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Non Violent Parole Review Process  
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**Re: JOHN EDWARD BUCKINGHAM      CDC # BF5193**  
**Court Docket: 17FE004916**

Inmate Buckingham is a well-established felon and should not be paroled. The circumstances surrounding his current conviction and his prior criminal record show that he poses an unreasonable risk of violence to the community.

In February 2017, inmate Buckingham and his girlfriend, M [REDACTED], rented a 2016 Chevy Tahoe from Enterprise Rental Car in Doraville, Georgia, and they never returned it. Enterprise reported the vehicle stolen. Law enforcement officers later located surveillance video at retail locations showing inmate Buckingham and M [REDACTED] using the vehicle. The license plates had been removed and replaced with paper plates. Inside the stolen vehicle, officers found evidence of credit card fraud and ID fraud. Follow-up investigation indicated that the fraudulent transactions totaled more than \$7600. Officers obtained a search warrant to search inmate Buckingham and M [REDACTED] residence. There they found a stolen AR-15 rifle, a stolen .40 caliber Beretta pistol, and a high capacity magazine. They also found five additional unregistered handguns and ammunition in inmate Buckingham's bedroom. They found a fake driver's license with inmate Buckingham's photograph, and a U-Haul dolly that had been rented and never returned.

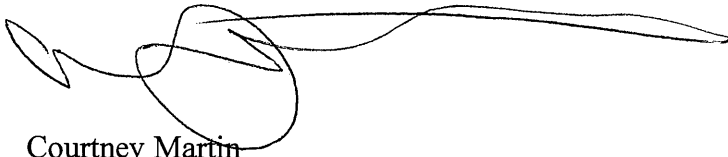
Inmate Buckingham was arrested and charged with 17 counts of theft charges and illegal possession of guns and ammunition. Although the plea deal only required inmate Buckingham to admit three of the charges, the probation department noted in its report that these crimes were aggravated because the manner in which they were carried out indicated planning and involved a large quantity of contraband.

Not only are inmate Buckingham's current crimes aggravated, but his prior criminal history shows an absolute refusal to reform or be rehabilitated. He has served multiple prison sentences for drug sales and theft crimes. In 2005, he admitted that he was a 24<sup>th</sup> Street Crip gang member. Inmate Buckingham's prior strike involves violence and the use of a firearm. On November 23, 1993 he approached two women on the street. He took a handgun from his

waistband and pointed it at the women, saying, "Give me all the money." The women told him they did not have any money and ran toward a nearby police car. Inmate Buckingham fled. He tried to throw away the semi-automatic pistol, but law enforcement recovered it. He received a sentence of 52 months in the state prison for attempted robbery. The current case reveals that inmate Buckingham has not lost his penchant for arming himself as he continues with his course of criminality and lives off the proceeds of his thefts.

As we are given 30 days to respond, and we are not provided with any disciplinary history or any other information aside from the one-page notice of parole review, I cannot comment on inmate Buckingham's prison conduct. However, from the record that is available it is clear that inmate Buckingham should not be released as he poses a significant, unreasonable risk of violence to the community. Parole should be denied.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Courtney Martin', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

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