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Board of Parole Hearings
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**Re: Inmate Bobby Gleason; CDCR AT4109
Ventura County Superior Court Case 2016029059
Opposition Letter Due to Board of Parole Hearings August 2, 2018**

Dear Board Members:

This letter is written to recommend denial of early parole for inmate Bobby Gleason.¹ The inmate was serving a nine-year prison sentence for residential burglary out of San Diego County when he escaped from prison while at CDCR's Ventura Conservation Camp. Over our objection, the court showed great leniency when it imposed a sentence of 32 additional months when the inmate was facing more than ten additional years. Releasing the inmate now would mean he would serve less than 40 percent of his actual sentence. The recommendation to deny early release is based upon:

- 1) The inmate's commitment offense.
- 2) The inmate's significant criminal history.
- 3) The inmate's poor institutional behavior.
- 3) The unreasonable risk of violence to the community if the inmate is released early.

CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE COMMITMENT OFFENSE

On April 6, 2016, an officer with the California Department of Corrections was conducting a head count on inmates at the Ventura Conservation Camp. At 11:30 p.m., the officer discovered the inmate was missing.

¹ Portions of this letter are the same as the previous opposition letter sent last year.

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Through extensive investigation, it was discovered the inmate escaped from the camp with the help of his girlfriend and fled to San Diego. The inmate's girlfriend purchased and smuggled a prepaid cellphone to the inmate inside the camp prior to the inmate's escape. Text messages between the two of them revealed photos of wire cutters.

At around 6:30 p.m. on April 7, officers observed the inmate exit a room at a motel in Oceanside, and drive to a residence in Vista. The inmate exited the car and approached the residence; however, the inmate noticed law enforcement cars nearby and attempted to evade capture. The inmate jumped over a fence but was quickly met by officers and taken into custody.

The inmate was convicted of escape from custody. Because of the inmate's criminal history, six special allegations were alleged: the inmate's two prior strike offenses and four prior prison commitments. The court struck the inmate's prison priors and sentenced the inmate to 2 years 8 months in prison.

CRIMINAL HISTORY

The inmate has a significant criminal history which began when he was 20 years old. In December 1997, the inmate was convicted of robbery and sentenced to three years probation and 250 days in jail. The inmate's probation was later revoked, and he was sentenced to prison. On September 16, 1998, the inmate was arrested for battery.

In 2000, the inmate was arrested for embezzlement, and second-degree burglary. The inmate was later convicted of felony petty theft with priors and sentenced to 32 months in prison. On December 9, 2002, the inmate was found in violation of parole and sentenced to prison to finish his term.

In 2003, the inmate was arrested for being a felon in possession of a firearm; exhibiting a firearm; possession of a controlled substance; auto theft, and possession of a controlled substance while armed with a firearm. He was convicted of auto theft while armed with a firearm and sentenced to prison for 44 months.

In 2006, the inmate was arrested for auto theft and being a felon in possession of a firearm. The inmate was convicted auto theft with a prior auto theft and sentenced to four years in prison.

In 2013, the inmate was arrested and convicted for battery on a spouse/significant other. Later that year, the inmate was arrested and convicted of first-degree residential burglary.

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He was sentenced to nine years in prison. The inmate was serving this prison term when he committed the escape from prison camp.

BEHAVIOR WHILE IN PRISON

The inmate violates the rules of prison. In addition to his escape in 2016, in 2017 the inmate suffered a 115 for behavior that could lead to violence. He was also caught possessing a cell phone.

DISCUSSION

Not only have previous grants of probation and parole failed to stop the inmate's criminal activity, but his commitment offense demonstrates a blatant disregard for the authority of the State of California. He has shown a propensity for violence, including robbery, battery, as well as unlawful possessing dangerous firearms. He also has shown to be violent while in custody.

There is no evidence to suggest the inmate will stop his criminal ways if released into the community. Rehabilitation has not worked on the inmate. This is evident by his violations of parole and multiple prior prison commitments. Not even imprisonment has stopped the inmate from offending; while in custody, the inmate has committed offenses including possession of controlled substances, behaving in a way that could lead to violence and the commitment offense – escape.

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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