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**Re: Maness, Kenneth    CDC # BE3867    Court Docket: 16FE012513**

Inmate Kenneth Maness is a lifelong criminal and should not be paroled. The circumstances surrounding his current conviction and his prior criminal record show that he poses an unreasonable risk of violence to the community.

On June 25, 2016, at 5:45 in the morning, two Good Samaritans noticed a man attempting to break into a Chinese Restaurant on Madison Avenue in Sacramento County. This man was Inmate Maness, and he used a crowbar to pry open the restaurant door. Maness was inside the business for a short time, and then left carrying a metal cylinder of carbon dioxide. When Sheriff Deputies arrived, they found Maness in a field near the restaurant, and located the carbon dioxide cylinder in the field. Maness was on informal probation for misdemeanor possession of narcotics paraphernalia at the time of this offense.

After being assigned to a courtroom for trial on September 21, 2017, Maness pled to one count of felony second degree burglary pursuant to Penal Code section 459. He was sentenced to three years eight months in prison. With this disposition, Maness admitted that he has a prior strike for Criminal Threats, a conviction of Penal Code section 422 from April 11, 2001 in Shasta County. He also admitted one prison prior within the meaning of Penal Code section 667.5(b) which accounted for one year of the committing sentence.

The convictions that enhanced Maness' current sentence as outlined above are but a small glimpse into the decades of criminal conduct, prison commitments, and parole violations that follow him. At fifty years old, Maness shows no signs of slowing down.

Inmate Maness' first convictions in California were for felony transportation of controlled substances and second degree burglary in 1989 and 1991, respectively. He demonstrated his unsuitability for probation in these early years with a prison sentence of sixteen months in 1992 for battery with serious bodily injury. Parole violations followed in 1994 and 1995. A new misdemeanor drug conviction and parole violation came in 1996. Maness was returned to custody on parole violations again in 1997 and 1998. 1999 and 2000 respectively brought

misdemeanor theft and battery convictions. In 2001, Maness was sentenced to two years eight months prison for his strike offense of Criminal Threats, and for another second degree burglary conviction. He committed two parole violations in 2002, two parole violations in 2004, and one each in 2005 and 2006. Maness' suffered a doubled sentence of thirty-two months in 2008 for a felony violation of Penal Code section 496(a), Receiving Stolen Property. He was returned to custody three times in 2010 and twice in 2011. In November 2012, Maness was sentenced to 4 years 8 months prison for Receiving Stolen Property. Discharged in 2015, he suffered the 2016 misdemeanor paraphernalia conviction outlined above as his active probation case when he committed the current offense in 2016.

Incarceration protects our community from his guaranteed recidivism.

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 Maness' prison conduct. However, from the record that is available it is clear that inmate Maness should not be released as he poses a significant, unreasonable risk of violence to the community. Having been remanded to CDCR custody less than four months ago, it is unreasonable to conclude that he has transformed his behavior in such a short period of time after not doing so for the past thirty years. Parole should be denied.

Respectfully submitted,



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