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Board of Parole Hearings
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**Re: Inmate Sean Sheets; CDCR BA5764
Ventura County Superior Court Cases 2015005967, 2015022201, 2015031960,
2015005963
Opposition Letter Due to Board of Parole Hearings February 1, 2018**

Dear Board Members:

This letter is written to recommend denial of early parole for inmate Sean Sheets. The inmate was sentenced in July 2016, on the above four felony cases to serve 9 years 8 months in prison. If the inmate is granted early parole at this time, he will have served less than 25 percent of his actual 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 THE COMMITMENT OFFENSE

Case 2015005967

On February 14, 2015, the inmate was arrested for an unrelated matter. During a search of his vehicle, officers located two spent 9mm ammunition casings. A search of his person revealed a receipt in his pocket that denoted a federal ammunition purchase from Walmart. On February 22, 2015, officers reviewed security footage from Walmart of the inmate purchasing the ammunition. The inmate was subsequently charged and convicted of violating Penal Code Section 30305(a)(1), being a prohibited person in possession of ammunition.

Case 2015005963

On February 23, 2015, the inmate was contacted as the driver of a vehicle during a traffic stop. More ammunition was found in the middle seat storage area. A search of his person revealed a baggie containing approximately 13.5 grams of methamphetamine. The inmate claimed the methamphetamine was his and stated, "It's for personal use, I have a bad habit."

An officer was assigned a follow-up investigation regarding the arrest of the inmate. The inmate's cell phone was searched per a search warrant. Numerous text messages were found showing customers ordering narcotics from the inmate. The inmate was charged with possession of narcotics for sale and being a felon in possession of ammunition. He pled guilty to possessing drugs for sales and admitted a prior drugs sales conviction and two prison priors.

Case 2015022201

On April 7, 2015, while monitoring traffic, an officer observed a motorcycle with a female passenger who was not wearing a helmet. A traffic stop was conducted, and the inmate was the driver. When questioned, the inmate told officers that his girlfriend bought him the motorcycle. A records check revealed the motorcycle was reported stolen one year earlier. The inmate was arrested and convicted of unlawful taking or driving of a motor vehicle.

On July 12, 2015, an officer on patrol conducted a records check on a Suzuki motorcycle. Dispatch advised it was reported stolen. The officer followed the motorcycle into an apartment complex parking space. The driver, later identified as the inmate, was directed to get off the motorcycle. As the officer approached, he noticed the entire ignition assembly had been removed and there were no keys. Additionally, a flat head screwdriver was located on the ground next to the motorcycle. The inmate was subsequently convicted of unlawful taking or driving of a motor vehicle.

Case 2015031960

On August 28, 2015, an officer observed a 2000 Lexus failed to stop at a stop sign. The officer recognized the driver as being the inmate from previous contacts. A records check revealed that the vehicle was reported stolen out of Los Angeles. The inmate continued to drive and turned into an alleyway out of the view of the officer. Additional officers arrived and located the Lexus parked in a secluded parking stall. Officers approached the vehicle and noticed that it was abandoned. Officers searched the vehicle and located a receipt from Rite Aid Pharmacy showing that a prescription in the inmate's name was filled on August 27, 2015. The inmate was charged and convicted of unlawful

taking or driving of a motor vehicle. He also admitted being out on bail for the three previous cases.

CRIMINAL HISTORY

The inmate has a prior criminal history that dates to 2002.

In June 2002, the inmate had a sustained petition for first-degree burglary, when the inmate broke into a house to steal a car.

In September 2003, the inmate was convicted of receiving stolen property and possession of drug paraphernalia after the inmate stole shoes from a retail store. A search of his person revealed a hypodermic needle in its original package.

In February 2004, the inmate entered an electronics store and stole an electronic organizer valued at \$399. The inmate was convicted of petty theft.

In April 2004, the inmate and an unknown person entered victim John Bollier's garage and took a moped scooter. The inmate was later contacted by the victim, who recovered his scooter. The inmate gave the victim a false name and stated he purchased the scooter for \$100. The inmate was convicted of receiving stolen property.

In August 2004, the inmate stole an MP3 player from a department store. Officers contacted the inmate as he was running through the parking lot. He was found in possession of an open pocketknife and a syringe. The inmate was convicted of felony petty theft.

In April 2005, the inmate and other individuals contacted the victim and told the victim to "take that fucking shirt off," and that he does not "deserve to wear that D.C. shirt." The victim handed it to the inmate and he fled the scene. The inmate was convicted of felony grand theft person.

In March 2007, the inmate was convicted of possession of drug paraphernalia.

In January 2008, the inmate was convicted of felony possession of a controlled substance for sale.

In July 2009 and December 2009, the inmate was convicted of possession of a controlled substance.

In September 2011, the inmate was convicted of petty theft with priors (Pen. Code § 666).

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In July 2014, the inmate was convicted of possession of a controlled substance (Health and Safety Code § 11377).

DISCUSSION

For almost two decades, the inmate has repeatedly demonstrated his dangerousness to our community. The probation report from his commitment offenses reports him to be a high risk to reoffend and victimize others. Despite being a convicted felon multiple times over, he continues to possess firearm ammunition. Why? To possess loaded guns. He has gone into people's homes to steal items. He has also committed commercial theft while possessing a knife. His propensity to commit violent crimes also is high due to his dependence on narcotics and the sales of narcotics. His constant criminal conduct creates a public safety threat to our community. He has failed on formal probation and parole multiple occasions. There is absolutely no evidence to suggest the inmate will curb his criminal ways if released into the community.

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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