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Board of Parole Hearings
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**Re: Inmate Troy Elliot Washington; CDCR AS7140
Ventura County Superior Court Case 2013025676
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 Troy Washington. The inmate was sentenced in February 2014 to serve seven years in prison. If the inmate is granted early parole at this time he will have served only 57 percent of his original sentence. This recommendation is based upon:

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

CIRCUMSTANCES OF COMMITMENT OFFENSE

Sometime in March or April 2013, the inmate befriended a woman who worked at a drug treatment facility where the inmate resided. When the inmate graduated from the program, the woman rented a room in her home to him where he lived with her family.

At one point, the woman allowed the inmate to borrow her vehicle to attend an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting. The inmate never returned the vehicle and stopped communicating with the woman. One week later, the inmate was arrested with the stolen vehicle.

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A jury convicted the inmate of unlawful driving or taking of a vehicle, a violation of Vehicle Code section 10851. The court found that the inmate had suffered three prior convictions for unlawful driving or taking of a vehicle pursuant to Penal Code section 666.5, four prior serious felony convictions pursuant to Penal Code sections 667 and 1170.12, and four prior prison terms pursuant to Penal Code section 667.5(b). On February 19, 2014, the inmate was sentenced to seven years in prison.

CRIMINAL HISTORY

The inmate, an admitted long-time Hoover St. Crips gang member, has a significant criminal history. In 1988, the inmate was sentenced to three years in prison after being convicted of transportation of a controlled substance, a violation of Health and Safety Code section 11352. Initially granted probation, he failed miserably. While on probation, the inmate was convicted of vehicle theft, a violation of Vehicle Code section 10851, and grand theft of a vehicle, a violation of Penal Code section 487h(a). He was sentenced to prison in August 1990.

In October 1991, the inmate escaped from prison. While he was out he committed four robberies, and a vehicle theft. He was returned to prison and paroled in 1992.

In 2001, the inmate was sentenced to five years in prison after being convicted of petty theft with priors, a violation of Penal Code section 666(a). Within months of his release from prison, the inmate was sentenced to four years in prison after being convicted of unlawful driving or taking of a vehicle, a violation of Vehicle Code section 10851. The inmate was discharged from parole in July 2012, and committed his current offense just over one year later.

DISCUSSION

For more than 30 years, the inmate's association with a criminal street gang, his substance abuse, and his propensity for theft and lawlessness have created a public safety threat to the community around him. He has developed an extensive resume of criminal experience including trafficking in controlled substances, violent robberies, and all types of thefts.

The inmate has squandered all opportunities at rehabilitation. Neither probation, prison, nor parole has made an impact. He stole from a woman who was trying to help him get a sober and fresh start in life. His obvious disregard for the rule of law and socially acceptable behavior cannot be denied. There is no evidence to suggest the inmate will stop his criminal ways if released into the community.

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CONCLUSION

The inmate poses an unreasonable risk 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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