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Re: Dennis Threets; CDC# BA5360

“If you want more, I’ll give you more.” Those were the cold-hearted words Inmate Dennis Threets had for ██████████ as Mr. ██████████ lay dying at the feet of Mr. Threets. In August of 1986, inmate Dennis Threets fatally stabbed thirty five year-old ██████████. According to witnesses, inmate Threets was staying in a local hotel room with his girlfriend when the incident accorded. On the night of the incident, the victim came to inmate Threets’ hotel room, and an argument ensued between the victim and inmate Threets at the front door. After exchanging words with the victim, inmate Threets retrieved a hunting knife from within his hotel room, walked back to the front door where the victim was waiting, and stabbed the victim one time in the chest.

Prior to deliberately stabbing the victim in the chest, the victim had not physically touched or threatened inmate Threets in any way. And although inmate Threets claimed he acted in self-defense, witnesses refuted that claim. Instead, telling police that it wasn’t self-defense, and that inmate Threets “went crazy.” In January of 1987, inmate Threets was convicted of Involuntary Manslaughter with the personal use of a dangerous and deadly weapon. He received a mere four year state prison sentence.

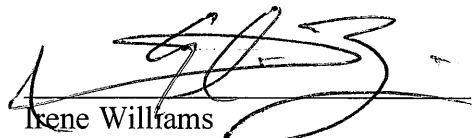
Unfortunately, this would not be the last time Mr. Threets stabbed someone. In 2005, inmate Threets was convicted of felony assault with a deadly weapon. In that case, inmate Threets stabbed the victim in the chest with a pocket knife after they got into a physical altercation. Fortunately, the victim survived the brutal attack. When questioned about the incident, inmate Threets denied stabbing the victim. Instead, inmate Threets claimed the victim was injured when he fell to the ground during a fist fight. When officers located the blood-stained knife hidden in some nearby shrubs, inmate Threets had nothing to say.

Mr. Threets has *earned* every single day of his current thirty-two month state prison sentence. Besides the two violent crimes mentioned above, inmate Threets has a criminal record that spans 25+ years, and includes numerous drug and domestic violence convictions. Perhaps what is most telling of inmate Threets’ state of mind and lack of rehabilitation can be found in his most recent pre-sentence probation report. In that report, inmate Threets denied abusing any illegal substance and claimed that he’d completed several drug treatment programs. According to

inmate Threets, at the time of that report, he had over 4, 800 hours of drug treatment counseling and education. Inmate Threets indicated that 1, 600 of those hours were spent as the counselor/teacher. It should be noted that the case that probation report was being prepared for was a case in which inmate Threets was convicted of selling both methamphetamine and marijuana. Additionally, during his arrest for that incident, inmate Threets admitted to regularly using methamphetamine and marijuana, and he was convicted of misdemeanor DUI in 2011.

Based on his propensity for violence, his lengthy criminal record, and not a single indicator that Mr. Threets plans to be a productive member of society if released early, one cannot, in good faith, claim that inmate Threets is a good candidate for an early release under the Non-Violent Second Strike program. Accordingly, the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office strongly opposes Dennis Threets' early release from state prison.

Respectfully,

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Irene Williams
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