ground. In addition to taking money from the bank tellers, the inmate and his accomplice also stole a customer's wallet on the way out. The inmate pled guilty to bank robbery, in violation of 18 U.S.C. 2113(a) and was sentenced to four years three months in prison, and three years supervised release.

In 1999, the inmate was the getaway driver for his two co-perpetrator friends who attempted to burglarize an inhabited home. The inmate was convicted of attempted residential burglary and sentenced to six years in prison.

In 2005, the inmate burglarized a home and possessed a firearm. The inmate was convicted of residential burglary, and being a felon in possession of a firearm, a violation of Penal Code section 12021(a)(1). The inmate was sentenced to five years four months in prison.

In addition, the inmate has been arrested nine times for driving with a suspended license, and two times for driving under the influence of alcohol.

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DISCUSSION

The inmate's involvement in numerous residential burglaries as well as bank robbery while armed with a handgun, makes him a grave threat to the public if he is released. The inmate has repeatedly demonstrated that he is unamenable to opportunities for reform and rehabilitation as previous grants of imprisonment and parole failed to curb the inmate's criminal activity. There is no evidence to suggest the inmate will curb his criminal ways if released into the community.

CONCLUSION

The inmate poses an unreasonable risk of violence to the community if granted early parole. I respectfully request the Board deny early parole for the inmate.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gregory D. Totten", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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