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Board of Parole Hearings
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**Re: Inmate Patricia Rosita Vasquez; CDCR WF7323
Ventura County Superior Court Case 2015020116
Opposition Letter Due to Board of Parole Hearings December 29, 2017**

Dear Board Members:

This letter is written to recommend denial of early parole for inmate Patricia Vasquez. The inmate was sentenced in April 2017 to seven years in prison. If the inmate is granted early parole at this time, she will have served less than a third of the actual sentence imposed by the court. This recommendation is based upon:

- 1) The inmate's commitment offense.
- 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

Case 2015020116

On February 11, 2015, the inmate entered a gated property where two victims, a 22-year-old woman and her 20-year-old brother, lived. The victims had multiple surveillance cameras that captured the inmate's activity. The inmate walked to a side door of the main home and grabbed the door handle to check to see if it was unlocked. The inmate then walked, out of view of the cameras, toward the garage. The inmate returned in view of the cameras, and went to the home's front door and tried that door handle. The door never opened. The inmate then went out of view for approximately five minutes near the rear of the property. When the inmate returned in view of the cameras, the inmate left the property with a duffle bag and a black bag belonging to one of the victims. The black bag contained a culinary knife set valued at \$500.

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In the sentencing report, the inmate failed to take responsibility for her crime and claimed that one of the victims lied. Both victims did not know the inmate. Unbelievably, the inmate alleged that one of the victims had given the inmate the culinary knife set prior to making a sexual advance on her.

In March 2017, the inmate pled guilty to first-degree residential burglary. The inmate admitted a strike prior, a prior serious felony conviction, and having served two prior prison terms. In April 2017, the court struck the strike and sentenced the inmate to serve seven years in prison.

CRIMINAL HISTORY

The inmate has a criminal history that dates to 1997. The inmate has committed primarily felony and misdemeanor theft-related offenses, including robbery.

In 1997, the inmate, at the age of 22, was convicted of battery.

In 2004, the inmate was caught with a cell phone that was stolen from a market where the defendant worked. The inmate was convicted of misdemeanor receiving stolen property.

In 2005, the inmate was convicted of petty theft.

In March 2005, the inmate committed a robbery. The inmate was with another woman when they flagged down the victim who was driving in his car. When the victim pulled his car over, the inmate and the other woman approached the victim. The inmate put her hand under her jacket and stated, "I have a gun," and demanded the victim's wallet. The inmate took \$800 and threw the victim's wallet back into the car. The inmate was initially sentenced to probation; however, after four violations of probation, she was sentenced to two years in prison. By the time the inmate was discharged from parole in May 2013, she had accumulated three violations of parole.

In 2009, the inmate was arrested for grand theft, but ultimately convicted of petty theft with priors, a felony. The inmate was sentenced to 16 months in prison. After the inmate was paroled in February 2010, the inmate accumulated two parole violations.

In 2015, the inmate was convicted of shoplifting, removal of goods, a misdemeanor, in the state of Arizona.

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In 2016, after the inmate had failed to appear in court for the commitment case, the inmate, undeterred, committed new offenses in the state of Arizona. The inmate was driving a stolen car when law enforcement contacted her. The inmate gave the investigating officer a false name and date of birth; however, the officer was able to discover the inmate's identity and her outstanding arrest warrant for the commitment case. In Arizona, the inmate was convicted of a misdemeanor false report to an officer and a felony theft – means of transportation.

DISCUSSION

For nearly two decades, the inmate has repeatedly victimized members of the community, in California and Arizona. Flagging down a passing motorist and getting that innocent citizen to stop, only to commit an apparent armed robbery, demonstrates the callousness of this violent inmate. She shows a complete disregard for the well-being of others. Residential burglary is an inherently violent crime. Entering one's dwelling place creates a high risk of extreme violence. After the inmate committed the residential burglary in her current case, she traveled to Arizona and continued to victimize others. She drove a stolen car and gave law enforcement a false identification to elude detection. The inmate has accrued numerous violations of probation and parole. Moreover, she has failed to take responsibility for her crimes and show any empathy for her victims. There is no evidence to suggest the inmate can curb her criminal ways if released into the community.

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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