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Board of Parole Hearings  
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**Re: Inmate Kilepoa Tuitama; CDCR AU9551  
Ventura County Cases 2016042330, 2013014663, 2014002616  
Opposition Letter Due to Board of Parole Hearings March 23, 2018**

Dear Board Members:

This letter is written to recommend denial of early parole for inmate Kilepoa Tuitama. On January 8, 2018, the inmate was sentenced to 3 years 8 months in prison. Releasing the inmate now would mean he would serve approximately 40 percent of the actual sentence imposed. 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**

### Case 2016042330

On November 29, 2016, at 3:06 p.m., officers observed the inmate driving a Nissan Pathfinder. Officers knew that the inmate was on parole and had an active felony warrant for his arrest and attempted to stop the inmate's vehicle; however, the inmate drove over the street's center divider. As he did so, he collided with another vehicle and began to flee eastbound in the westbound lanes. This caused several vehicles to swerve out of the way to avoid a head-on collision.

The inmate's vehicle eventually stopped a few blocks later. The inmate jumped from the car and fled on foot. Officers continued to pursue the inmate while giving verbal commands to stop. The inmate ignored the directives and continued to run. A law

enforcement canine was released and momentarily apprehended the inmate by biting his left forearm. However, the inmate assaulted the canine by striking him in the head. This stunned the canine and the inmate was able to release himself. The inmate continued to run from the canine before tripping over a curb. The inmate was then taken into custody.

While in custody, the inmate provided the following statement: He ran because he knew that he was going to get a new prison sentence, so he wanted to "make it worth it." The inmate was subsequently arrested for evading an officer with reckless disregard, resisting arrest, and hit and run. The inmate pled guilty to felony evading and admitted a strike prior and three prison priors. The inmate was sentenced to 3 years 8 months in prison.

At the time of the commitment offense, the inmate was on supervised parole in the below two cases.

Case 2013014663

Ms. Zaragoza and the inmate had a previous dating relationship that lasted for five years. They lived together for two years and had a three-year-old son at the time of the April 13, 2013, incident. On April 13, 2013, Ms. Zaragoza drove to the bank with her son and 12-year-old family friend, Alissa. After leaving the bank, Ms. Zaragoza noted the inmate following her. The inmate began to tailgate her vehicle. The inmate also pulled up next to Ms. Zaragoza and yelled at her to pull over. She did not pull over because she feared him. Ms. Zaragoza testified that the inmate was driving so close to her, she thought he was going to hit her.

When Ms. Zaragoza stopped at a four way stop, the inmate maneuvered his vehicle in front of her to prevent her from driving forward. Ms. Zaragoza began to drive in reverse to get away from the inmate. The inmate turned around and followed her. Ms. Zaragoza heard the inmate's vehicle accelerate and felt his vehicle collide with hers. The inmate then fled the scene. Alissa was very emotional during this incident; she was crying and yelling during the encounter and vomited after the collision.

On May 30, 2013, the court issued a protective order listing Ms. Zaragoza, her son and Alissa as protected parties. The inmate was in court and ordered to not have any contact or come within 100 yards of them. On October 6, 2013, the inmate went to Tara Mahoney's residence and demanded to see Ms. Zaragoza and his son. Although Ms. Zaragoza was hiding in Ms. Mahoney's bedroom, Ms. Mahoney told the inmate that she was not there. The inmate eventually left the residence and vandalized Ms. Zaragoza's vehicle causing more than \$1,000 damage.

The inmate was convicted of felony assault with deadly weapon and two counts of child endangerment under circumstances likely to produce great bodily injury, death, or unjustifiable mental suffering.

Case 2014002616

On January 25, 2014, an officer observed a stolen Jeep driven by the inmate. When the officer moved his vehicle behind the Jeep, the inmate made a quick turn into a parking lot. The inmate then made a sharp turn into a parking space, jumped out of the Jeep, and fled on foot.

The officer exited his patrol vehicle, identified himself as a police officer, and yelled at the inmate to stop. The inmate did not comply and continued running across the street and scaled the fence of a park. The officer pursued the inmate, repeatedly commanding the inmate to stop. Eventually, the officer caught the inmate and arrested him. A records check confirmed the inmate had multiple outstanding felony and misdemeanor warrants for his arrest. The inmate said he ran because he knew he had warrants and claimed the car belonged to a friend. The manager of a local car dealership confirmed the Jeep had been stolen.

The inmate pled guilty to felony auto theft and admitted a prior auto theft conviction. He also admitted committing the crime while on bail and two prison priors. On May 2, 2014, the inmate was sentenced to 5 years 4 months in cases 2013014663 and 2014002616.

The inmate was paroled February 25, 2016. Less than three months after being paroled, on May 15, 2016, the inmate violated his parole by contacting Ms. Zaragoza, despite having an active restraining order. Between 1:21 a.m. and 3:04 a.m. the inmate called Ms. Zaragoza 25 times. The inmate also drove to Ms. Zaragoza's residence and smashed her vehicle's rear window out.

**CRIMINAL HISTORY**

The inmate's criminal history is long and violent.

On February 16, 2005, the inmate struck his girlfriend in the eye with a closed fist. He later drove his vehicle into the victim's brother's vehicle, causing it to hit a brick wall. He then backed up into the victim's father's vehicle, while the victim was sitting inside the car. The inmate was convicted of assault with a deadly weapon and several counts of vandalism. He was sentenced to prison for 16 months.

On April 14, 2006, officers responded to a residence due to a disturbance. Officers located several glass items broken on a hall floor. They noticed doors with fist-size

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holes in them and blood splattered on several doors and walls. The officers found a fake handgun, gas mask, opened knives, drug paraphernalia, and butane torches. There was a trail of blood leading into the bathroom. The bathroom floor was covered with blood droplets. Officers found the inmate inside the bathroom. He was breathing heavily and had gauze and duct tape around his hand. When asked his name, the inmate falsely identified himself as Manu Lasoine Tuitama. Officers also found an unmarked police radio in a bedroom and a stolen vehicle inside the garage. The inmate admitted knowing the vehicle was stolen. The inmate was convicted of receiving stolen property.

Between February 4, 2009, and March 3, 2009, undercover officers had numerous contacts with the inmate and confirmed he had access to stolen vehicles. It was later determined that the inmate was involved in an insurance fraud scheme. On October 4, 2010, the inmate pled guilty to auto theft and was sentenced to 16 months in prison.

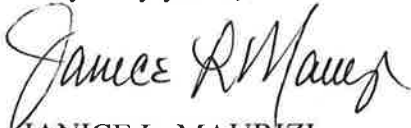
#### **DISCUSSION**

The inmate has a lengthy criminal history dating back to 2005 that consists of violence, theft, and narcotic offenses. The inmate is unable to refrain from engaging in violent, dangerous criminal conduct. His repeated criminal history illustrates his lack of any desire to change his behavior. Given his extensive, violent history, and his failures to comply with probation and parole supervision, it is respectfully recommended the inmate be required to serve his full state prison sentence.

#### **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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