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RE: Ackerson, Alton CDC # AN2329

Mr. Alton Ackerson is a violent, validated gangster, career criminal who needs to spend every single day of his current sentence behind bars before being released onto an unsuspecting public. At only 34 years of age Ackerson has already been convicted of three felony offenses, two of which are considered strike offenses under the California Three Strikes Law. Ackerson is currently serving a 6 year state prison sentence on his most recent felony conviction for violating Health and Safety Code § 11351.5, cocaine sales.

Ackerson was arrested on his current commitment offense when a search of his apartment revealed a clear, plastic sandwich baggie with 21 individually packaged tear-off baggies with rock cocaine inside each of them. The total weight of the rock cocaine was 2.60 grams. Officers also located two cell phones belonging to Ackerson, a digital scale and various denominations of U.S. currency. When Ackerson was arrested for his cocaine sale he had only been on parole for a short period of time after being released from prison on a prior offense.

Ackerson's prior offense for which he was on active parole for was his prior 2012 Penal Code § 422, criminal threats, conviction. In that case, Ackerson's brother was incarcerated for domestic violence against his ex-girlfriend, the victim of the criminal threats in Ackerson's case. On the night of the offense, the victim was standing by her front door when she saw Ackerson drive up. Ackerson got out of his vehicle, went up to the victim and said, "Boo, b[REDACTED]!" Ackerson then spit in the victim's face. He continued to yell at the victim, saying "You put my brother in jail!" He then punched the victim in the face and her right shoulder, kicked her in the abdomen and lifted up his shirt, exposing a handgun. Once Ackerson showed the victim his handgun he said, "I'll kill you if you call the police!"

The victim went to the hospital to be treated for her injuries. During a search of Ackerson's apartment, officers found a loaded .38 caliber handgun with five live rounds of ammunition. Officers also located an additional seventeen live rounds of .38 caliber ammunition. In that case the officers noted that Ackerson was a validated Crip gang member and during the search of his apartment he was wearing all blue clothing and had pictures of himself displaying gang signs on his cell phone. The Sacramento County Probation Department prepared a pre-sentence investigation report on that case and I've attached that report to this letter as "Exhibit A." You'll notice Ackerson was on active formal probation at the time he committed that offense. Ackerson was sentenced to 32 months state prison for that offense and admitting to his prior serious and violent strike offense for his 2008 robbery conviction. Ackerson was actually on the five year grant of probation from his 2008 robbery conviction when he was arrested on his criminal threats case.

In Ackerson's prior robbery case he committed a string of armed robberies with other suspects over the course of a one month period in September of 2008. During each of the robberies Ackerson or one of his cohorts were armed with a handgun and they would hit the victim with the handgun, put it in the victim's face or just show the victim they were armed with a handgun as they robbed the victims of their property. The Sacramento County Probation Department's report prepared for Ackerson's criminal threats case (Exhibit A) also includes the specific details surrounding each of the armed robberies. Ackerson was sentenced to 365 days jail and placed on 5 years of formal probation on that case.

Ackerson was given a chance on both probation and parole and was not able to complete either one successfully. Ackerson is a very poor candidate for early parole and should absolutely serve his full prison term. He has proven time and again that it is only a very short matter of time once he is released from custody before he is committing new criminal offenses. His history has proven that his early release would immediately place the citizens of California in harm's way. Releasing such a violent criminal early would shock and appall the conscience of any decent human being.

Respectfully,



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