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Board of Parole Hearings  
Attn: Nonviolent Parole Review Process  
P.O. Box 4036  
Sacramento, CA 95812-4036

**Re: Inmate Jeffrey Michael Young; CDCR BC7760  
Ventura County Superior Court Case 2014008804  
Opposition Letter Due to Board of Parole Hearings October 27, 2018**

Dear Board Members:

This letter is written to recommend denial of early parole for inmate Jeffrey Young. In March 2017, the inmate was sentenced to 10 years 8 months in prison. Releasing the inmate now means he would only serve approximately 28 percent of the actual sentence imposed. This recommendation to deny early release is based upon:

- 1) The inmate's commitment offenses.
- 2) The inmate's significant criminal history.
- 3) The inherent risk of violence to the community if the inmate is released early.

## **CIRCUMSTANCES OF COMMITMENT OFFENSE**

The inmate's commitment case is composed of two crimes, the second of which occurred while the inmate was released on bail.

### Crime No. 1

On March 21, 2014, the inmate was pulled over while driving and a search of his vehicle found one-half ounce of methamphetamine possessed for sale.

Crime No. 2

On November 2, 2015, while on bail for the first crime, the inmate was again pulled over while driving and a search of his vehicle found 1.2 ounces of methamphetamine possessed for sale and seven Xanax pills also possessed for sale.

The inmate pled guilty to both crimes, admitted four prior narcotic sales convictions, two prison priors, and an out on bail allegation.

**CRIMINAL HISTORY**

The inmate's criminal history (convictions only) is set forth below:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Charge</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Comments</b>
4/14/00	HS 11377(a)	Narcotics – Simple possession	Prison Prior – 7 years 8 months CDCR
11/14/01	HS 11379(a) HS 11377(a)	Narcotics – Sale of Narcotics – Simple possession	
8/28/03	HS 11378	Narcotics – Possession for sale	
10/06/03	HS 11370.1(a)	Narcotics + Firearm – Possession of narcotics while armed with a firearm	
12/11/07	HS 11379(a) HS 11379(a)	Narcotics – Sale of Narcotics – Sale of	

**DISCUSSION**

Granting early parole to the inmate poses a significant and inherent risk to our community. Upon release, the inmate will have six prior narcotics sales convictions along with a possession of narcotics while armed with a firearm. When the inmate committed the possession of narcotics while armed with a firearm, he was already prohibited from possessing firearms due to three prior felony convictions. It is axiomatic that drugs and guns go together. With six prior sales convictions and an armed with a firearm while in possession of narcotics conviction, there is no doubt this inmate will recidivate and engage in narcotics sales upon his release. The selling of illegal drugs is inherently dangerous and violent. Drug dealers, like the inmate, often carry firearms to protect their product and proceeds. Allowing the inmate to be released early will unleash a drug dealer back into society. The inmate will then peddle his poison into the community and put the public's safety at risk.

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**CONCLUSION**

The inmate poses an inherent risk of violence to the community if granted early parole. I respectfully request the Board deny early parole for the inmate.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gregory D. Totten", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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