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Board of Parole Hearings
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**Re: Inmate Albert Salinas Lara; CDCR BA4739
Ventura County Superior Court Case 2016002098
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 Albert Lara. In July 2016, the inmate was sentenced to six years in prison. Releasing the inmate now means he would only serve about 50 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 serious criminal history.
- 3) The unreasonable risk of violence to the community if the inmate is released early.

CIRCUMSTANCES OF COMMITMENT OFFENSE

On July 23, 2015, the inmate's girlfriend (victim) was sleeping in an SUV parked at his sister's house. The inmate dragged the victim out of the car and punched her in the face. The victim ran from the inmate and locked herself in the bathroom of the residence. A short time later, believing it was safe, she exited the bathroom, only to find the inmate waiting for her. He then pulled her down and kicked her multiple times as she lay on the ground. In his rage, he also threatened to destroy his sister's car if she called the police.

Luckily the inmate's actions that night did not cause serious injury. However, the inmate has a long history of domestic violence that spans over 21 years.

CRIMINAL HISTORY

In September 1994 the inmate struck his girlfriend in the shoulder and stomach several times with a closed fist. It was thirteen days after she had given birth to his child. He grabbed the phone from her, hung it up, and threatened to kill the children if she made a sound. He was convicted of misdemeanor domestic battery.

The inmate committed his first strike in January 1995, when he showed up at his ex-girlfriend's house with a rifle and told her, "You're going to pay." The victim tried to grab the rifle and a struggle ensued. As the inmate was running from the apartment complex, he fired three gun shots with the rifle. He was convicted of discharging a firearm in a grossly negligent manner.

In November 1995, the inmate again argued with the victim. She grabbed her newborn baby and fled the residence. The inmate found her at her friend's house, pushed her down on the ground, hit her in the face with a closed fist, and tried to take off the rings on her finger. He was convicted of a domestic battery.

In September 1998, the inmate threatened his brother-in-law with a large kitchen knife. The victim ran away from the inmate and into another house, but the inmate forced the door open and challenged the victim to a fight while brandishing a hammer. He was convicted of fighting or challenging to fight in a public place.

In September 2001, the inmate was again convicted of domestic battery.

In July 2003, the inmate again injured his girlfriend, this time causing an abrasion to her left forearm approximately six inches long by three inches wide. He was convicted of domestic battery.

In September of 2004 the inmate committed his second strike. With his 12-year-old daughter and his girlfriend in the vehicle, he intentionally rolled the car, crashing it. Just prior to the crash, he told them he was going to kill them. He was convicted of assault with a deadly weapon.

In January 2013, the inmate was convicted of misdemeanor brandishing and vandalism for an altercation that took place with his uncle at a family gathering.

The inmate terrorized his former girlfriend and children when he lived in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. After he moved to Ventura County, the inmate continued to terrorize his new girlfriend and her elderly parents. The girlfriend's elderly parents were

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forced to obtain an elder-abuse restraining order, protecting them from the inmate prior to the commitment offense.

DISCUSSION


The idea of releasing this inmate early as a “non-violent” offender is offensive. The inmate has maintained a consistent history of domestic violence over the past 21 years and presents a clear danger to society. His history includes the use of weapons and terrorizing the people with whom he has personal relationships. Additionally, he has demonstrated his complete lack of respect for the criminal justice system by violating grants of probation and parole numerous times. He only cares about himself. He has never been serious about changing his violent, criminal ways.

Considering the inmate’s crimes against multiple victims and his past convictions for violent conduct, justice requires that the inmate serve his full sentence. The inmate has demonstrated that he poses a significant danger to the community and a grant of early release will only allow him to victimize others upon his release.

CONCLUSION

The inmate poses an unreasonable risk of violence and significant criminal conduct if released early. I respectfully request the Board deny early parole for the inmate.

Very truly yours,



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