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RE: Meredith, Dwayne; CDCR # T5667

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Thank you for the opportunity to address the Board regarding the Board's administrative review of inmate Dwayne Meredith and his suitability for early release. The People are opposed to the early release of Inmate Meredith. Based on his constant pattern of criminal conduct dating back nearly thirty years ago, to 1986, it is a near certainty that Dwayne Meredith will reoffend before his parole expires.

A review of Inmate Meredith's performance on probation shows that he has squandered every opportunity for rehabilitation. In 1988, two years after his first conviction of a misdemeanor violation of P.C. 415 in 1986, the inmate was convicted of petty theft (P.C. 484). In 1989, he failed to report to his work program in relation to this conviction. In April of 1992, the inmate was convicted of P.C. 487.1 and sentenced to 36 months probation. In February of 1993, less than one year into his three year probation, he was convicted of first degree burglary (P.C. 459), a potential felony strike, and one violation of probation. As a result of this conviction he was sentenced to four years of probation. While still on probation from his first degree burglary, the inmate was convicted of a first degree felony trafficking of a controlled substance in Louisville, Kentucky on October 13, 1993. While still on probation from his first degree burglary conviction, Inmate Meredith was convicted in October, 1995, of vehicle damage (V.C. 10852) and petty theft with priors (P.C. 666). He was sentenced to three years probation for these convictions. Before completing nine months of probation, in July of 1996 the inmate was convicted of 2<sup>nd</sup> degree burglary (P.C. 459). Less than a year later he was convicted of the same offense in April of 1997 and sentenced to three years probation. Both second degree burglary charges occurred while the inmate was still on probation from the October 1995 convictions. In December of 1997, he was convicted of P.C. 594 and three violations of probation. In 1998, Inmate Meredith was convicted of P.C. 594 before his three year probation for P.C. 666 had ended. In 2000, Inmate Meredith was convicted of attempted burglary (P.C. 664/459) and vehicle damage (V.C. 10852) before his three year probation for P.C. 594 had ended.


Inmate Meredith was sentenced to probation for a period of five years on July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2000 when he was convicted of attempted burglary and vehicular damage. His performance on this probation is an indicator of how well he does when given the opportunity for rehabilitation. The inmate violated this probation three years and eight months before his probation ended when he was convicted of another burglary (P.C. 459), a potential felony strike, in October of 2001. He was convicted of receiving stolen property, a felony, in May of 2002, thus violating probation for a second time, while he still had three years left on his probation term. Inmate Meredith violated his probation a third time in February 2005, when he was convicted of felony possession of methamphetamine [H&S 11377(a)], this time the result was a prison sentence. Inmate Meredith promptly violated the subsequent conditions of his parole after only one month.

Inmate Meredith has been unable to remain free from criminal justice system oversight. He has never completed a probation sentence without reoffending. Thus, he has shown he is not amenable to rehabilitation.

The present offense was committed while the inmate was still on active parole, showing yet again, that Inmate Meredith was unable to be rehabilitated. He and his co-conspirator carried out the crime in a manner that indicates planning, sophistication and professionalism. They were exiting the victim's residence, after breaking in, when a witness, who was a checking on the residence, noticed them. When the witness confronted them, both ran. The inmate was in possession of a stolen checkbook and \$24,000 worth of checks had been cashed. His co-defendant was in possession of over \$50,000 in travelers checks belonging to the victim. Inmate Meredith was found guilty by a jury of his peers of the crimes of felony first degree burglary, receiving stolen property [P.C. 496(a)] and possession of a controlled substance [H&S 11377(a)]. Further, according to the probation report, the inmate has shown no acceptance of responsibility for these crimes

In short, Inmate Meredith is a poor candidate for early parole and should serve his full prison term. When given probation or parole Inmate Meredith has been convicted of violating the terms and conditions six times. Therefore, it is a near certainty that he will reoffend. Inmate Meredith has a long history of taking what does not belong to him. His convictions have consistently escalated in severity and culminated in his current offense, where he broke into a residence, stolen the victim's checkbook and cashed over \$24,000 in stolen checks.

Respectfully,



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