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Board of Parole Hearings
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**Re: Inmate Russell Reiland, CDCR BF0400
Ventura County Superior Court Cases 2016030913, 2015002484
Opposition Letter Due to Board of Parole Hearings February 22, 2018**

Dear Board Members:

This letter is written to recommend denial of early parole for inmate Russell Reiland. On November 30, 2017, the inmate was sentenced to four years in prison, with just over two and one-half years of credit. Releasing the inmate now means he would serve about 68 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 OFFENSES

Case 2016030913

While out on bail in case 2015002484, on August 21, 2016, the inmate vandalized two parked vehicles for no apparent reason. First, the inmate approached a Dodge Challenger parked outside a fast food restaurant. He gouged long, deep scratches all around the car, then kicked the driver's side door hard enough to leave a dent the size of a tennis ball. From there, the inmate moved on to a retail store parking lot. A female customer had just parked her Toyota Echo and went inside the store. The inmate used a metal object and gouged deep scratches on the car doors and the right rear quarter panel. When confronted by a passerby, the inmate said that the owner of the car tried to rape a friend of the inmate. The inmate walked into the store and looked around as if searching for someone, then left.

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The inmate pled guilty to two counts felony vandalism and admitted committing the crime while on felony bail. He also admitted a strike prior and prison prior.

Case 2015002484

On January 24, 2015, the inmate brought a small knife to the neighborhood of his former sober living home. The inmate slashed the tires of the car belonging to the director of the home. He gouged deep scratches all the way around a car owned by the director's girlfriend. He punctured two tires on a nearby pick-up truck. When the director of the sober living home confronted him, the inmate lunged forward with a knife in his hand. The inmate told the director, "Don't make me stab you." The court ordered the inmate to have no contact with the victims and ordered restitution of \$12,805 to the director and his girlfriend. The court ordered restitution of \$200 to the owner of the pick-up truck.

The inmate pled guilty to two counts of felony vandalism and brandishing a knife in a threatening manner. He also admitted a strike prior and a prison prior. He was sentenced to four years prison on both cases.

CRIMINAL HISTORY

The inmate has four convictions for driving under the influence of alcohol beginning in 1997. In 2000, he was convicted of a domestic battery. The inmate was convicted of being under the influence of a controlled substance in 2003. In 2012, he committed felony assault with a deadly weapon and was sentenced to prison for two years. Following his release from prison, the inmate committed a series of unprovoked attacks on motor vehicles owned by neighbors and strangers. The inmate violently brandished a knife at an individual who tried to stop him from fleeing.

DISCUSSION

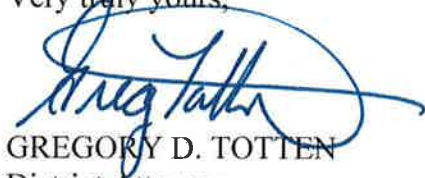
Granting early parole of the inmate poses a safety risk to the community. The inmate's criminal history stretches back 20 years and shows a pattern of violence, reckless disregard for the rights and property of others, substance abuse, and vandalism fueled by anger. The inmate is violent and unpredictable. He has a history of mental health instability and substance abuse. Despite numerous grants of probation and parole, the inmate continues to endanger the public due to his uncontrollable, violent, aggressive behavior towards others. He is dangerous and should not be released early.

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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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