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"I steal cars for a living." That is what Robert Antonio said when a Sacramento County Probation Officer asked him about his employment status for a 2007 pre-sentencing probation report. He then realized his folly and asked the Probation Officer if he could change that statement to say "odd jobs." This sums up what amounts to a lifetime of poor decisions rising to criminal conduct. But to state that he is merely a "car thief" would be an inaccurate depiction of Mr. Antonio's behavior. His criminal history is filled with numerous incidents of violent and/or dangerous behavior that give us a broader perspective on who he is.

Inmate Antonio was first sentenced to state prison in 1984 for a second-degree burglary. He was paroled in 1985 and returned to prison custody on six separate occasions. He committed his prior strike in 1991, a violation of PC 246 – shooting a firearm into an inhabited home. On that occasion, after a physical altercation with the victim, Inmate Antonio retrieved a shotgun from his car and shot into the victim's residence. For that crime he received three years in state prison and was paroled in 1992, only to return to custody an additional six times through 1998.

In 2002, he was again sentenced to state prison. Prior to that crime, Inmate Antonio's girlfriend called police after he broke into her mobile home and ripped out the phone cord. He grabbed the victim by her hair through the window and began to bang her head into the wall. He then entered the mobile home and grabbed the victim again, when he started punching her "like a boxer." He forced her out of the mobile home and into her car then drove off with her in her car. Approximately one month later, police attempted to stop Inmate Antonio's car for expired registration. He did not pull over and instead sped away, with officers in pursuit. He ran through stop signs, drove on the wrong side of the street, sped through residential areas, and threw a propane tank at a police car. The pursuit ended when he veered off the road and crashed into a fence. He fled on foot and was apprehended by police shortly thereafter. He was convicted of felony reckless evading and misdemeanor domestic violence and was sentenced to two years in state prison.

Inmate Antonio was released from custody in early 2004 and only two months later he was arrested for vehicle theft. He was convicted and sent back to prison for 32 months. In his 2007 arrest referenced above, Inmate Antonio was driving a stolen Toyota 4-Runner when he again took officers on a high-speed chase, driving 50-60 mph in the rain in a residential area, running stop signs and stop lights. He lost control of his car and spun out, but continued at 50+mph out of control. He continued on for another four miles, driving erratically and eventually lost control of his car again. An officer had to push his bumper against the side of Inmate Antonio's car to prevent his escape, while other officers took control of him and handcuffed him.

Robert Antonio has spent the better part of his adult life incarcerated. The only reason for this is his repeated pattern of making poor choices which leads him to commit crimes, putting our communities and law enforcement in extreme danger. The District Attorney of Sacramento objects to his early release into our community, as he is not an appropriate candidate for any consideration of additional credits. Though he admits to being a professional car thief, that statement alone does not paint an accurate picture on who he is. Inmate Antonio has demonstrated again and again, often with reckless indifference, that he has no regard for the lives or safety of police officers and the public at large. He remains an unreasonable risk to our communities.

Respectfully,



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