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Re: Parker, John Kevin; CDC #AH6216

Thank you for the opportunity to address the Board regarding the Board's administrative review of inmate John Parker and his suitability for early release.

Mr. Parker is a career criminal who has been a consistent and repeat offender of a variety of crimes [REDACTED]. His criminal record reflects a man who has been deeply committed to pursuing financial rewards and avoiding capture through any means necessary. A [REDACTED], harmful narcotics were distributed into the community, a car was lit on fire, the lives of innocent members of the public and peace officers were put at risk during a high-speed-pursuit, and prostitution was facilitated, all as a result of Mr. Parker's choices and priorities over the years.

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[REDACTED]. He was sentenced to state prison for 3 years in 2000, as a result of an arson conviction for lighting a car on fire. He was again sentenced to state prison for 3 years in 2001, as a result of being convicted of transporting or selling cocaine. He returned to prison again in 2004, after being sentenced to 3 years for possession of cocaine for sale and recklessly evading police officers in a high speed car chase.

The incident for which he was sentenced to prison in this case occurred 2 weeks after he was discharged from parole. He was a passenger in a car with multiple other people and he was carrying a loaded .45 caliber handgun. When an officer attempted to stop the car, Mr. Parker ran from the rear passenger seat. The officer left the car and its other occupants to pursue Mr. Parker and eventually apprehended him. The loaded .45 caliber handgun was later located in a bush where Mr. Parker tossed it.

A review of his C-file with CDCR reflects exactly the type of behavior that Mr. Parker's criminal history would cause us to expect. While he was awaiting sentencing in the Sacramento

County Jail on the current case, Mr. Parker was placed on 10 days of full restriction for fighting. On 2/27/11 he was involved in a gang-related fight in custody. On 6/16/11, he was placed in administrative segregation as a result of participating in a riot and was subsequently found guilty of fighting. On 10/20/11, during an interview with CDCR, he claimed status as a Bloods gang member. On 4/23/13, he was again found guilty of fighting. He was also found guilty of fighting on 3/30/14. On 1/18/15, he was removed from his job for failing to report to work for months.

Mr. Parker cannot be accurately described as a non-violent offender, in any true meaning of the term. Quite to the contrary, he has presented himself, both in and out-of-custody, as a very violent man. While we don't know his exact reason for having a loaded gun on the day he was arrested, we can certainly conclude that he presented a significant danger to everyone he encountered. As a gang member with a loaded gun and a history of violence, it is safe to say the only purpose for that handgun was to potentially use it against someone, if he so chose. As a convicted felon, he possessed that gun for no lawful purpose.

Mr. Parker is a poor candidate for early parole and his request should be denied. Based on his history, there is no reason to believe he will not reoffend when released into the community. His early release would result in the public being placed at risk and would not be an appropriate application of the "non-violent second striker" program.

Respectfully,



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