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Board of Parole Hearings
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**Re: Inmate Jose Alvarado; CDCR AK9936
Ventura County Superior Court Case 2016013158
Opposition Letter Due to Board of parole Hearings March 27, 2018**

Dear Board Members:

This letter is written to recommend denial of early parole for inmate Jose Alvarado. The inmate was sentenced in October 2016 to serve five years in prison. If the inmate is released now he will have served approximately 40 percent of his actual sentence. This recommendation is based upon:

- 1) The inmate's commitment offenses.
- 2) The inmate's significant criminal history, including his conduct in custody.
- 3) The unreasonable threat to the safety of the community if the inmate is released early.

CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE COMMITMENT OFFENSE

Case 2016013158

On April 3, 2016, Heriberto Carreno, an employee at La Costa Auto Sales, reported that a 2005 Nissan Frontier truck was stolen from the dealership's lot. Mr. Carreno advised that a male about 30 to 40 years old stole the truck. He stated the truck had a La Costa Auto Sales paper license cover on it. As an officer responded to the dealership, he saw a Nissan Frontier that had dealership decals on the side window. The officer followed the vehicle, then initiated a traffic stop. The inmate was driving the vehicle. He was arrested.

At the inmate's trial, Mr. Carreno testified that the inmate was loitering around the dealership near the vehicle. When Mr. Carreno entered the sales office, the inmate stole the vehicle. The inmate then put pictures of his family in the truck and placed three large bags of items in the bed of the truck as if he had taken ownership of the vehicle. At no time had any employees at La Costa spoken to the inmate nor given him permission to drive or take the truck. The inmate falsely claimed he had spoken to Mr. Carreno about purchasing the truck and claimed he merely took the truck on a test-drive. The jury convicted the inmate of felony auto theft and found true his strike prior and three prison priors.

CRIMINAL HISTORY

The inmate's criminal history dates back to 2002. Despite numerous grants of probation and parole, the inmate continued his criminality.

- In October 2002, the inmate was convicted of brandishing a weapon and criminal threats.
- In July 2003, the inmate was convicted of brandishing a weapon and battery against a peace officer.
- In September 2003, the inmate was convicted of felony accessory to a discharge of a gun.
- In May 2005, the inmate was convicted of battery on a peace officer and resisting arrest.
- In January 2007, the inmate was convicted of felony evading with reckless disregard for human life.
- In February 2012, the inmate was convicted of felony criminal threats and being a felon in possession of a firearm.
- In May 2014, the inmate was convicted of battery and two counts of resisting arrest.
- In December 2015, the inmate was convicted of violating a domestic violence restraining order, DUI, and driving on a suspended license.

Conduct in Custody

At the time of sentencing the inmate had accumulated 11 major write-ups for failing to obey directives, challenging staff to a fight, tampering with a security device, refusing to comply with staff during a disturbance, hoarding medication, creating a disturbance, possessing a weapon, destruction of county property, violating jail rules, and refusing to stop pressing an emergency button after being admonished not to do so.

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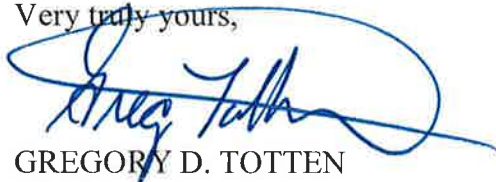
DISCUSSION

For more than 15 years the inmate has repeatedly demonstrated an inability to remain crime free. Although his commitment offense is not a violent felony, he is a violent felon. He has repeatedly been convicted of battery, gun offenses, making criminal threats, and resisting arrest. His constant criminal conduct creates a public safety threat the moment he is released from custody. While in custody, he has engaged in dangerous behavior. Multiple grants of probation and three prior prison commitments have failed to curb his violence towards others. There is no evidence to suggest the inmate will cease his dangerous criminality if released early from prison.

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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