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Board of Parole Hearings
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**Re: Inmate Jeremiah Deandre Mitchell; CDCR BD0508
Ventura County Superior Court Case 2015025049
Opposition Letter Due to Board of Parole Hearings August 4, 2018**

Dear Board Members:

This letter is written to recommend denial of early parole for inmate Jeremiah Mitchell.¹ In April 2017, the inmate was sentenced to prison for 14 years. Releasing the inmate now means he would serve less than 25 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 THE COMMITMENT OFFENSE

On August 6, 2015, the inmate was out on bail pending burglary charges in Los Angeles when Los Angeles Sheriff's detectives investigating a burglary crew of the 62nd St. East Coast Neighborhood Crips, observed the inmate and another exiting a residence in Camarillo. After both men got into a car and drove away, a detective went to the residence to investigate. The back door had a broken glass pane and had been forced open. The home's interior was ransacked.

The vehicle was detained, and officers arrested the inmate and three others. Deputies collected four cell phones from the car. A Coach brand belt and the matching buckles still in the original box were in the back seat. These items were positively identified by the victim as having been stolen from his home.

¹ This letter is very similar to the opposition letter sent last year.

Using content from the phone linked to the inmate, the detective could see there were text photos and conversations between that phone and one belonging to Jasmine Lawrence, who was one of the passengers arrested. He noted that there was a 35-minute conversation between Lawrence's phone and the inmate's phone that occurred during the time the burglary was being committed. A Torrance Police Department detective testified that this was consistent with his experience investigating Crips burglary crews who use a lookout to stay in constant contact during the burglaries.

The inmate pled guilty to residential burglary and admitted to a set of special allegations including a strike prior, a serious felony prior, and committing a crime for the benefit of a criminal street gang. The inmate was sentenced to 14 years in prison.

CRIMINAL HISTORY

On May 24, 2006, at the age of 16, the inmate was arrested for grand theft. The juvenile petition was sustained, and the inmate was placed in youth boot camp.

On November 28, 2007, the inmate was arrested for residential burglary. A witness stated she saw someone opening the window to a garage. Before the inmate and a co-conspirator were able to gain access to the house, sheriff's deputies arrived. The inmate was found guilty of residential burglary and sentenced to two years in prison. The inmate had one violation of parole.

On August 23, 2011, the inmate was arrested for check fraud. The inmate was found guilty of forgery and sentenced to 28 months in prison.

On October 11, 2013, the inmate was arrested for driving under the influence. The inmate was found guilty of aiding a motor vehicle speed contest on a highway, and sentenced to 24 months probation, and eight days in jail.

On March 31, 2015, the inmate was again arrested for residential burglary, resisting arrest, and committing a crime to benefit a criminal street gang. A victim of a different burglary committed the same night confirmed that several the items found in the possession of the inmate and his crime partners had been taken from that home. Two more victims reported burglaries in the nearby area. They also confirmed items stolen from those homes were found in the possession of the inmate and co-conspirators. Officers spoke with a gang expert about the people involved in these burglaries. At least four of those involved, including the inmate, were members of the Crips criminal street gang.

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On May 3, 2017, the inmate was arrested for possession of illegal substances in the Ventura County jail, a violation of Penal Code section 4573.6(a). There is currently a warrant outstanding for the inmate's arrest on this case. On the day the inmate was supposed to get on the bus to Wasco, he refused a body scan, stating he was being disrespected. He eventually submitted, and it appeared there was something in his rectum. He was placed in a dry cell with an enema and he eventually expelled a bindle containing 1.65 grams heroin. He told deputies that he needed to sell the drugs when he got to Wasco for commissary money.

DISCUSSION

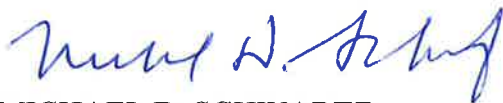
The inmate has an extensive criminal record spanning the last 11 years. In that period, he has rarely been outside the supervision or custody of the criminal justice system. The inmate has had many consecutive arrests, broken up only by stints in prison. Noteworthy is the inmate's continued association with the Crips and multiple residential burglaries.

The inmate has shown a clear disregard for the criminal justice system. Repeated periods of incarceration have had no impact on his criminality, and he committed the commitment offense while out on bail for another residential burglary. The inmate has not performed well in custody. In May 2017, approximately one month after his sentencing, the inmate was found in possession of drugs in jail. There is no evidence to suggest the inmate will stop his criminal ways if released into the community.

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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