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Non-Violent Second Striker Board of Parole Hearings
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RE: Shalon Jones, CDCR # AX8035
Sacramento County Court Case# 15F04353

Inmate Jones is a violent person who has no respect for human life. In 1995, Inmate Jones shot an unarmed rival gang member in the neck during a game of dominos because of his allegiance to his own criminal street gang. When Inmate Jones shot the victim with the .32 caliber pistol that he had in his waistband, he calmly stated "You all gonna have to respect me." As if that act alone was not horrific enough, this victim was a disabled person confined to a wheelchair when Inmate Jones shot him in the neck. A short two months later, the victim succumbed to his injuries and died. In 1996, Inmate Jones was convicted of involuntary manslaughter for taking the victim's life.

Since that time, Inmate Jones has not changed his criminal ways in any manner. Since that 1995 conviction, he has been convicted of being a convicted felon in possession of guns and ammunition on multiple occasions. He has even been sentenced to state prison for this conduct. This means that despite having killed another human being with a gun and being told over and over again by various judicial officers that he cannot possess guns and ammunition for the rest of his life, Inmate Jones seems to think he is above the law and has yet to stop possessing these dangerous and illegal items. Inmate Jones has shown no evidence that he has learned anything since taking the life of another human being. The victim in that 1995 manslaughter case is no longer alive because of Inmate Jones's allegiance to a criminal enterprise, yet he cannot even take the very basic step of not owning a firearm.

Which leads to Inmate Jones's current committing offense. In May of 2015, the victim in the current case was told that a check he had written to a business was stolen. Yet in July of 2015, Inmate Jones is seen cashing a fraudulent check on the victim's account on surveillance video. The check he cashed was for almost \$1000. Inmate Jones did not have permission to cash that check and he knew that when he cashed it. It may appear that the crime of identity theft is a step down from manslaughter, but really it is just victimizing innocent people in a different way. This conduct is consistent with Inmate Jones's pattern of behavior in that he consistently takes advantage of vulnerable people, whether it be a disabled person in a wheelchair, or a person who wrote a check to pay his own bills, never expecting that simple act of responsibility to result in the loss of his financial identity. In 2014, rough estimates suggest that identity theft cost victims in the United States upwards of \$25 billion dollars. 2015 estimates have not yet been released but they are expected to far exceed 2014. The average victim, just like Inmate Jones's victim, is a hard working person who will spend hundreds of hours trying to repair their credit, and many will continue to be victims for years after the first time they become aware of the fraudulent conduct. These are not numbers that come from an unreliable source – these are numbers that the U.S. Department of Justice has reported. These are numbers that are probably actually low estimates, since many people do not realize the fraud that is going on in their accounts, or do not properly report the fraud.

When Inmate Jones is eventually released, he will undoubtedly continue his criminal ways. Providing him with a reduced prison sentence only serves to reward his conduct and further punish the victims and citizens of Sacramento County. Providing Inmate Jones with a reduced sentence for stealing someone's financial identity after having killed a man confined to a wheelchair would only serve to hurt the public.

The District Attorney of Sacramento County urges the Board to deny Inmate Jones an early release.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephanie Maroun", enclosed within a hand-drawn oval.

Stephanie Maroun
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