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Non Violent Parole Review Process
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Re: McCormick, Keith CDC # AY-8002 Court Docket: 15F05344 SPD-15-248342

Inmate Keith McCormick is a recidivist narcotics dealer who poses an unacceptable risk to public safety. He should not be paroled. The circumstances surrounding his current conviction and his criminal record show that he poses an unreasonable risk of violence to the community.

On August 14, 2015, officers responded to a call for service made by the property manager of the Mercy Housing Project in Sacramento. Mercy Housing Project was home to 150 of some of Sacramento's most at-risk residents with roughly half the residents being formerly homeless individuals and the other half being low income individuals. The property manager showed officers surveillance video of inmate McCormick dropping a bag that was later discovered to contain methamphetamine. She also told officers *'I and other staff have always believed that he is the one responsible for selling the methamphetamine that makes people go crazy in this building. He has bragged to a lot of the staff about never getting caught selling drugs.'* A few days later inmate McCormick's boyfriend called 911 to report domestic violence. The call was ultimately deemed unfounded but while responding, officers observed a digital scale and narcotics packaging in inmate McCormick's residence. Based on this information officers wrote a search warrant for the residence.

On September 1, 2015, narcotics officers searched inmate McCormick's apartment based on the warrant and located a large stash of narcotics, packaging, digital scales, 87 grams of methamphetamine, and **thousands of controlled pills** including: Hydrocodone, Oxycodone, Suboxone, Carisoprodol, Tramadol, and amphetamine salts. Inmate McCormick's boyfriend (who called police to report domestic violence in August) was interviewed and told officers that he had seen inmate McCormick sell methamphetamine approximately two hundred times over the past two years. Based upon this investigation inmate McCormick was ultimately charged with possessing Oxycodone and Methamphetamine for the purposes of sale, and for maintaining a place for selling narcotics. He pled no contest to these charges and admitted he had multiple prior narcotics sales convictions for a 12-year state prison sentence. This was an appropriate sentence given inmate McCormick's extensive narcotics dealing criminal history that demonstrates that as soon as he is released from prison he immediately goes back to his trade of being a narcotics dealer.

On March 3, 2011, inmate McCormick was a parolee at large having recently absconded from a grant of parole in another narcotics sales case. Based on a tip, officers located his new residence and arrested him based on his warrant and on new charges stemming from what they found inside. Officers located 39 grams of methamphetamine packaged for sales, along with dozens of controlled pills including morphine, oxycontin, Vicodin, and Seroquel. He was sentenced to 4 years 8 months in prison for multiple narcotics sales felonies.

On February 21, 2008, officers were dispatched to inmate McCormick's residence based upon a call that inmate McCormick was yelling at someone about money owed from a drug deal. The caller further reported that he was armed with a handgun. Officers arrived and found inmate McCormick's front door was fortified with large reinforcing metal poles. Next to the front door was a samurai sword and a high-power air rifle. Inside the residence, officers found a chrome replica revolver that appeared to be real along with digital scales, narcotics packaging, 60 grams of methamphetamine, 1892 milliliters of 1,4 butane diol (an analogue of GBH – 'the date rape drug'), 16 ounces of psilocybin mushrooms, and hundreds of controlled pills including methylphenidate, alprazolam, and Ambien.

Being a hardened narcotics dealers is a dangerous profession, and one inextricably linked to violence. When addicts can't pay-up and fall into debt to narcotics dealers like inmate McCormick, the recourse is typically violence or the threat of violence. When inmate McCormick demands a drug debt be paid while armed with an apparent firearm, the lives of all those around him are put in jeopardy. Similar situations escalating to tragic results are all too common in the world of illegal narcotics dealing. Inmate McCormick's record demonstrates that we should have every expectation that as soon as he is released he will go back to selling dangerous narcotics on the street and endangering our community.

As we are given 30 days to respond, and we are not provided with any disciplinary history or any other information aside from the one page notice of parole review, I cannot comment on inmate McCormick's prison conduct. However, from the record that is available it is clear that inmate McCormick should not be released as he poses a significant, unreasonable risk of violence to the community. Parole should be denied.

Respectfully submitted,


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