



OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY

COUNTY OF VENTURA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

GREGORY D. TOTTEN
District Attorney

JANICE L. MAURIZI
Chief Assistant District Attorney

MICHAEL K. FRAWLEY
Chief Deputy District Attorney
Criminal Prosecutions

W. CHARLES HUGHES
Chief Deputy District Attorney
Administrative Services

MICHAEL R. JUMP
Chief Deputy District Attorney
Victim & Community Services

MICHAEL D. SCHWARTZ
Special Assistant District Attorney
Justice Services

R. MILES WEISS
Chief Deputy District Attorney
Special Prosecutions

MICHAEL BARAY
Chief Investigator
Bureau of Investigation

August 3, 2017

Board of Parole Hearings
Attn: Nonviolent Parole Review Process
P.O. 4036
Sacramento, CA 95812-4036

**Re: Inmate Tavon Maurice Moore; CDCR BA5284
Ventura Superior County Court Case 2015025049
Opposition Letter Due to Board of Parole Hearings August 4, 2017**

Dear Board Members:

This letter is written to recommend denial of early parole for inmate Tavon Moore. 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, Los Angeles Sheriff's detectives investigating a burglary crew of the 62nd St. East Coast Neighborhood Crips, observed the inmate and Jeremiah Mitchell 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, Mitchell, and two other passengers. Deputies from the Ventura Sheriff's Office 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 Mitchell, 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 Mitchell's phone that occurred during the time of the burglary. This is consistent with Lawrence acting as a lookout and staying in constant communication during the burglary.

The inmate pled guilty to a violation of Penal Code section 459, residential burglary, and admitted a special allegation for committing a crime for the benefit of a criminal street gang (Penal Code § 186.22). On July 19, 2016, the inmate was sentenced to nine years in prison.

THE INMATE'S CRIMINAL HISTORY IS SUBSTANTIAL

On May 24, 2010, the inmate was arrested for possession of a controlled substance, a violation of Health and Safety Code section 11350(a). The inmate was found to be in possession of approximately two grams of cocaine. The inmate was given a deferred entry of judgement.

On February 19, 2010, the inmate was contacted by deputies during a traffic stop. He was found to be in possession of heroin for sale. The inmate was convicted of possession of a controlled substance for sale (Health and Safety Code § 11351), and committing a crime to benefit a gang (Penal Code § 186.22). The inmate was sentenced to two years in prison.

On June 2, 2010, the inmate was contacted by deputies during a traffic stop. A search revealed a 9mm firearm. The inmate was found guilty of carrying a concealed weapon, a violation of Penal Code section 12025(a)(1), and placed on 36 months probation.

On August 4, 2010, the inmate was arrested for possession of marijuana for sale, as well as possession of a controlled substance for sale, possession of methamphetamine for sale, a violation of Health and Safety Code section 11378, and conspiracy, a violation of Penal Code section 182(a)(1). The inmate was found guilty of possession of a controlled substance for sale and sentenced to two years in prison.

DISCUSSION

The inmate's association with the 62nd St. East Coast Neighborhood Crips gang, his sale of drugs, his ownership of guns, and his participation in a highly organized residential

Board of Parole Hearings
Re: Tavon Moore, CDCR BA5284
August 3, 2017
Page 3

burglary scheme, make him a danger to the community. The inmate amassed several convictions and multiple prison sentences in a short amount of time, and persisted in committing crimes upon his release, undaunted by prison or parole. There is no evidence to suggest the inmate will curb his criminal ways if released into the community.

CONCLUSION

The inmate clearly 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 "Greg Totten", with a large, sweeping flourish that loops back over the name.

GREGORY D. TOTTEN
District Attorney

GDT:rf

E-mail: BPH.CorrespondenceUnit@cdcr.ca.gov