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RE: Salopek, Thomas #AN2342

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Thank you for the opportunity to address the Board regarding the administrative review of inmate Thomas Salopek, #AN2342, and his suitability for early release.

A review of Mr. Salopek's criminal history shows a pattern of criminal conduct beginning in 1973. A review of Inmate Salopek's CII rap sheet reflects a number of criminal convictions of an increasing serious and violent nature reaching back some 40 years. In addition, that rap reflects a pattern of substance abuse which is constant and ongoing. A review of the chronological history contained in the inmate's 3 prior C files (C082530, E009693, K059753) reflects a continual series of violations of parole and criminal convictions reflecting his inability to adequately integrate back into a free society without committing further criminal acts.

Salopek's first conviction for a violent act dates back to 1984, wherein the inmate was convicted of a violation of Penal Code section 245(a)(1) and was sentenced to serve two years in prison. Just four years later in 1988, inmate Salopek was convicted of violating Penal Code sections 211 and 245(a)(2) when he robbed a convenience store while armed with a firearm. He was sentenced to a 5 year term in prison for those offenses. In February of 1989, the inmate was again convicted of violating Penal Code section 211 (robbery) and was sentenced to serve a 13 years in prison consecutive to the term imposed in 1988.

The defendant's present commitment offense was for burglarizing a detached garage. The garage was immediately adjacent, but not connected to the living quarters of the residence. In addition, the garage contained a small studio living quarters. At the time of the burglary, no one was living in the studio nor did the homeowner have plans himself to live there. Thus, technically making the crime a 2nd degree burglary rather than a first degree burglary. However, due to the proximity of the garage to the primary residence, the inmate's actions had the same potential for a violent outcome as if he burglarized the primary residence.

Finally, inmate Salopek by his own admissions has a substance abuse problem which dates back over 40 years. He has numerous five (5) convictions for driving under the influence and reckless driving (reduced from driving under the influence arrests) One of those convictions resulted in a felony after the defendant injured another person during a traffic collision. Additionally, inmate

Salopek has two separate convictions for possession of controlled substances, the first after his release in 1997. The last in 2012. The inmate himself stated upon intake for the commitment offense that he still has a \$50.00 a day heroin addiction. It does not appear that the inmate has sufficiently addressed his substance abuse issues such that he can be productive if released into the community. Without proper supervision, the inmate is likely to continue his abuse and committing crimes to obtain the funds to do so.

The inmate's past behavior is the best predictor of his future conduct, therefore the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office requests that the Board find the inmate is not an appropriate candidate for early release at this time.

Respectfully,

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