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Non Violent Parole Review Process
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RE: Key, Ronald CDC #: AX6132 Docket: 14F06745 Report: SPD-4-245507

Inmate Key is a well-established violent felon, and should not be paroled. The circumstances surrounding his current conviction and his prior crimes show that he is a danger to the community, and in particular, women in his life.

In the committing offense, the Inmate burglarized the home of [REDACTED], the woman he had been dating for approximately four years. The offense occurred in September 2014, and investigation revealed that throughout the month of August, the Inmate had been sending threatening text messages to the victim, issuing demands such as "You can either call me at some point tonight or expect another visit" and "U text me or call me one more time and you'll regret it u [REDACTED] whore." The victim reported that throughout the relationship, the Inmate had been physically abusive, slapping her during arguments and tackling her into a car when he was not happy.

This culminated on midnight of September 1, 2014, when the victim heard the Inmate at her door, uninvited. She had just received yet another threat that evening. Terrified, the victim decided to escape through a window; she hastily tied some bed sheets together and prepared to jump out of her second-story bedroom. Soon, she heard her front window shatter, and she began to climb out, only to fall as she started. Paramedics arrived and took her to the hospital; by the time the police contacted her, she was going into surgery for a broken hip that she suffered during the fall. Responding officers found a broken window, as well as a nearby ladder that the Inmate apparently had brought to access the residence. As a result of this offense, the Inmate was convicted of making criminal threats.

The Inmate's strike offense similarly involved violence against women. In 2003, the Inmate threatened and assaulted a female victim in Sutter County. Against her will, the Inmate took her to the Florin Road area of Sacramento. During the trip, the victim attempted to escape multiple times, but the Inmate would physically restrain her and force her to remain in the car, and eventually in the bedroom of his residence. The Inmate was convicted of kidnapping as a result of this offense.

In between the strike offense and the committing offense, the Inmate engaged in a variety of criminal offenses. He was convicted of vehicle theft related misdemeanors in 2004 and 2005, as well as false impersonation in 2010. In 2012, he was convicted in Sacramento County of unlawfully possessing a firearm as a felon, and in 2014, he was arrested for methamphetamine possession. During each of these offenses, the Inmate was on either parole or Post-Release Community Supervision, and his record under that supervision is poor. According to the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, the Inmate's PRCS record includes failed drug tests and lack of communication with the supervising officer.

As we are given 30 days to respond, and we are not provided with any disciplinary history or any other information aside from the one page notice of parole review, I cannot comment on inmate Key's prison conduct. The Inmate's criminal history, however, demonstrates a propensity for violent conduct toward women in addition to a variety of other criminal offenses, including weapons offenses. He has performed poorly even when released under supervision, and as a result, is a danger to the community that should not be granted parole.

Respectfully,



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