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Board of Parole Hearings
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**Re: Inmate Sarahi Esquivel; CDCR WF0826
Ventura County Superior Court Case 2016040373
Opposition Letter Due to Board of parole Hearings January 26, 2019**

Dear Board Members:

This letter is written to recommend denial of early parole for inmate Sarahi Esquivel. The inmate was sentenced in March 2017 to seven years in prison. If the inmate is granted an early release at this time, she will have only served approximately 30 percent of the actual sentence imposed. This recommendation is based upon:

- 1) The inmate's commitment offense.
- 2) The inmate's significant criminal history, including a recent carjacking conviction.
- 3) The unreasonable threat to the safety of the community if the inmate is released early.

CIRCUMSTANCES OF COMMITMENT OFFENSES

Case 2016004348

On February 5, 2016, the inmate was contacted during a probation search at the house of a third party. The inmate displayed symptoms of being under the influence of a controlled substance and was arrested. She was transported to the Ventura County jail and prior to commencing her booking process was asked if she had any drugs or contraband on her person. The inmate replied, "No." She was escorted to the women's booking shower area and a strip search was initiated. During the search, officers found a plastic baggie that

contained 1.87 grams of methamphetamine. The inmate admitted she hid the baggie of methamphetamine in her crotch area at the time of the probation search.

Case 2016040373

On November 9, 2016, a patrol unit initiated a traffic stop on a vehicle driven by Frank Granados. The inmate sat in the front passenger seat. Officers learned Granados was on probation and they initiated a search of the vehicle. The inmate was directed to exit the vehicle. The inmate's purse was sitting on the passenger floorboard. Inside her purse officers found a black Pelican case that contained five balls of heroin weighing a total of 119.80 grams. The purse also contained approximately 1.4 grams of methamphetamine. Additionally, the officer found three scales and a binder that listed names and dollar amounts. At booking, officers searched the inmate's person and located a large plastic baggie containing 10.1 grams of heroin and 14.1 grams of methamphetamine. The inmate also gave a false name to officers during the investigation.

Case 2017001559

On January 15, 2017, Crown Dodge dealership reported several of their vehicles had been stolen within the past few days, including a black 2017 Jeep Compass. On January 16, 2017, at approximately 12:37 p.m., a patrol officer saw the stolen Jeep. The inmate was driving the vehicle with two male passengers. One passenger was in possession of a shaved Chevrolet key. A search of the vehicle revealed a set of paper plates belonging to a RV dealership. The inmate admitted she knew the vehicle was stolen.

In the above cases, the inmate was convicted of bringing drugs into the jail, possession of heroin for sale, and auto theft. She also admitted a strike prior, a prison prior, an auto theft prior, and an out-on-bail allegation. The court sentenced her to seven years in prison.

CRIMINAL HISTORY

The inmate's criminal history, while short due to her young age, demonstrates theft by violence, theft in concert, and habitual involvement with illegal narcotics.

On August 3, 2014, the inmate and two co-conspirators lured victim Bernardo Perez to the parking lot of an apartment complex. Once there, the victim and his passenger picked up the inmate and the first co-conspirator in the victim's Honda Accord. The victim then drove toward the parking lot exit. At this point, the second co-conspirator

stepped in front of the car and pointed a revolver at the occupants. The second co-conspirator told everyone to get out of the car. The victim, his passenger, the inmate, and the first co-conspirator exited. The second co-conspirator then drove away in the car. It was later discovered the co-conspirators had previously arranged via text message the time and location for the carjacking.

A short time later, the second co-conspirator picked up the inmate down the street from the scene of the crime. Together they drove to Woodland Hills. The victim had left blank checks and other personal banking information in his vehicle. The inmate and the second co-conspirator forged and deposited a check into a Wells Fargo ATM machine in Woodland Hills in the amount of \$396, then withdrew \$180. A few days later, Fresno Police Department received a call about a party causing a disturbance with a gun. Officers responded to the location and observed the victim's stolen vehicle. A slow speed chase ensued. Officers stopped the vehicle and found the inmate driving with the second co-conspirator riding as a passenger. Officers then walked the route of the chase and located a loaded .38 caliber revolver on the side of the road. The inmate was arrested for evading police and drunk driving.

On August 11, 2014, victim Marcela Lopez's Honda Accord was stolen which contained her purse and several credit cards. Several fraudulent purchases were made on the victim's credit cards, including transactions at Denny's in Van Nuys, Ross store in Los Angeles, United Oil in Van Nuys, and Walgreens. An investigation revealed a video depicting the inmate making the purchases using the stolen cards, and in one of the videos she can be seen getting into the victim's stolen Accord. Security video showed the inmate attempting to purchase over \$200 worth of clothing. During the transaction, the inmate attempted to use eight of the victim's credit cards, but each card was denied.

On October 9, 2014, the inmate was convicted of conspiracy to commit a carjacking based on conduct that took place on August 3, 2014. In the same case, she was also convicted of auto theft and identity theft. for the conduct that took place on August 11, 2014. She was sent to prison for three years eight months. While out on parole, she was found to be in violation of parole four separate times.

DISCUSSION

Despite past leniency, and previous grants of probation and parole, the inmate remains a dangerous criminal. In October 2014, the inmate was convicted of conspiracy to commit a carjacking, and separate charges of auto theft and ID theft. The inmate faced up to 10

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years 4 months in prison, but the court granted her leniency and imposed low term of 3 years, 8 months. The inmate was again granted leniency 13 months later, on December 21, 2015, when she was released from prison.


Upon release, the inmate immediately violated her parole and began committing the offenses for which she is currently incarcerated. The inmate obtained four parole violations for absconding and possession of drugs. At the sentencing in her commitment offense, the parole officer stated the inmate's overall performance on parole was "very poor." There is no reason now to believe she will improve if released early.

The inmate should be required to serve the full sentence imposed in this case. The court already exercised unusual leniency when it struck the alleged strike, despite the fact that it occurred just two years prior to the commitment offense. Early release of the inmate would endanger the community. The inmate's criminal history and failure to perform under supervision demonstrate she will re-offend and harm others when released.

CONCLUSION

The inmate poses an unreasonable risk 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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