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Board of Parole Hearings  
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**Re: Inmate Bradley John Jensen; CDCR BB2088  
Ventura County Superior Court Case 2015038040  
Opposition Letter Due to Board of Parole Hearings November 26, 2017**

Dear Board Members:

This letter is written to recommend denial of early parole for inmate Bradley Jensen. The inmate was sentenced to seven years prison in September 2016. Releasing him early would mean he would only serve about 30 percent of his actual sentence. This recommendation to deny early release is 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 COMMITMENT OFFENSE**

On the morning of December 1, 2015, the inmate repeatedly stabbed victim Jeffrey Sliter inside a tent they shared at a homeless encampment. Emergency personnel arrived and transported the victim to the hospital. The victim suffered seven stab wounds; one in the left shoulder, two in the right shoulder, three in the right arm, and one on his right hand. He received four stitches for a laceration on the rear of his right shoulder.

Additional officers responded to the encampment and contacted the inmate inside the tent. Officers noticed the inmate had blood on his forearm, legs, and on his shirt and his boxers. The inmate was transported to the police station for questioning. The inmate told police that he and the victim had been friends for nearly 40 years, and that they had shared a tent in the encampment for the previous month.

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The inmate explained that earlier that day, he had been outside drinking with the victim, and he returned to their tent and fell asleep. Some time later, the victim returned to the tent as well. Intoxicated, the victim stumbled and fell into the tent, causing it to rip. In response to this, the inmate, in his own words, "Finally snapped on [the victim]." The inmate told police, "I think I picked up my knife and stuck him a couple of times, which was wrong." The inmate described the knife he used as a folding pocket knife with a two to three-inch serrated blade. The knife was located by police inside the tent.

On August 25, 2016, the inmate pled guilty to assault with a deadly weapon. Additionally, the inmate admitted a strike prior and a serious/violent prior. On September 30, 2016, the inmate was sentenced to seven years in prison.

### **CRIMINAL HISTORY**

The inmate has a criminal history that dates to 1988.

On July 29, 1988, the inmate was arrested in Michigan for assault after he attacked a man with an axe. In January 1989, the inmate was convicted of felonious assault with a dangerous weapon, a violation of Michigan Penal Code section 750.82, and sentenced to seven months confinement.

On July 9, 1996, the inmate was arrested in Michigan for assault after an altercation involving the inmate and his daughter's friend. In July 1996, the inmate was convicted of assault or assault and battery, a violation of Michigan Penal Code section 750.81, and attempted resisting or obstructing an officer, a violation of Michigan Penal Code section 750.92/750.479. The inmate was sentenced to 30 days in jail for each offense.

On September 3, 1997, the inmate chased after his brother-in-law, the victim, while brandishing a machete after he was told that he could no longer live at the residence of the victim's mother. The inmate caught the victim and began swinging the machete at him. The victim managed to grab a knife, and he attempted to fend off the inmate's blows with it, likely limiting the injuries he sustained. Nevertheless, the inmate successfully struck the victim's arm with the machete, causing a laceration. The victim continued to try to get away from the inmate, and he and his wife were able to enter their vehicle. Unable to continue his assault upon the victim directly, the inmate then broke the vehicle's rear window and attempted to slash its tires with his weapon. In September 1997, the inmate pled no contest to felony assault with a deadly weapon, and vandalism. The inmate was sentenced to 180 days in jail and three years felony probation. On May 4, 1998, inmate was found in violation of his probation and was sent to state prison for three years.

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## **DISCUSSION**

Granting early parole of the inmate poses a risk of safety to the community. The inmate is a dangerous individual and he has demonstrated multiple times his willingness to inflict brutal violence at the slightest provocation. The inmate viciously attacked his own brother-in-law with a machete simply because he was told he could no longer live at someone else's residence. He repeatedly stabbed his longtime friend with a serrated blade merely because his friend accidentally ripped their shared tent. On an entirely separate occasion, the inmate attacked a man with an axe, and in a fourth incident, the inmate was convicted of assault and battery, and of attempting to resist or obstruct a peace officer. Although the inmate's criminal history may not be particularly lengthy, every single conviction involves violence. Further, the inmate has demonstrated an inability to conform to the restrictions of probation in the past. The inmate poses a threat to the community and he should serve his full prison term.

## **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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