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Board of Parole Hearings
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**Re: Inmate Carlos Oros; CDCR BC6533
Ventura County Superior Court Case 2016039256
Opposition Letter Due to Board of Parole Hearings November 28, 2018**

Dear Board Members:

This letter is written to recommend denial of early parole for inmate Jaime Romero. In March 2017, the inmate was sentenced to seven years in prison. Releasing the inmate now means he would serve about 55 percent of his actual sentence. This recommendation to deny early release is based upon:

- 1) The inmate's commitment offenses.
- 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 OFFENSES

Case 20160039256

On October 11, 2016, at 11:32 p.m., victim Ericka Velasco was in her home with her two small children when she heard noises from the first floor of her apartment. When she walked downstairs, she saw co-defendant, Francisco Roman, standing in her patio, attempting to pull open the sliding glass door. The victim ran upstairs to her bedroom, and saw a light shining through her window. When she peered out the window, she saw Roman holding a flashlight, still attempting to open the door. She also saw the inmate looking through her downstairs front window. It appeared that the inmate and Roman were communicating while attempting to break into her house. The terrified victim called 911.

When deputies responded, Roman was sitting on a chair in the patio. Next to him was a flashlight, a crow bar, and a black Batman mask. The patio was enclosed with a concrete wall, which Roman had climbed to gain access to the patio. A records search revealed that Roman was on active parole and had an arrest warrant. He was arrested on the warrant and for first-degree burglary.

The inmate was found in the courtyard. A search of his person revealed a pair of pantyhose in his rear pocket. He was arrested for the burglary. Witnesses identified the inmate and Roman as two subjects who had been seen in the area earlier.

The inmate was convicted of first-degree residential burglary. He admitted a strike prior and a serious felony prior. The court struck the strike and sentenced the inmate to seven years CDCR.

CRIMINAL HISTORY

The inmate's criminal history began when he was 13 years old. Between the ages of 13 and 17, the inmate had an informal handling for battery on school property, a sustained petition for vehicle burglary. The inmate was convicted for assault with a deadly weapon for the benefit of his criminal street gang. This resulted in a three-year term at the California Youth Authority.¹

As an adult, the inmate has been convicted of theft, trespass, being under the influence of a controlled substance, and attempted second-degree burglary which sent him to prison in 2008 for 18 months.

DISCUSSION

Granting early parole of the inmate poses a significant safety risk to the community. The inmate's criminal history demonstrates continued disregard for others. His commitment offense should have been a violent felony under Penal Code section 667.5 (c)(21) since Ericka Velasco and her two small children were present during the burglary. Unfortunately, this enhancement was not alleged, thus allowing the inmate to be eligible to be released early. Residential burglaries are inherently violent crimes since homeowners may walk in during the commission of the crime, if they are not home already. Here, the victims were extremely lucky that the police responded so quickly to catch the inmate and his co-defendant still at the scene of the crime.

¹ The inmate was arrested for attempted murder in this case.

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CONCLUSION

There is absolutely no evidence that the inmate's criminal behavior will cease upon release. The inmate poses an unreasonable risk of significant criminal conduct, and 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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