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**RE: Dyer, Shelvert Lynn      CDCR# V39004      Sacramento Superior Court 03F06598**

While the scars of the inmate's committing offenses are not visible, they ran deep on the 84 year old victim who was scammed not once, but twice for her life savings. The inmate and his accomplices' crimes not only took her money, but robbed her of her dignity, her sense of well-being and her ability to trust. This is why vulnerable elderly victims are targeted, and why the inmate received the 23 year 8 month sentence that he deserved.

Four months prior to the committing offense, the 84 year old victim was approached just outside her home by a man who claimed to be from South Africa, stating he was here to collect a large insurance settlement as the result of his brother's death in the Twin Towers. The man said that he was required to give \$90,000 of the money to charity, but claimed he could not do it because he had to leave that day and needed her help. The two were approached by a second man, who feigned coming up to them to ask about a dog, but was then drawn into the conversation about the money. The victim invited both men into her home. It was agreed that the South African man would give the second man and the victim each \$10,000 to help him donate the money to charity. He insisted that in order to do that, each had to prove that the American banks would allow them to withdraw money. The victim drove the three of them to what was ostensibly the second man's bank. He went in alone and after purportedly withdrawing \$15,000 in cash, he gave that money to the South African man, who mixed it in a bandana with other currency. The South African man then gave the bandana back to the second man who claimed to go back into his bank and redeposit his money.

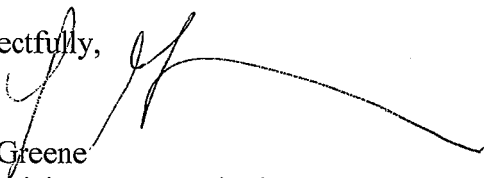
They then drove to the victim's bank where she withdrew \$5000 and gave it to the South African man. He then promised her more money, if she proved she could withdraw more, so she withdrew \$2000 more, and then she had cashier's checks made up and drove to a check cashing store to cash them. She gave the money to the South African man who put it in the bandana, and then gave the bandana back to her supposedly filled with her money and more. When she got home, she found the bandana filled with worthless paper and fake currency, and her money gone. She reported this to the police, but the scammers were not caught.

Four months later, the inmate and another man showed up at the victim's door. They came prepared with badges and claimed to be police detectives investigating the first scam perpetrated on the victims. They pretended to talk with other officers on a walkie-talkie. They claimed to show her photos of possible suspects to help them solve the crime. The inmate and his accomplice told her that she had to transfer all of the money remaining in her account into another account and that she had to go to the bank with them to effectuate the transfer. The victim secretly told her housekeeper that she wasn't sure this was right. After she left with the inmate and his accomplice, the housekeeper called her son, who called the police and they staked out the bank and caught the inmate. Inside the trunk of the inmate's car were fake items used in the first scam, including official-looking checks for non-existent accounts, and stacks of correctly-colored but fake \$1000 bills, and several counterfeit \$100 Federal Reserve notes.

While this was the inmate's first crime in Sacramento County, his record shows that he clearly moved around to perpetrate his offenses. This office does not have records readily available to show the facts of these offenses committed in other California counties. His strike offense, a first degree burglary was committed in San Joaquin Co. in 1996. He committed a felony Penal Code § 472, possession of a forged seal with intent to defraud, in Los Angeles County in 1996. He committed a felony § 470 forged bill or note in Contra Costa Co. in 1994. He committed a felony § 487.1 grand theft in Napa Co. in 1984. He also committed a felony §487.1 grand theft in San Francisco Co. in 1983. The Board is asked to review its records to determine the vulnerability of the victim's in those cases, and to determine if in any of those cases, the inmate was a parolee at large.

This inmate and his accomplices not only preyed on an elderly woman who was already victimized, but used the 9/11 attack on American soil that was still fresh on the minds of Americans in 2003 as another vulnerability to exploit. The trial court that heard all the evidence denied a *Romero* motion to strike his second strike and felt the inmate was deserving of serving his full sentence. The Sacramento District Attorney respectfully requests that you deny the inmate early release in this case.

Respectfully,



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