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Non-Violent Second Striker Board of Parole Hearings  
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Re: Lopez, Victor Rogelio.; CDC# AZ7289

Inmate Lopez sits before you as a validated gang member and a two time convicted felon for robbery and a felon in possession of a firearm. Inmate Lopez was the getaway driver during a series of pharmaceutical robberies that took place in Sacramento County over the course of a month.

When officers caught Inmate Lopez, he had a loaded twenty-two caliber Beretta handgun and a bottle of Promethazine with Codeine in his "getaway car." Inmate Lopez has also been a validated Norteno gang member since 2015.


Despite his gang ties and conduct during the robberies, Inmate Lopez was given a unique opportunity – he was given a chance to get his life on a different path and to make better decisions in the future. He chose not to use that chance. On October 22, 2015, Inmate Lopez was allowed to plead to a felony for probation and minimal jail time, while his co-defendants received lengthy state prison sentences. As the deputy district attorney who handled this case, I was personally present when Inmate Lopez plead guilty. I recall the judge and his attorney telling Inmate Lopez that he was given a break and that he needed to make the most out of his time on probation. Unfortunately, their words fell on deaf ears.

On January 9, 2016, less than four months after being placed on probation for a felony strike offense, Inmate Lopez was armed with a loaded semi-automatic firearm in his front pants pocket. Despite his claims that he had nothing illegal in his possession, officers found the gun in his pocket with four live rounds loaded inside it. A loaded gun in his front pocket is a clear sign he was ready to use it, if given the chance. He should not be given an advanced opportunity to arm himself again.

Inmate Lopez made clear that he is unwilling to be a law abiding citizen. He threw away his chance at probation and his rapid recidivism speaks to his unlikelihood of success, if granted early

release. Accordingly, the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office strongly opposes Inmate Lopez's early release from state prison.

Respectfully,

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