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RE: Watts, Christopher J. G27678

Christopher Watts's committing case involves the defendant engaging in a protracted incident of serious domestic violence involving the victim, her children and the use of a firearm.

On October 15, 2007, officers responded to a 911 call where they could hear a male voice in the background threatening to kill a woman in the apartment.

Upon arrival, officers spoke with the victim. The defendant initially refused to exit the house but ultimately complied. The victim's three children were then removed from the house.

The victim informed law enforcement that over the course of the last day, Mr. W■■ became upset with her and initially threatened her with a knife. As they argued, the defendant bit her arm. The victim went to sleep but the defendant woke her up in the middle of the night and told her "[y]ou think you're gonna leave. It's not that easy. I'll kill you and the kids, and myself before I let you leave." At this point he had a gun in his hand. The victim tried to run down the stairs but the defendant put the gun to her neck and told her to stop crying or he would kill her. She hit him and the magazine fell out of the gun and she was able to get away. The defendant then proceeded to grab a knife and threatened to kill her yet again.

Officers searched the house and located a 9mm handgun in the master bedroom. They also located 20 grams of rock cocaine, a digital scale, some cash and two cell phones. The cocaine was individually packaged, consistent with drug sales.

Perhaps one of the most disturbing facts was that the defendant had a video of a domestic violence murder – a husband getting mad with his wife and walking up to her and shooting her in the back of the head several times. The victim told officers the defendant watched it frequently and made the victim watch it to intimidate her.

From a domestic violence perspective, Mr. W■■ behavior involves several lethality factors – the use of multiple weapons including firearms, threats to kill the victim, threats to kill her children and the sadistic attempt to control her by watching a domestic violence homicide.

Unfortunately, he is no stranger to the use of firearms or serious criminal endeavors. He was convicted of Armed Robbery on January 27, 1998 in Illinois and received an eight year and six month sentence. That case involved the defendant and another subject putting on masks and

robbing a gas station convenience store at gun point. He was released on parole for this offense on July 21, 2004 and paroled to California. It appears he was discharged on that same date, July 21, 2004. It was barely three years before the Mr. W■■ found himself committing the very serious case you are considering early release on.

Clearly this inmate's failure to transition smoothly into a community and live as a productive member of that community indicate a high propensity for recidivism. The Sacramento County District Attorney's Office firmly believes that he is not an appropriate candidate for early parole. It is our hope that denying inmate Watts's early parole will give him the opportunity to utilize CDCR's various programs and services to explore and put in to place a realistic parole plan in the future.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Noah Phillips', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Noah Phillips,
Supervising Deputy District Attorney