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Board of Parole Hearings  
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**Re: Chad Michael Moroney; CDCR AB9648  
Ventura County Superior Court Cases 2012039431, 2013006309  
Opposition Letter Due to Board of Parole Hearings August 30, 2017**

Dear Board Members:

This letter is written to recommend denial of early parole for inmate Chad Moroney. Three years ago, the inmate was sentenced to prison for 14 years. If released now, he will have served less than 25 percent of his sentence. This recommendation to deny an early release is based upon:

- 1) The inmate's commitment offenses.
- 2) The inmate's significant criminal history and failure to be crime free.
- 3) The unreasonable risk of violence to the community if the inmate is released early.

## **CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE COMMITMENT OFFENSES**

### **Case 2012039431**

On November 4, 2012, officers were dispatched to a report of a suspicious male subject in possession of several bicycles that were possibly stolen. The inmate fit the description and advised that he was on active parole. Officers conducted a probation search of the inmate and located a plastic bindle containing methamphetamine.

Under *Miranda*, the inmate stated he was addicted to methamphetamine, and used large quantities of the drug. The inmate was convicted of felony possession of methamphetamine and sentenced to 32 months in prison.

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**Case 2013006309**

On November 7, 2012, officers spoke with four victims regarding stolen bicycles. They reported their locked bicycles were stolen from a secured parking garage at their apartment building. The garage remains locked and only residents have access. The description of the stolen bicycles matched the description of the bicycles found in the inmate's possession on November 4. The inmate was subsequently convicted of first-degree burglary, a violation of Penal Code section 459. The inmate also has three strike priors. He was sentenced to 14 years in prison.

**CRIMINAL HISTORY**

The inmate's documented criminal history began in Ohio in 1992. In November 1992, he was convicted of felony theft and placed on two years of probation. While on probation, in February 1993, the inmate committed and was subsequently convicted of robbery. A 3- to 15-year prison sentence was suspended and he was placed on probation.

While on probation for his robbery conviction, in 1995 and 1996 the inmate was convicted three more times in Ohio for theft-related crimes. These offenses included burglary, 12 counts of forgery, grand theft, and receiving stolen property.

In 2001 and 2004, the inmate was again convicted in Ohio of theft-related offenses which sent him to prison on two separate occasions. These offenses included felony safecracking and felony forgery.

On January 26, 2009, the inmate was arrested in California for resisting arrest, being under the influence of a controlled substance, and trespassing. The disposition of this case is unavailable.

On April 6, 2009, the inmate was arrested for possession of burglary tools, possession of methamphetamine, and being under the influence of a controlled substance. The inmate was observed riding a bicycle around 2:10 a.m. The inmate was riding from vehicle to vehicle, casing them. He ran a stop sign, and officers conducted a traffic stop. The inmate was in possession of a screwdriver, bolt cutters, three syringes, and a metal spoon with residue. He was sentenced to 16 months in prison after being convicted of felony possession of methamphetamine.

On April 19, 2009, the inmate was arrested for first-degree burglary, second-degree burglary, elder abuse, and grand theft. The inmate moved into the victim's home in February 2009. In March 2009, the inmate was suspected of stealing property from the

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victim's family vehicle and tools from another family member. The inmate was then told to move out of the residence. Several days later, the victim received her bank statement and discovered that three of her checks had been cashed to the inmate. The checks were in the amounts of \$600, \$847, and \$970. The checks were cashed at three different locations, and surveillance video from all three transactions showed the inmate cashing the forged checks. The victim kept her checkbook in her bedroom, and she never gave the inmate permission to enter her bedroom or take any of her checks. The inmate was convicted of first-degree burglary, second-degree burglary, and felony elder abuse. He was sentenced to six years in prison.

Also in April 2009, the inmate was arrested for transportation of a controlled substance, being under the influence of methamphetamine, and attempting to conceal or destroy evidence. During a traffic stop of the inmate on a bicycle, officers located a bag containing three smaller bags, each with a usable quantity of methamphetamine. The inmate admitted to dropping the drugs on the ground when he was pulled over and said he was taking the drugs to someone. He was convicted of felony transportation and sentenced to two years in prison.

While on parole in the transportation case, the inmate was arrested and later convicted of the two commitment offenses.

## **DISCUSSION**

Granting the inmate early parole will create an unreasonable risk of violence to the public. The inmate's current offense highlights his propensity to commit inherently violent crimes. The inmate is a drug addict who now commits residential burglaries to support his habit. His unwillingness to address his drug problem puts the community at risk, as he has shown he will enter other people's dwellings to steal.

Additionally, the inmate's prior record consists of drugs, theft, and violence. The inmate has two prior strike convictions and multiple prison commitments. The inmate has sustained multiple probation and parole violations. His conduct in the current offenses mirror his criminal past, and there is no indication that the inmate will stop his criminal activity if released into the community. The inmate has attempted numerous rehabilitation programs and local drug treatment programs, yet continues to abuse drugs and commit crimes. The inmate is unwilling to abide by the law. He poses a threat to public safety, and his release will bring increased harm to the community.

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**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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