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Board of Parole Hearings
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**Re: Inmate Julian Alfredo Orozco; CDCR H57186
Ventura County Superior Court Case 2011014233
Opposition Letter Due to Board of Parole Hearings August 19, 2017**

Dear Board Members:

This letter is written to recommend denial of early parole for inmate Julian Orozco. The inmate's criminal history made him eligible for a three-strikes sentence of 25 years to life for the commitment offense, a violent assault with a knife; however, the inmate was granted leniency when in July 2011 he was sentenced to just 16 years in prison. A grant of early release at this time would mean the inmate would have served just over six years of his 16-year sentence. This recommendation is additionally 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 April 19, 2011, the inmate stabbed his roommate several times in the arm, face, neck, and chest. The assault began while the victim was asleep on the top bunk of a bunk bed. During the assault, the inmate grabbed the victim's legs and pulled him to the ground. The victim suffered several lacerations ranging from four inches on his wrist, to cuts on his nose, neck, and chest. A four-inch knife blade with blood on it was recovered from the scene by officers.

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The inmate was arrested the next day. He claimed the assault was preceded by the victim being noisy. The inmate claimed that he only punched the victim while the knife was in his hand but did not intend to stab the victim.

The inmate pled guilty to one count of assault with a deadly weapon, a violation of Penal Code section 245(a)(1), along with two prior strikes (Pen. Code §§ 667 and 1170.2), and two serious or violent felony priors pursuant to Penal Code section 667(a)(1). One of the inmate's strike priors was stricken and the inmate was sentenced as a second-striker to a total of 16 years in prison.

THE INMATE'S CRIMINAL HISTORY IS SUBSTANTIAL

In January 1985, the inmate was arrested and later convicted of conspiracy to import marijuana, a violation of 21 United States Code 963, and importation of marijuana, a violation of 21 United States Code 952.

In March 1990, the inmate was arrested for attempted assault with a deadly weapon, a violation of Penal Code section 664/245; burglary, a violation of Penal Code section 459; and robbery, a violation of Penal Code section 211. The victim was sleeping in the camper portion of his truck when he was awakened by the inmate breaking into the truck. The inmate had the victim's car radio in one hand and a screwdriver in the other. The victim reached inside the cab and grabbed the inmate by his neck. The inmate tried to stab the victim with the screwdriver, but the victim was able to subdue him. The inmate was convicted of burglary.

In August 1992, the inmate sliced his ex-wife's face, causing a four-inch laceration from her lip to above the top of her ear. He also cut her arm with a razor blade, causing a deep two-inch laceration. The inmate pled guilty to assault with a deadly weapon and admitted causing great bodily injury (Pen. Code § 12022.7). He was sentenced to six years in prison.

In July 1996, the inmate entered the victim's vehicle, brandished a four-inch kitchen knife in a threatening manner, and grabbed the victim by the shirt. The inmate demanded the victim give him his wallet and told him to get out of the vehicle. The inmate drove off with the victim's vehicle. The inmate pled guilty to carjacking in violation of Penal Code section 215(a), and admitted use of a deadly weapon pursuant to Penal Code section 12022(b). The inmate was sentenced to 13 years in prison. The inmate was on parole for this offense when he committed the commitment offense.

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DISCUSSION

There is little question that this inmate is a violent offender. The commitment offense represents the fourth time the inmate has attacked or threatened a victim with a stabbing device. His victims range from an ex-wife and a roommate, to total strangers. As a result of his violent and injurious crimes, he has spent nearly 20 of the last 25 years in custody, and has been on parole during the remaining years.

Based on the inmate's actions, it is evident that previous grants of probation, parole, and even incarceration, have failed to stop his violent criminal activity.

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,



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