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Board of Parole Hearings  
Attn: Nonviolent Parole Review Process  
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**Re: Inmate Eddie Pintado; CDCR #AZ6822  
Ventura County Superior Court Cases 2008010926, 2008000295, 2015027413,  
2015026672  
Opposition Letter Due to Board of Parole Hearings August 16, 2017**

Dear Board Members:

This letter is written to recommend denial of early parole for inmate Eddie Pintado. On April 13, 2016, the inmate was sentenced in two separate felony cases to a total of six years in prison. The sentence was enhanced due to his prior conviction for a violent offense, robbery. If released now the inmate will have spent only two years in custody. This recommendation is also based upon:

- 1) The inmate's commitment offense.
- 2) The inmate's significant criminal history.
- 3) The unreasonable threat to the welfare of the community if the inmate is released early.

## **CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE COMMITMENT OFFENSE**

### Case 2008010926

The inmate was contacted while sitting in a parking lot in the driver's seat of a Honda Civic. The Honda was a non-reported stolen vehicle belonging to Magic Auto Center Car Dealership in the city of Oxnard. Officers contacted the inmate, who had a felony warrant, and found a glass smoking pipe and a key to another vehicle that was also missing from dealership. Officers also found mail belonging to the inmate as well as locks, car keys, and tools. On March 16, 2008, the inmate was arrested and later convicted of vehicle theft. (Veh. Code, §10851(a))

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Case 2008000295

On January 3, 2008, the inmate entered a Target store and stole an iPod accessory and rechargeable drill battery, totaling more than \$49. When security attempted to detain the inmate, he resisted and elbowed an employee in the nose, causing bleeding. In April 2009, the inmate pled guilty to robbery (Pen. Code, § 211) and was sentenced to three years in prison.

Case 2015026672

On August 20, 2015, victim Frank Uli's car was burglarized. Video surveillance depicted the inmate drive the victim's car to a secluded area, remove property from the car, and drive away in Mr. Uli's tan Hyundai. Among the property stolen was a DMV registration, a handicap placard, and several tools.

During the investigation, officers discovered that the inmate was a suspect in another vehicle theft, this time of a white Hyundai owned by Ms. Pruitt. On August 21, an officer located the stolen white Hyundai in a hotel parking lot. The officer began surveillance and observed the inmate, driving a tan Hyundai, pull into a parking spot next to Ms. Pruitt's vehicle. A co-perpetrator exited the tan car and entered the white car. Both vehicles drove away and were soon stopped by police. A search of the inmate revealed 0.8 grams of methamphetamine and two Xanax pills. Officers searched the tan Hyundai the inmate was in and found checks, ATM cards, and debits cards belonging to individuals who filed car burglary reports in August 2015.

During questioning, the defendant admitted to taking items from Mr. Uli's car as well as several other vehicles. The inmate stated that he was involved in stealing from vehicles because of his drug problem.

Case 2015027413

On August 21, 2015, victim Christopher Fuentes' 1989 Geo Metro was stolen from H&H Motor Sports in the city of Oxnard. When a mechanic realized the vehicle was stolen, he reviewed video surveillance and saw the inmate driving the car off the lot. On August 27, the inmate admitted to taking the car off the lot and that he used "jiggle keys" to start the car. He also admitted that he subsequently gave the car to a friend.

## **CRIMINAL HISTORY**

In June 1994, the inmate was arrested and later convicted of inflicting injury on a spouse, a violation of Penal Code section 273.5. According to police reports, the inmate pushed his pregnant wife out of a car.

In October 1994, in New Mexico, the inmate was arrested for larceny over \$250, and receiving a stolen vehicle. After being arrested, the inmate claimed he did not know he was driving a stolen car. When the inmate was pulled over, officers found approximately \$400 of stolen tools in the vehicle. In June 1995, the inmate was sentenced to 18 months in prison. By 1997 he had returned to Los Angeles where he was convicted for possession of rock cocaine and later for driving recklessly. (Health & Saf. Code, § 11350(a), Veh. Code, § 23103)

In 1999, in Arizona, the inmate was convicted of burglary after he entered his neighbor's house through a broken window and stole various items of property. He was sentenced to two years six months in prison.

In June 2005, the inmate attempted to cash a stolen check. (Pen. Code § 470(d)) Later the same month, the inmate was arrested for second-degree burglary, a violation of Penal Code section 459. The inmate broke into the victim's car and stole several items. The inmate admitted to entering several other vehicles to sleep in. In September 2005, the inmate was sentenced to 16 months in prison.

In March 2012, the inmate was arrested for grand theft exceeding \$950, a violation of Penal Code section 487(d), burglary, and receiving stolen property. (Pen. Code, § 496) Officers responded to a grand theft auto in progress, and when they arrived at the scene they found the inmate sitting in the driver's seat of a Ford truck. Upon investigation, the officers discovered that the inmate stole a 1977 Datsun and burglarized two other vehicles in the same parking lot earlier that day. The inmate was convicted and sentenced to 32 months in prison.

## **DISCUSSION**

Since the age of 24, the inmate has amassed a lengthy criminal history that includes violence, theft, and drug offenses. The inmate has continued his criminal behavior and has been arrested 15 times in various counties. He was arrested for the commitment offense in August 2015, and as of that date he had been arrested 14 times in 21 years, in three states. He is currently serving his fifth prison sentence. The inmate has victimized countless others and proven time and again he is unamenable to rehabilitation.

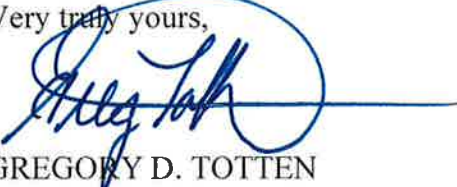
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Early parole should be denied due to the inmate's extensive criminal history, which includes residential burglary, domestic violence, and robbery, as well as repeated thefts of vehicles, and burglaries from vehicles. Based on the inmate's criminal history and inability to refrain from stealing from others, there is no evidence to suggest the inmate can, or will, curb his criminal ways if released into the community.

### CONCLUSION

The inmate poses an unreasonable risk to the safety and the wellbeing of 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 "Gregory D. Totten", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is enclosed within a blue circular stamp or seal.

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