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Board of Parole Hearings
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**Re: Inmate Jeremiah Deandre Mitchell; CDCR BD0508
Ventura County Superior Court Case 2015025049
Opposition 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 Jeremiah Mitchell. 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.

CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE COMMITMENT OFFENSE

On August 6, 2015, the inmate was out on bail pending burglary charges in Los Angeles when Los Angeles Sheriff's detectives investigating a burglary crew of the 62nd St. East Coast Neighborhood Crips, observed the inmate and another exiting a residence in Camarillo. After both men got into a car and drove away, a detective went to the residence to investigate. The back door had a broken glass pane and had been forced open. The home's interior was ransacked.

The vehicle was detained and officers arrested the inmate and three others. Deputies collected four cell phones from the car. A Coach brand belt and the matching buckles still in the original box were located in the back seat. These items were positively identified by the victim as having been stolen from his home.

Using content from the phone linked to the inmate, the detective could see there were text photos and conversations between that phone and one belonging to Jasmine Lawrence, who was one of the passengers arrested. He noted that there was a 35-minute conversation between Lawrence's phone and the inmate's phone that occurred during the

time the burglary was being committed. A Torrance Police Department detective testified that this was consistent with his experience investigating Crips burglary crews who use a lookout to stay in constant contact during the burglaries.

The inmate pled guilty to residential burglary, in violation of Penal Code section 459, and admitted to a set of special allegations including a prior serious felony strike (Pen. Code §§ 667(c)(1), 667(e)(1), 1170.121(a)(1), 1170.121(c)(1)), a prior serious felony enhancement (Pen. Code § 667(a)(1)), and committing a crime for the benefit of a criminal street gang (Pen. Code § 186.22). The inmate was sentenced to 14 years in prison on April 27, 2017.

CRIMINAL HISTORY

On May 24, 2006, the inmate, aged 16, was arrested for grand theft, in violation of Penal Code section 487(c). The juvenile petition was sustained and the inmate was placed in youth boot camp.

On November 28, 2007, the inmate was arrested for residential burglary. A witness stated she saw someone opening the window to a garage. Before the inmate and a co-conspirator were able to gain access to the house, sheriff's deputies arrived. The inmate was found guilty of residential burglary and sentenced to two years in prison. The inmate had one violation of parole.

On August 23, 2011, the inmate was arrested for check fraud, in violation of Penal Code section 476. The inmate was found guilty of forgery, a violation of Penal Code section 475(c), and sentenced to 28 months in prison.

On October 11, 2013, the inmate was arrested for driving under the influence, a violation of Vehicle Code section 23152(a). The inmate was found guilty of aiding a motor vehicle speed contest on a highway, a violation of Vehicle Code section 23109(b), and sentenced to 24 months probation and 8 days in jail.

On March 31, 2015, the inmate was again arrested for residential burglary, resisting arrest, a violation of Penal Code section 148(a)(1), and committing a crime to benefit a criminal street gang. A victim of a different burglary committed the same night confirmed that a number of the items found in the possession of the inmate and his crime partners had been taken from that home. Two more victims reported burglaries in the nearby area. They also confirmed items stolen from those homes were found in the possession of the inmate and co-conspirators. Officers spoke with a gang expert about the people involved

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in these burglaries. At least four of those involved, including the inmate, were members of the Crips criminal street gang.

On May 3, 2017, the inmate was arrested for possession of illegal substances in prison, a violation of Penal Code section 4573.6(a). This case is currently pending.

DISCUSSION

The inmate has an extensive criminal record spanning the last 11 years, and in that period of time has rarely been outside the supervision or custody of the criminal justice system. The inmate has had many consecutive arrests, broken up only by stints in prison. Of note in these arrests is the inmate's continued association with the 62nd St. Neighborhood Crips and multiple residential burglaries.

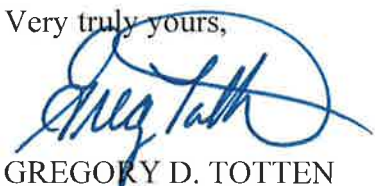
The inmate has shown a clear disregard for the criminal justice system. Repeated periods of incarceration have had no impact on his criminality, and he committed the commitment offense while out on bail for another residential burglary arrest. The inmate has not performed well in custody. In March 2017, approximately one month prior to his April sentencing, the inmate was found in possession of drugs in jail.

The inmate was sentenced in April 2017, only three months ago, on a burglary, which is inherently dangerous. There is simply no possibility that any programming could have had a rehabilitative impact in such a short time. 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,



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