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RE: **Bell, Eric** CDC # **AS8564** Sacramento Superior Court case **13F05277**

Inmate Eric Bell has shown that he is committed to a life of crime and the illegal possession of guns. Mr. Bell's current commitment is related to a conviction for being a Felon in Possession of a Firearm, however, a closer examination of his criminal history reveals the true threat that he poses to our community.

When Mr. Bell was found in possession of a gun on August 16, 2013, it was not the first time that he had been found unlawfully with a gun. In 2000 Mr. Bell was contacted by Sacramento Police Department officers in a garage, during the contact, a gun was located in a baby stroller next to Mr. Bell. Mr. Bell was then, as he was in 2013, and ex-felon. When the police officers attempted to take Mr. Bell into custody, he physically resisted. Four officers were needed to subdue him due to his extreme level of resistance. Two of the officers suffered injuries requiring them to be transported to a hospital. Once Mr. Bell was transported to the Jail he was also found to be in possession of methamphetamine. The conduct resulted in a Strike Conviction for a violation of PC 245(c), as well as a violation of HS 11377(a).

Mr. Bell has also demonstrated his propensity for drug use and sales when arrested in 2013 based upon officers locating over a half pound of marijuana in his car. Mr. Bell admitted to selling marijuana to cooperatives. A person willing to carry a gun in pursuit of drug sales, represents a person willing to use a firearm to protect their drugs. Mr. Bell is no stranger to either drugs or guns. He is unlikely to remain free from that life if released.

Each time Mr. Bell has been released from Prison he has gone back to a life of crime. He has not once had a successful term of parole in the last 20 years. He has shown time and time again that he is a danger to the safety and wellbeing of our community.

When a person, such as Mr. Bell, has repeatedly shown that they will arm themselves with a gun irrespective of court orders or repeated criminal convictions, they simply cannot and should not be viewed as a non-violent offender. The Sacramento County District Attorney's Office requests that early release be denied. Mr. Bell poses a continuing danger to any community in which resides. He has demonstrated this in a number of ways, from a repeated willingness to carry firearms, to the demonstrated propensity to attack law enforcement officers in their line of duty.

Respectfully,

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