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Ventura County District Attorney Nasarenko Encourages Residents to Provide Comment to Prison Officials Regarding Early Release of Inmates

VENTURA, California – District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) is seeking to enact permanent regulations which would result in the early release statewide of thousands of violent offenders and “nonviolent second strikers.” Offenses designated as “nonviolent” include those who were convicted of human trafficking, felony domestic violence and rape of an unconscious person.

“I encourage County residents to weigh in and comment on a proposal by state officials to make these emergency regulations permanent,” said District Attorney Nasarenko. “Prison inmates should serve the sentence imposed by the court. The adoption of permanent regulations to accelerate their release will only endanger community safety, undermine judicial independence and retraumatize crime victims.”

Under the proposed regulations, CDCR seeks to reduce sentences by increasing credits awarded on those sentences. Violent offenders could have their conduct credit rate increased from 20 percent to 33 percent. Nonviolent second strikers could see an increase from 50 percent to 66 percent. For example, on a 10-year sentence, an individual could be released after having served three years four months if the new regulations are adopted.

Despite efforts by many district attorneys throughout the state to block the early release of prison inmates, the emergency regulations were adopted on an emergency basis and prison officials are now seeking to make them permanent. “Releasing these inmates early is not in the interest of justice or public safety,” said District Attorney Nasarenko.

The public comment period ends at 5:00 p.m. on April 13, 2022. Any person may submit written comments about the proposed regulations by email to the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Regulation and Policy Management Branch at RPMB@cdcr.ca.gov or by mail to P.O. Box 942883, Sacramento, CA 94283-0001. Written comments must be received or postmarked no later than April 13, 2022. All written comments must include the rule number, NCR 22-03, OAL Notice File No. Z2022-0215-10.

There will also be a teleconference hearing on April 14, 2022 at 10:00 a.m., in which individuals may make comments.

If a member of the public would like to participate by teleconference:

- Call 1-877-411-9748 (TTY/TDD: Dial 711)
- When prompted, enter participation code 6032676

Additional information on the hearing can be found at [Teleconference Public Hearing for NCR 22-03 - Regulations and Policy \(ca.gov\)](#)

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