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Attn: Non-Violent Second Striker
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RE: **Searcy, Eric**

CDCR # **AK4895**

Sacramento Superior Court **11F05918**

A review of inmate Eric Searcy's criminal history reveals a pattern of criminal conduct that merits continued custody and the fulfillment of his original prison commitment. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Inmate Searcy [REDACTED] preying on innocent victims in his community. [REDACTED] the inmate committed a felony violation of Vehicle Code Section 10851 on August 23, 2005. The charges were resolved for 90 days in jail and five years felony probation. This occasion marked the first time Mr. Searcy was shown significant mercy by the District Attorney's office, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the prisoner did not take advantage of the opportunity to reform.

While still on felony probation, Mr. Searcy committed his [REDACTED] strike level offense. On March 2, 2008, Mr. Searcy and two accomplices entered a victim's home and stole a gun safe full of multiple firearms, thousands of rounds of ammunition, and thousands of dollars. A witness identified the defendant as the "ring leader." In addition, further investigation discovered that Mr. Searcy had targeted the victims because they had taken him into their home, providing him food and shelter in a time of need. The prisoner used this generosity and kindness to take advantage of the victims' trust, shamefully stealing their weapons, money, and security to enrich himself. Mr. Searcy was convicted of a first degree violation of Penal Code Section 459 (Residential Burglary) on April 4, 2008. He was sentenced to the low term of two years in State Prison. Once again this lenient disposition saved the defendant from potentially being sentenced to 12 years in prison.

Mr. Searcy served his prison commitment and was released on grant of parole. While on parole, Mr. Searcy committed the offense for which he is currently imprisoned. On August 22, 2011, Mr. Searcy [REDACTED] and an accomplice burglarized the home of yet another victim. Mr. Searcy entered the home and was confronted by a terrified victim in her bathroom. The victim fled from her home and called law enforcement. She later was able to identify the defendant in a field show up, leading to his arrest and his ultimate conviction. On November 22, 2011, Mr. Searcy was sentenced to 12 years in State Prison.

I am the District Attorney that handled the most recent case. In my estimation, the 12 year sentence was reached only as a means to resolve the case early, and to allow the victim to have some peace of mind without having to show up in court and confront the man that had terrified her within her own home. It is additionally important to note that my office declined to file [REDACTED] Mr. Searcy's prior strikes, for had we done so, the current commitment could have been 25 years to life, instead of the mitigated 12 year term. This was a conscious decision, and [REDACTED] the Sacramento District Attorney's Office demonstrated significant clemency towards Mr. Searcy. To grant early release for this individual would not serve justice and would violate the terms of his initial plea bargain, made under circumstances already allowing Mr. Searcy to derive a significant benefit in the form of a limited prison sentence.

Mr. Searcy, [REDACTED], has spent the majority of his life either in custody or under the supervision of probation or parole authorities. He has repeatedly failed to reform, ignored opportunities to rehabilitate, and consistently taken advantage of those who would seek to help him or show him mercy. He is a recidivist criminal that is unlikely to reform and poses a significant danger to the community. Mr. Searcy is not an appropriate candidate for early release.

Respectfully,



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Deputy District Attorney