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**Re: Mathews, Damon CDC # E61514 Court Docket: 03F00818**

Inmate Mathews is a violent felon, and should not be paroled. The circumstances surrounding his current conviction, disciplinary history in prison, and his past conviction, demonstrate that he poses an unreasonable risk of violence to the community.

On the night of July 6, 1989 Mathews and an accomplice drove a stolen car into a rival gang area. Mathews is a self-admitted member of the criminal street gang, South Side Compton Crips. As these two gang members drove down the street, Mathews fired a .38 caliber revolver out the passenger side window at several people, the accomplice fired out the driver's side at several others. The accomplice shot a female bystander, [REDACTED], three times. Ms. [REDACTED] was transported to an area hospital where she died. After a police pursuit in which Mathews threw both guns out the window of the stolen car, Mathews and his accomplice were apprehended. The accomplice stated to police that he and Mathews drove to the area to shoot 'Tragniew's' (Tragniew Park Crips). On June 12, 1990, Mathews was convicted of second degree murder. A gun enhancement was found true. PC 187 2<sup>nd</sup> and PC 12022.5(a). Mathews was sentenced to 17 years to Life.

During Mathews' incarceration for his life crime, he demonstrated an inability to conform to the rules in the structured environment of a maximum security prison. He received the following CDC 115 rule violations:

10/1/91 – Extortion / Threatening force  
4/1/92 – Gambling  
7/28/92 – Possession of contraband  
7/28/92 – Destruction of state property  
3/1/93 - Under the influence of alcohol  
5/31/93 – Out of bounds  
3/28/94 – Possession of inmate manufactured alcohol  
6/24/94 – Assault on staff  
10/30/95 – Attempt to circumvent the mail  
1/18/97 – Possession of inmate manufactured alcohol

8/30/98 – Possession of money  
1/3/02 - Mutual combat  
12/12/02 – Disobeying orders  
**12/20/02 – Introduction of controlled substances for the purpose of distribution (criminal conviction – PC 4573)**  
7/22/03 – Possession of an inmate manufactured weapon  
8/1/03 –Battery on an inmate  
12/12/03 – Refusing to relinquish food tray  
4/16/04 – Possession of dangerous contraband (razor blade)(jigsaw cutting blade)(metal rod)

A risk assessment report dated 5/17/13 authored by forensic Psychologist [REDACTED] found Mathews to pose a moderate risk of committing future violent behaviors. Despite that report, Mathews disciplinary history, and the callous disregard for human life he demonstrated in his life crime, in 2013 Mathews was granted parole. However, Mathews was not released from custody because he was convicted of a crime while incarcerated in prison. That prison crime, discussed in the next paragraph, is the sentence currently being reviewed by the Board of Parole Hearings for consideration of early release.

In 2002, while incarcerated at California State Prison Sacramento, Mathews and another inmate conspired with a civilian to smuggle into the prison, heroin, and marijuana. An investigation revealed that Mathews directed a civilian to mail a stack of ‘legal documents’ addressed to him. The documents appeared as legitimate legal mail with a return address from a court. These legal documents were received by the institution. At the mail room, after a canine search was conducted, Mathews’ legal mail was inspected. Correctional officers observed a cut-out area of the documents. Located inside the cut-out were bindles containing heroin and marijuana. It was the opinion of correctional staff that the drugs were intended for distribution.

On November 5, 2003 Mathews was convicted of PC 4573, smuggling controlled substances into prison. The strike allegation that was alleged was found true. Mathews was sentenced to six (6) years consecutive to his life sentence.

Subsequent to this prison crime conviction, Mathews still engaged in criminal behavior while incarcerated. He received four (4) 115 Rule Violations. (see above).

It is clear that inmate Mathews is not deserving of early release. He poses a significant, unreasonable risk of violence to the community. Parole should be denied.

Respectfully submitted,



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