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Re: **Clay, Cassius T.**                      CDC: **AZ4783**                      Sacramento Superior Court **16FE003237**

“I’ll f [REDACTED] cut you. I’ll f [REDACTED] shank you!” These were the words the inmate used to frighten a restaurant manager and several patrons as the inmate pointed a knife at the restaurant manager. The manager refused to give inmate Clay free food and tried to get him to leave the restaurant. Clay became angry and grabbed a knife and tried to stab the manager. Inmate Clay did not just threaten the manager, he actually thrust the knife forward in an attempt to stab him in the chest in front of several restaurant patrons. The manager moved out of the way just in time to avoid being stabbed in the chest. Inmate Clay left the restaurant and was found by officers nearby. Inmate Clay was convicted of felony assault with a deadly weapon and received 1 year jail sentence in 2004.

This was only the beginning of his criminal career.

Beginning in 2004, if inmate Clay wasn’t in custody, he couldn’t go a year without being convicted of a new felony offense. In 2006 and 2007, inmate Clay was convicted of two counts of felony 2<sup>nd</sup> degree burglary and was sentenced to 2 years 8 months in prison.

In 2009 Clay was convicted of stealing a car and evading police officers. Pursuing officers were only able to stop him by putting down ‘tack strips’ to disable his vehicle and then using the pursuit intervention technique of causing the vehicle to spin in a circle. The conduct not only endangered the lives of the officers pursuing Clay but also endangered the lives of the public. For this offense he was sentenced to 4 years in state prison.

After his release in 2013, Clay immediately returned to his life of crime. In 2013 Clay stole another vehicle. Clay was sentenced to 4 years in prison for this conviction.

Clay was released and, again, wasted no time in returning to his old lifestyle of willfully depriving others of their property. In February of 2016 he was a parolee-at-large when he was arrested for being in possession of yet another stolen vehicle. That conviction is the present offense for which Clay is in prison.

A man who would hold a knife to an honest man’s chest and threaten to “shank” him is a violent inmate who deserves to serve the full term of any sentence thereafter for the protection of the community.

Clay has proven time and again that he will return to his criminal career upon release. The District Attorney of Sacramento County is opposed to inmate Clay's early release as he presents a grave risk to public safety.

Respectfully submitted,

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