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Board of Parole Hearings
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**Re: Inmate Tavon Maurice Moore; CDCR BA5284
Ventura Superior County Court Case 2015025049
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 Tavon Moore.¹ In July 2016, the inmate was sentenced to nine years prison. Releasing the inmate now means he would only serve approximately 33 percent of his 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 THE COMMITMENT OFFENSE

On August 6, 2015, Los Angeles Sheriff's detectives investigating a burglary crew of the 62nd St. East Coast Neighborhood Crips, observed the inmate and Jeremiah Mitchell 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 stopped, and officers arrested the inmate, Mitchell, and two other passengers. Deputies from the Ventura Sheriff's Office 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.

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Using content from the phone linked to Mitchell, the detective saw text, photos, and conversations between that phone and one belonging to Jasmine Lawrence, who was one of the passengers arrested. There was a 35-minute conversation between Lawrence's phone and Mitchell's phone that occurred during the time of the burglary. This is consistent with Lawrence acting as a lookout and staying in constant communication during the burglary.

The inmate pled guilty to residential burglary. He also admitted a special allegation for committing a crime for the benefit of a criminal street gang, a strike prior, a serious felony prior, and a prison prior. On July 19, 2016, the inmate was sentenced to nine years in prison.

THE INMATE'S CRIMINAL HISTORY IS SUBSTANTIAL

On January 8, 2010, the inmate was arrested for possessing two grams of cocaine. He was given a DEJ but failed the program.

On February 19, 2010, the inmate was contacted by deputies during a traffic stop. He was found to be in possession of heroin for sale. The inmate was convicted of possession of a controlled substance for sale and committing a crime to benefit a gang. The inmate was sentenced to two years in prison.

On June 2, 2010, the inmate was contacted by deputies during a traffic stop. A search revealed a 9mm firearm. The inmate was found guilty of carrying a concealed weapon and placed on 36 months probation.

On August 4, 2010, the inmate was arrested for possession of marijuana for sale, possession of methamphetamine for sale, and conspiracy. He was convicted of possession of a methamphetamine for sale and sentenced to two years in prison.

DISCUSSION

The inmate's association with the Crips gang, his sale of drugs, his ownership of guns, and his participation in a highly organized residential burglary scheme, make him a danger to the community. The inmate amassed several convictions and multiple prison sentences in a short amount of time, and persisted in committing crimes upon his release, undaunted by probation, prison, or parole. There is no evidence to suggest the inmate will stop his criminal ways if released into the community.

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CONCLUSION

The inmate clearly 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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