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Board of Parole Hearings
Attn: Non-Violent Parole Review Process
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Re: JOSEPH DUCKETT, CDC# T-31652

Thank you for the opportunity to address the Board regarding the administrative review of inmate Duckett and his suitability for early release. The Sacramento County District Attorney's Office urges the Board to find that inmate Duckett is not an appropriate candidate for early parole.

I prosecuted inmate Duckett for possessing a weapon in prison in August of 2011. While serving an 11 year commitment at Folsom State Prison, inmate Duckett was observed with an item in his sock while in a medication line. Sgt. [REDACTED] began following the inmate and called to him to "get over here." The inmate looked at Sgt. [REDACTED] and then began to climb stairs. Sgt. [REDACTED] called a Code 1 Alarm and yelled "get down!" The inmate continued to evade Sgt. [REDACTED] and ran up the stairs. Additional officers encountered the inmate and ordered him to get down and he complied. Sgt. [REDACTED] then retrieved the item from the inmate's sock and found it to be an inmate manufactured weapon approximately four inches long, consisting of a piece of metal sharpened on one side like a razor blade, with masking tape on the other end to serve as a handle.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Inmate has suffered numerous prior criminal convictions, including convictions for weapons and violence:

1997	San Joaquin	PC 148	M	15d
1997	San Joaquin	PC 12025(a)(2)	M	45d

(Inmate had a .380 caliber semiautomatic pistol in his rear pants pocket.)

1998	San Joaquin	PC 12025(a)(2) PC 148.9(a)	M M	60d
		(Inmate had a .25 caliber chrome handgun in his waistband but it was missing the firing pin.)		
1999	San Joaquin	PC 273.5	M	150d
2000	San Joaquin	HS 11359	F	8m c/s
2001	San Joaquin	PC 211 PC 664/215	F F	71m
		(See below)		
2006	Paroled			
2006	Arrested			
2007	Paroled			
2007	Arrested			
2008	San Joaquin	HS 11351.1	F	11y
		(Inmate was stopped by officers driving a vehicle. Officer found 41.21g of rock cocaine individually packaged in 24 separate baggies. They also found 2 <i>large knives</i> concealed between the driver's seat and passenger seat. The Inmate's 4 year old son was sleeping in the back seat of the vehicle.)		

██████████ Duckett has been convicted of a crime or been in state prison every year since 1997 when he was 21 years old. He was committed to state prison twice and was convicted of his most recent felony while serving a sentence in state prison.

Notably, in 2001, the Inmate was convicted of the crimes of robbery and attempted carjacking and was sentenced to 71 months in state prison. In that case, the inmate accosted a 52 year old woman at gunpoint and yelled, "Give it up! Lady, give it up! Give me your car keys!" Fearing that she would be shot, the victim gave her keys to the inmate who then attempted to steal her car. As the inmate attempted to start the victim's car, the victim fled into a bar and called for help. The inmate fled into the backyard of a nearby residence where he was apprehended with the assistance of a K-9. The inmate was found with a pellet gun wrapped in black electrical tape. Officers discovered that the inmate was a suspect in two prior robberies that had occurred not far from the area.

The inmate has also been the subject of numerous CDCR 115 violations while in prison custody including "mutual combat," "disobeying orders" and "conduct that could lead to violence." These violations, and the present case confirm that the inmate, even in a highly regulated environment, while monitored by law enforcement, is unable to regulate his behavior and if released, will continue to defy society's laws. The inmate is a serial offender that has made no attempts to rehabilitate.

Given inmate Duckett's propensity for violence, weapons and his poor past performance on parole, the Sacramento County District Attorney's office requests that the Board deny early release. Requiring the inmate to serve the remainder of his term will ensure the safety of the citizens of Sacramento County.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Van Stralen', written over a horizontal line.

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