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Board of Parole Hearings
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**Re: Inmate Kyler Ethan Speed; CDCR BA0515
Ventura County Superior Court Case 2015011731
Opposition Letter Due to Board of Parole Hearings February 2, 2019**

Dear Board Members:

This letter is written to recommend denial of early parole for inmate Kyler Speed.¹ The inmate was sentenced in May 2016 to serve nine years in prison. If the inmate is granted early parole at this time, the inmate will have served less than 40 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 2009 conviction for robbery.
- 3) The unreasonable threat to the safety of the community if the inmate is released early.

CIRCUMSTANCES OF COMMITMENT OFFENSE

Case 2015011731

In January 2015, the inmate rented a room in a house where the victim and his wife, along with their one-year-old child, also rented a room. Beginning in February 2015, the victim noticed things missing from his room even though he kept his bedroom door locked. In April 2015, the victim noticed several gold and platinum bullions were missing, which prompted him to install a camera near a drawer that contained his valuables. On April 11, 2015, the victim's camera caught the inmate going into the victim's room and rummaging through the drawer containing the valuables. Inside the inmate's room, police found gold and platinum bullions and four 200-peso Mexican bills belonging to the victim.

¹ This letter is very similar to our opposition letter sent last year.

Although some of the victim's property was returned, the victim reported missing approximately \$600 to \$700 in bullions. The victim also reported emotional distress, and he and his family eventually moved to a new residence.

In April 2016, the inmate pled guilty to first degree residential burglary and to possessing stolen property. The inmate admitted a strike prior, as well as a prior serious felony conviction. In May 2016, the court sentenced the inmate to serve nine years in prison.

CRIMINAL HISTORY

The inmate's prior strike conviction is from 2009. When the inmate was 16 years old, he called the 17-year-old victim on the phone asking to purchase marijuana. When the victim arrived at the inmate's apartment, the inmate and several other subjects viciously attacked the victim and robbed the victim of marijuana. Because of the attack, the victim suffered multiple contusions to the head, a concussion, loss of consciousness, two facial fractures, two fractured ribs, and abrasions and bruises. The inmate was convicted of second degree robbery.

When the inmate committed the commitment offense, the inmate was on four separate grants of probation. The inmate was on probation for two separate 2014 misdemeanor convictions for driving under the influence of alcohol, a 2014 misdemeanor conviction for possession of drug paraphernalia, and a 2015 misdemeanor conviction for battery on a spouse or co-habitant. The inmate performed poorly on probation.

When the inmate pled guilty to the commitment offense, he also pled guilty to another violent crime. On March 27, 2016, the inmate engaged in an argument with the victim, the inmate's girlfriend. The inmate pushed her and spat on her face. When the victim tried to drive away in her vehicle, the inmate jumped into the back seat and punched her in the right eye. As a result, the victim's right eye was swollen shut, and she had redness on the right side of her face. The victim crawled out of the car and to safety, while the inmate tried unsuccessfully to flee.

In April 2016, the inmate pled guilty to corporal injury on a spouse, a felony; battery on a spouse or a co-habitant, a misdemeanor; and disobeying a court order. The inmate admitted a prior domestic violence conviction, a prior strike conviction, and an out-on-bail allegation. At sentencing in May 2016, the court reduced the felony corporal injury on a spouse conviction to a misdemeanor and sentenced the inmate to 108 days in Ventura County jail to be served concurrent to any other sentence.

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DISCUSSION

The inmate's propensity for violence is obvious. He continues to beat people and steal from their homes. Even while the inmate was on four separate grants of probation, he committed residential burglary of his housemate. While out on bail pending charges in that offense, and while on probation for a domestic violence conviction, the inmate attacked his girlfriend. There is no evidence to suggest the inmate will curb his violence if released into the community.

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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