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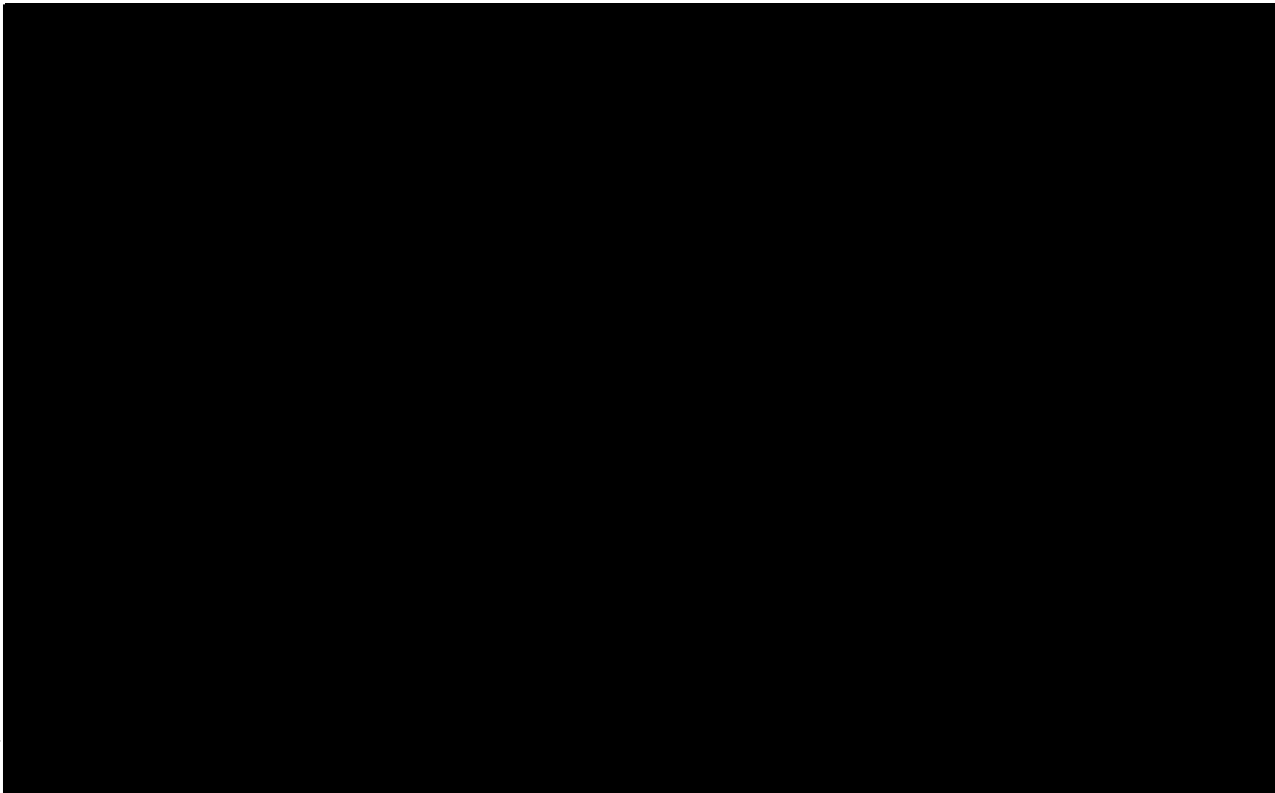
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Non Violent Parole Review Process  
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**Re: Huston, Joseph      CDC # AX-5618      Court Dockets: 15F03103/15F02870**

Inmate Huston is a well-established violent felon, 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.



The current charges are based on two separate cases, the first occurred on May 10, 2015. In this case the inmate, [REDACTED] was charged with PC 215, carjacking, but pled to the lesser crime of VC 10851, felony vehicle theft. The victim in this case stated that he saw a group of 10-12

“juveniles” by Food Co as he was getting in his car. He started his car but the ignition was broken so the keys fell out and as he bent to pick them up he heard someone say “Hey OG” and as he looked out this window he heard another voice say “grab his chain.” He leaned toward the passenger seat to avoid someone grabbing his chain but a guy opened his door and grabbed his chain and ripped it off his neck. When he got out while the car was still running to confront the person who robbed him, the inmate “peeled out” and took off in his car. The other people who remained hit and kicked the victim. Security also observed the inmate jump into the victim’s car and yell “Starz down? No! Starz up mother [REDACTED]” Then he peeled out and drove away. The inmate admitted to driving away in the car. He said he was there by himself and the guy who had the car was drunk and high and told him to sit in the car and he drove off in the car. He told the officers he could take them to the car and said he is a “Starz Up” member.

The second case for which the inmate is currently incarcerated occurred on May 24, 2015. In this case the inmate committed a residential burglary. He admitted he was a blood gang member and that he and his cohort decided to break into the victim’s house and they picked a random house to burglarize. They knocked on the door and then found an unlocked window in the back and climbed inside. The inmate said he looked for something good to steal. He was found with the victim’s Samsun tablet in his backpack. He ran from the police but eventually laid on the ground and was arrested.

The inmate’s crimes have escalated in nature and he was convicted of a strike, PC 459, only two and a half years ago. He was sentenced to 2 years state prison on the residential burglary and 16 months state prison on the vehicle theft. The fact he was sentenced to prison on two cases on his first [REDACTED] convictions instead of being given a chance on probation is indicative of his criminal conduct [REDACTED] and his likelihood to reoffend [REDACTED].

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 Huston’s prison conduct. However, [REDACTED] his crimes have been escalating in nature. Additionally he is a validated gang member. Inmate Huston has proven he is not a productive member of society and he will re-offend and continue to victimize members of this community once he is released from prison custody. From the record that is available it is clear that inmate Huston should not be released as he poses a significant, unreasonable risk of violence to the community. Accordingly, the Sacramento County District Attorney’s Office strongly opposes Huston’s early release from state prison. Parole should be denied.

Respectfully submitted,



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