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Board of Parole Hearings  
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**Re: Joshua Adams; CDCR F71484  
Ventura County Superior Court Case 2014021486  
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 Joshua Adams.<sup>1</sup> The inmate was sentenced to 13 years in May 2016. Releasing the inmate now means he would only serve approximately 40 percent of the actual sentence imposed. This recommendation is based on:

- 1) The facts of the commitment offense, which are similar to prior actions.
- 2) The inmate's criminal history dating back to 1991.
- 3) The violent danger the inmate poses to the community if released.

## SUMMARY OF FACTS OF THE COMMITMENT OFFENSE

On July 11, 2014, while on parole, the inmate was upset at his neighbor, victim Fatih Senel. Mr. Senel had formerly employed the inmate, and there was a dispute over outstanding payment. The inmate was at home with his parents, Sue and George Adams. The inmate went into a rage about Mr. Senel. George described the inmate as "foaming at the mouth," and stated he heard the inmate say he was "going to take care of it," that he was "going over there," and "going over there to fuck him up."

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<sup>1</sup> This letter is very similar to the opposition letter sent last year.

The inmate walked out of his house, took off his shirt, puffed up his chest and flexed his muscles. The inmate, whose tattoos were now exposed, marched aggressively to Mr. Senel's home. Mr. Senel was standing outside on his driveway with a checkbook in his hand, waiting to write an additional check for any outstanding payment to the inmate.

The inmate walked up to Mr. Senel and grabbed his arm. The inmate yelled at him while Mr. Senel stated he would give the inmate the money. The inmate held onto his arm, even while Mr. Senel tried to release himself from the inmate's grasp. While holding onto his arm, the inmate whispered into Mr. Senel's ear, "I'm going to fucking kill you. I'll bury you, motherfucker. I'm going to put you in a pine box."

Sue Adams and the inmate's brother, Nick Adams, witnessed the altercation and Nick described it as very scary.

Mr. Senel eventually wrote the inmate a check, and the inmate left. Mr. Senel was terrified even after the inmate left. Mr. Senel's young children had been inside his home the entire altercation, and he was in fear for their safety. He corralled his children into a corner in his home, secured his house, and retrieved and loaded his firearm. He called the police and asked to meet the police down the street from his home, as he was afraid that the inmate would see police cars and retaliate against him.

The inmate was charged and convicted of criminal threats. He also admitted two strike priors, two serious felony priors (667(a)), and two prison priors. Although he was facing a life sentence under the three strikes law, the court sentenced him to 13 years prison.

## **CRIMINAL HISTORY**

The inmate has a criminal history that dates to 1991 when he was a juvenile. He continued to engage in criminal conduct as an adult. The inmate has two prior strike convictions, one for felony criminal threats for which he had been released from prison less than a year prior to committing the commitment offense.

In 1991, the inmate broke several windows and a glass door in a vacant house. The inmate was referred to youth services for vandalism.

In 1994, at the age of 17, the inmate threatened his father and a police officer with an eight-inch butcher's knife. The inmate also broke his parent's front door and television.

In 1995, the inmate was convicted of misdemeanor possession of a weapon when he had a steel rod with an eight-inch dagger concealed inside.

In 1997, the inmate was convicted of misdemeanor vandalism.

In 1997, the inmate was convicted of negligent discharge of a firearm. In that case, the inmate and another individual, both known Tocas gang members, went to a party. They asked the victim if he belonged to "CVLS," to which the victim denied any gang membership. Shortly thereafter, the inmate confronted the victim, pointed a revolver at the victim's face and made gang-related remarks. Another partygoer stepped in and separated the inmate and the victim. About five minutes later, the inmate and two other individuals attacked the victim's friend, repeatedly hitting and kicking him. The inmate then approached the victim's girlfriend and pointed the revolver at her face.

The inmate was asked to leave, and while leaving, the inmate fired several gun shots, three while in the backyard and two from his car. The inmate was initially granted five years probation; however, after multiple violations of probation, the inmate was sent to prison for 16 months in 2000.

In 2000, while the inmate was still on probation, he was convicted of misdemeanor battery resulting in serious bodily injury. The inmate threw a rock at the victim's face and punched him with his fists. After the victim reported the crime to the police, the inmate made death threats to the victim.

In 2003, the inmate was taken back to prison on a parole violation and ultimately released again on October 6, 2003.

In 2005, the inmate was convicted of felony criminal threats. In that case, the Simi Valley Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration were conducting surveillance on the inmate's home after discovering that the inmate had almost 5,000 oxycontin pills, illegally prescribed to him. During the surveillance, the agencies observed the inmate drive away from his home, so they conducted a traffic stop on the inmate's vehicle. The inmate failed to yield and dropped drug paraphernalia out his car window. The inmate drove back to his home and then fled on foot. An officer eventually caught up to the inmate and tried to detain him. The inmate struggled with the officer and told him, "Fuck you for disrespecting me in front of my family. I'm fucking with La Eme. I'll find out where you live and come after you."

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The inmate was ultimately sentenced to nine years in prison, and he was released on parole on November 12, 2013.

#### **DISCUSSION**

The inmate has engaged in threatening, violent, and destructive behavior since he was a juvenile in 1991. The only period when the inmate has not committed new crimes was while incarcerated in prison. The inmate's past conduct shows that he will commit new crimes when he is released. He has been unsuccessful on probation and on parole.

The inmate is a violent danger to the public. His history shows that he has severe anger issues and will become violent towards people, including his family members, peace officers, and property. The inmate has gang ties and does not hesitate to resort to weapons. The inmate has been caught using, or in possession of, a firearm, an eight-inch butcher knife, an eight-inch dagger concealed in a steel rod, and a rock.

#### **CONCLUSION**

The inmate has demonstrated that he poses a significant danger to the community and a grant of early release will not sufficiently punish him, protect the public, or deter others from similar conduct. I respectfully request that the Board deny early parole.

Very truly yours,



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