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Board of Parole Hearings
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**Re: Inmate Jeffrey Jones; CDCR BF0893
Ventura County Superior Court Case 2016020364
Opposition Letter Due to Board of Parole Hearings March 15, 2018**

Dear Board Members:

This letter is written to recommend denial of early parole for inmate Jeffrey Jones. On December 11, 2017, the inmate was sentenced to 21 years 8 months in prison, with just under two years of actual credit. Releasing the inmate now means he would serve less than 10 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 OFFENSE

On October 5, 2015, at approximately 2:30 a.m., the inmate was seen on video surveillance walking around the Conejo Valley Stamp and Coin located in the city of Thousand Oaks. The inmate then broke a window of the business and entered the business. After 30 seconds inside the business, the inmate left. He did not take anything. The inmate's DNA was found on duct tape located on the broken window.

On November 3, 2015, the inmate was again seen on surveillance video outside of the Conejo Valley Stamp and Coin. At approximately 5:00 a.m., he attempted to manipulate a lock to gain access inside the business. The inmate was unsuccessful, and he left. On May 22, 2016, at approximately 10:33 p.m., deputies responded to an alarm at the

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Conejo Valley Stamp and Coin. When they arrived, they found a broken window and determined the inmate attempted to enter through the window; however, he was unable to get past the metal rollup door between the window and showroom.

On June 10, 2016, the inmate entered a Bank of America branch in Thousand Oaks with long facial hair and wearing a hat. He handed the bank teller a note that said, "I'm robbing you" and had "\$50" and "\$100" written on it. The teller froze upon seeing the note. This prompted the inmate to say, "Are you going to act on it?" The teller immediately responded, "No." The inmate then grabbed the note from the teller's hand and left. This crime was caught on surveillance video.

Using still photos from the video, the Sheriff's office issued a news release to see if the public could identify the robber. Two days after the attempted robbery, Sheriff's deputies determined the inmate's identity. Upon arrest, the inmate denied committing the attempted robbery, but admitted the crimes at the Conejo Valley Stamp and Coin.

The inmate pled guilty to attempted robbery, two counts of burglary, and one count of attempted burglary. He admitted two strike priors and two serious felony priors. The inmate faced a 25 year to life sentence per the three strikes law; however, the court struck one strike and sentenced him to 21 years 8 months in prison.

CRIMINAL HISTORY

The inmate has a long history of committing bank robberies. The inmate was convicted in federal court of two bank robberies on May 19, 1995. He robbed a Wells Fargo Bank and Bank of America in the city of San Diego. Similar to his commitment offense, the inmate handed the teller a note that said, "This is a robbery. Give me money in \$20s, \$50s, and \$100s." The inmate was sentenced to 30 months in federal prison.

The inmate pled guilty to four more bank robberies on December 8, 1999, using the same method of handing a note to the teller. Two of the robberies occurred in Oakland, California. The other two occurred in Chula Vista, California and Seattle, Washington. The inmate was sentenced to 46 months in federal prison for these crimes.

DISCUSSION

Granting early parole of this inmate poses a safety risk to the community. The inmate is a repeated bank robber. Including the current case, the inmate has committed seven bank robberies between 1995 and 2016. Furthermore, these robberies were committed in

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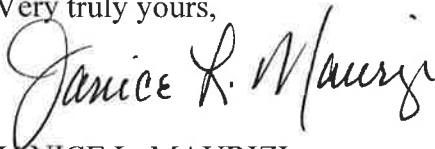
multiple locations throughout the state and country. Under California law, robbery is considered a violent felony and attempted robbery is a serious felony. In the instant case, this distinction is non-sensical; just because the teller did not give the inmate any money after handing over a demand note does not make this crime any less violent. This is inherently dangerous conduct.

The inmate's criminal history makes clear that if he were released early it is only a matter of time before he commits another robbery. The inmate repeatedly relapses into alcohol and drugs and funds his substance abuse habit through inherently violent criminal activity, specifically bank robberies. Moreover, as of now he has served less than 10 percent of the sentence imposed by the court. The judge intended to send him away for a long time and already gave him a break by striking one of his strikes. Based on his continued violent criminal conduct, he should serve his full prison term.

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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