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Board of Parole Hearings
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**Re: Inmate Timothy Paul Zeugin; CDCR AZ9270
Ventura County Superior Court Cases 2016003987
Opposition Letter Due to Board of Parole Hearing January 28, 2018**

Dear Board Members:

This letter is written to recommend denial of early parole for inmate Timothy Zeugin. The inmate was sentenced in May 2016 to serve seven years in prison. If the inmate is granted early parole at this time he will have spent only two years in custody, less than 33 percent of his actual sentence. This recommendation is based upon:

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

CIRCUMSTANCES OF COMMITMENT OFFENSE

Case 2016003987

During the week of January 10, 2016, detectives from the Simi Valley Police Department learned the inmate was selling methamphetamine. They used a confidential informant (CI) to record a telephone conversation with the inmate where the inmate agreed to sell methamphetamine. The CI met with the inmate outside of the inmate's residence and the methamphetamine sale of 3.37 grams was conducted. (Count 1)

During the week of January 17, 2016, the detectives met with a CI regarding the inmate's methamphetamine sales in the city of Simi Valley. The CI contacted the inmate via telephone and they agreed the inmate would sell methamphetamine at the inmate's residence. The CI arrived at the inmate's residence and contacted him near the inmate's van, which was parked outside. The CI purchased 1.3 grams of methamphetamine from the inmate. (Count 2)

On February 2, 2016, the inmate was contacted during a traffic stop. He was arrested for an outstanding warrant for a violation of his post release community supervision out of Los Angeles County, and for the sales of methamphetamine. Officers searched his vehicle and located a digital scale with methamphetamine residue, and two plastic baggies with portions ripped off. There were small loose pieces of methamphetamine on the carpet inside the vehicle.

The inmate pled guilty to two separate counts of selling methamphetamine. He admitted a prior robbery conviction alleged as a strike prior, a prior drug cocaine manufacturing conviction pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 11370.2(c), and eight separate prison priors. At the time of sentencing, the court exercised its discretion and struck the inmate's strike prior and six prior prisons and sentenced the inmate to seven years in prison.

CRIMINAL HISTORY

The inmate has a criminal history that dates to 1984 and spans through three California counties. The inmates criminal history includes robbery in violation of Penal Code section 211, burglary in violation of Penal Code section 459, grand theft of property in violation of Penal Code section 487.1, grand theft of a person in violation of Penal Code section 487.2, grand theft in violation of Penal Code section 487(a), felony vandalism in violation of Penal Code section 594(b)(1), manufacturing cocaine in violation of Penal Code section 11379.6, hit and run in violation of Vehicle Code section 20002(a), three separate counts of possession of a controlled substance in violation of Health and Safety Code section 11377, violation of a court order in violation of Penal Code section 273.6, and six separate counts of under the influence of a controlled substance in violation of Health and Safety Code section 11550. He has now been sent to prison nine times on separate felony convictions.

DISCUSSION

For more than 30 years, the inmate's chosen lifestyle of robbery, burglary, and other thefts, as well as drug sales and substance abuse have created a public safety threat to the communities around him. The inmate has spent almost his entire adult life in prison, on parole, or in local custody awaiting adjudication on a newly committed criminal offense. He uses and sells narcotics, and steals from other people to support himself. Since the inmate's first prison commitment in 1986, the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation has been unable to rehabilitate this inmate in eight previous prison commitments. He is a career criminal who has not made any life changes that would ensure the citizens of Ventura County that they no longer need to fear his criminal actions.

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Suggesting that his commitment offenses are "nonviolent" is a misnomer. Not only is there a strong possibility of violence during drug deals, the inmate pushed poisonous, addictive, and deadly drugs into our community on two separate occasions.

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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