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Board of Parole Hearings
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**Re: Inmate Cheree Sanker, CDCR WE4607
Ventura County Superior Court Cases 2011038226, 2010026710
Opposition Letter Due to Board of Parole Hearings October 14, 2017**

Dear Board Members:

This letter is written to recommend denial of early parole for inmate Cheree Sanker. In May 2012, the inmate was sentenced to nine years prison on the above cases. Granting early parole to the inmate now would mean that she would have only served just over 50 percent of her actual sentence. This recommendation is based upon:

- 1) The inmate's commitment offenses.
- 2) The inmate's history of violence.
- 3) The unreasonable risk of violence to the community if the inmate is released early.

CIRCUMSTANCES OF COMMITMENT OFFENSES

Case 2011038226

On October 29, 2011, a police officer responded to the Santa Paula Hospital Emergency Room to speak with Alyssa Smith after being summoned by staff. The victim told the officer she had been living with her girlfriend, inmate Cheree Sanker, for the past seven months and the inmate had become increasingly abusive. On about ten occasions, the inmate prevented the victim from leaving the residence by using force against her. One month prior to this incident, the victim said the inmate battered her severely. The victim did not report the incident because she did not want the inmate to retaliate against her. At some point prior to October 2011, the victim ended the relationship with the inmate and moved out of the home.

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On October 27, 2011, the victim contacted the inmate and requested to remove some personal items from the home. The victim drove to the residence with a friend. While the friend stayed in the vehicle, the victim returned a bag of the inmate's belongings.

As the victim turned around to walk back to the car, the inmate picked up a 2x4 from the yard and attempted to hit the victim on the left side of her face. The victim lifted her arm and took the blow to the backside of her upper arm. The victim fell to the ground on her left side. The inmate used the 2x4 to strike the victim again, on the right side of her face and wrist. The victim became disorientated, weak, and began to bleed profusely.

The victim refused to go to the hospital and instead went to sleep. When the victim woke the next morning, her face was in a pool of blood. She was bleeding from her nose and ears. She had two black eyes and swelling to her left arm. On October 29, 2011, she went to the local medical clinic. She was diagnosed with hearing loss to her left ear and contusions to her left humerus and right wrist.

On March 15, 2012, the inmate pled guilty to corporal injury upon a cohabitant, a violation of Penal Code section 273.5. The inmate admitted a strike prior and a special allegation of using of a deadly weapon. She also admitted a prior serious or violent conviction per Penal Code Section 667(a). In May 2012, the inmate was sentenced to prison for nine years.

INMATE'S CRIMINAL HISTORY

The inmate was on probation for a violent felony at the time she committed the above offense. In case 20100026710, the inmate placed multiple lives at serious risk when she recklessly drove her vehicle while under the influence of alcohol. She attempted to run over several pedestrians and ultimately collided with a marked California Highway Patrol vehicle, causing injury to the officer as the officer was responding to the scene. As the injured officer exited his vehicle with his gun drawn, the inmate armed herself with a knife, and held the knife to her own throat, begging the officer to kill her. After a period of several minutes, the inmate threw the knife away and was apprehended. She later pled guilty to felony assault on a peace officer in violation of Penal Code section 245(c). She was originally placed on formal probation and ordered to serve 240 days jail. However, after severely beating her ex-girlfriend, she violated her probation and was sentenced to prison for three years, concurrent with case number 2011038226.

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In addition to the above, the inmate has suffered the following criminal convictions:

- 1997 – Theft of an access card, with the intent to defraud (Penal Code § 484e(a))
- 2000 – Under the influence of a controlled substance (Health & Saf. Code § 11550)


DISCUSSION

The inmate is a violent person as demonstrated by a disturbing pattern of violence against people she knows, police officers, and unknown civilians. Releasing her early will put the community at risk of harm. Allowing the inmate to be released early will give her an opportunity to violently victimize others as she has done before.

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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