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Board of Parole Hearings  
Attn: Nonviolent Parole Review Process  
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**Re: Inmate Andrew Michael Littlejohn; CDCR #AU8221  
Ventura County Superior Court Case #2017035799  
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 Andrew Michael Littlejohn. The inmate was sentenced in November 2017 to serve 32 months in prison. Releasing him now means he would serve less than 50 percent of the actual sentence imposed. The opposition to an early release is based on the following:

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

## **CIRCUMSTANCES OF COMMITMENT OFFENSE**

On September 13, 2017, at 1:29 a.m., the inmate and another individual broke into a church in the city of Camarillo. The church's surveillance video showed the inmate and his co-conspirator inside the church for two and a half hours, running between the sanctuary and offices. When the church's pastor arrived later that morning, he found a broken window leading to the sanctuary and pry marks on a door. There were also pry marks to a youth center, where the following items were missing: a television, two DVD players, an Apple TV device, an Apple "Lightening" adaptor and a boom box radio. The pastor estimated the total loss to be \$11,354.55.

The inmate was identified via the surveillance video and contacted by law enforcement on October 5, 2017. The inmate admitted to committing the burglary for money. The inmate stated he traded some of the stolen items for narcotics. The inmate also admitted the church was an easy target for theft, as he had committed a prior theft at this same church.

On October 31, 2017, the inmate pled guilty to burglary of the church. He also admitted a prior strike conviction and a prison prior. On November 30, 2017, the court sentenced the inmate to 32 months in state prison.

### **CRIMINAL HISTORY**

The inmate has a long criminal history that began when he was a juvenile and continued throughout his adult life. The inmate has committed numerous theft-related offenses, including a prior strike conviction for residential burglary.

On July 14, 2011, the inmate committed a burglary of the same church as the burglary from the commitment offense. The inmate pried open numerous doors inside the church and stole a key from the premises. Afterwards, the inmate walked away and noticed an open garage attached to a residence. The inmate entered the garage and stole an Amazon Kindle and three MP3 music players. The inmate pled guilty to first degree residential burglary, as well as second degree burglary of the church. On December 19, 2011, the inmate was sentenced to 36 months of formal probation and 365 days in jail with participation in Mental Health Court. By April 2, 2012, the inmate had failed to appear twice, violated probation, and was no longer participating in Mental Health Court. By September 30, 2014, and three additional violations of probations later, the inmate ultimately was sentenced to two years in state prison.

In addition to the case above, the inmate has the following theft-related offenses. In April 2011, the inmate stole ten bottles of alcohol from a supermarket. In September 2012, the inmate was convicted of petty theft with priors, as well as a serious or violent felony prior. The court showed the inmate leniency by striking the inmate's prior strike allegation, and the inmate was sentenced initially to probation, then a consecutive term of eight months in prison. This was later reduced to a misdemeanor per Proposition 47.

The inmate also has a history of lying. In 2013, the inmate was convicted of making a false report in Colorado. In 2017, the inmate was convicted of falsely identifying himself to a peace officer.

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In 2006, as a juvenile, the inmate had a sustained petition for a felony arson of a structure. As an adult, only three years later, the inmate was convicted of unlawfully causing a fire of property.

### **DISCUSSION**

The inmate has continued to commit dangerous crimes despite opportunities to rehabilitate himself through numerous grants of probation and parole. The inmate was even given an opportunity to participate in an intensive Mental Health Court program; however, soon after acceptance into the program, he showed an unwillingness to comply with the program, and he was terminated. While on probation for residential burglary, the inmate committed and was convicted of other theft crimes. He was given another opportunity on probation, only to again fail and be sent to prison.

The inmate has been undeterred in his criminal conduct. He has committed multiple arsons, and even burglarized the same church twice. He truly is a repeat offender who will re-offend and engage in criminal conduct if released early.

### **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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