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Board of Parole Hearings
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**Re: Amaya Monique Martin; CDCR WF2780
Ventura County Superior Court Case 2015012942
Opposition Letter Due to Board of Parole Hearings August 25, 2017**

Dear Board Members:

This letter is written to recommend denial of early parole for inmate Amaya Martin. The inmate was sentenced to three years four months in prison for her participation in an international cosmetics theft ring. If released now, she will have spent less than half of that time in prison on this case. 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 the inmate is released early, as evidenced by her history, including her conviction for assault with a deadly weapon on a peace officer, for which she already went to prison.

CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE COMMITMENT OFFENSE

On January 16, 2015, the inmate and two other subjects entered a Walmart store in Newbury Park. The three subjects were seen going to the cosmetics department and taking over 250 cosmetics items. The inmate gathered the cosmetics, worth a total of \$966, in a large bag, placed them into a shopping cart, and exited the store without paying for the merchandise.

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On January 23, 2015, the inmate and two other subjects entered an Albertson's store in Camarillo. The three subjects stole liquor valued at \$175. The theft was caught on video surveillance.

On January 24, 2015, the inmate and the same two subjects from the January 23 theft entered a Walmart store in Camarillo. A loss prevention officer observed the three subjects place numerous cosmetic items in their purses and bags, and then exit the store without paying for the merchandise. He yelled for them to stop, but they ran through the parking lot and fled in a vehicle. As they were fleeing, one of the subjects dropped their bag and \$794 worth of merchandise was recovered. An internal inventory was conducted and revealed \$486 worth of cosmetic items were stolen by the three subjects. After further investigation, it was revealed that the inmate and the other two subjects were suspects in a makeup-theft ring.

In March 2015, the inmate was interviewed by Ventura County Sheriff's Office detectives. During the interview, the inmate admitted being involved in the thefts. The inmate told detectives that she had been approached a year earlier and recruited to steal cosmetics for someone who would send them to Guatemala.

On January 19, 2016, the inmate pled guilty to second-degree burglary, in violation of Penal Code section 459; and conspiracy to commit petty theft, in violation of Penal Code section 182(a) and 484(a). The inmate was sentenced to three years four months in prison.

CRIMINAL HISTORY

The inmate is a professional thief with a long criminal resume. Including the commitment offense, since 1999, the inmate has been convicted 21 times of theft-related offenses, including residential burglary and vehicle theft. Three times she has been convicted of leading police on dangerous vehicular pursuits. Twice she had been convicted of assaulting a victim with a deadly weapon, including assaulting a peace officer with a deadly weapon in 2009.

In December 1999, the inmate was arrested for and later convicted of petty theft, in violation of Penal Code section 484(a).

In October 2000, the inmate was arrested for and later convicted of petty theft with a prior, in violation of Penal Code section 666.

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In July 2001, the inmate was arrested for stealing a car and later convicted of grand theft, in violation of Penal Code section 487(d).

In September 2001, the inmate was again arrested for petty theft with a prior.

In November 2004, the inmate was again arrested for stealing a car, reckless evasion of a police officer (Veh. Code § 2800.2(a)), and later convicted of grand theft, in violation of Penal Code section 487(d). After failing on probation, the inmate was sentenced to two years in state prison.

In March 2006, the inmate was arrested for and later convicted of first-degree residential burglary (Pen. Code § 459), grand theft (Pen. Code § 487(a)), and recklessly evading a peace officer. She was sentenced to two years in state prison.

In January 2008, the inmate was again arrested for and later convicted of burglary. She was sentenced to 16 months in prison.

In September 2012, the inmate was arrested for burglary and grand theft, and upon conviction, was sentenced to 32 months in prison.

In January 2015, the inmate was again arrested for second-degree burglary and conspiracy. She was sentenced to four years in prison.

The inmate has twice been convicted of crimes involving violence:

In October 2003, the inmate was arrested for assault with a deadly weapon, in violation of Penal Code section 245(a)(1). She was convicted of recklessly evading a peace officer and of vehicle theft.

In January 2009, she was arrested for burglary and robbery, in violation of Penal Code section 211. She was convicted of assault with a deadly weapon on a peace officer in violation of Penal Code section 245(c), and two counts of burglary. She was sentenced to 56 months in prison.

DISCUSSION

The inmate participated in an organized, international crime ring, and did so for at least one year before being caught. Her history reveals a criminal willing to place the lives of

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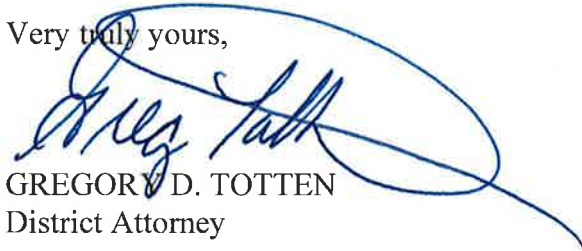
innocent motorists and pedestrians at risk, while she flees from her thievery. Her prior assault convictions provide further proof of her violent nature.

With six prior failed grants of probation and six prison commitments, the inmate has proven time and again that she is unamenable to reform. The inmate has continued to engage in a pattern of similar criminal behavior for over 17 years, and there is no evidence to suggest she will stop her 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,



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