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Non Violent Parole Review Process Board of Parole Hearings Correspondence – NV P.O. Box 4036 Sacramento, CA 95812-4036

Re: Johns

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Johnston, Lauren CDC # WF3984

Court Docket: 14F08009; 14F02583; 14F06571; 14F01089; 14F07077; 14F06573

Inmate Johnston is a well-established violent felon, and should not be paroled. These six cases in which she is in prison for all involve egregious theft related felonies, showing that she is willing to continually steal from and victimize innocent victims. The circumstances surrounding her current convictions and her prior criminal record show that she poses an unreasonable risk of violence to the community.

Inmate Johnston has shown a pattern to her crimes that will continue if she is released. In the beginning of 2014, in court docket number 14F01089, Inmate Johnston was prowling around neighborhoods and businesses, looking for unlocked vehicles that had expensive possessions inside. Once she found a viable vehicle, she broke in, stealing whatever personal identifying information she could find to turn around and make fraudulent purchases.

Just two months later, in court docket number 14F02583, Inmate Johnston committed numerous felony burglaries, forgeries and thefts. She burglarized four victims' vehicles, took various belongings including purses, identification cards, check books, credit cards and gift cards, and then used the credit cards to make fraudulent purchases at several different stores. Inmate Johnston caused an immense amount of damage to these victims' vehicles and tallied up thousands of dollars worth of fraudulent charges. Not only did she victimize these people by causing financial strain, but she also violated their sense of security and privacy.

Inmate Johnston committed all of these crimes while she was on formal probation for possession of stolen property. This proves Inmate Johnston will continue to victimize the community regardless of the known consequences and the level of supervision law enforcement provides. Inmate Johnston has no respect for other people's privacy and property or the laws of this community.

In the middle of 2014, in court docket number 14F07077, Inmate Johnston continued her criminal spree when she burglarized another vehicle that was in the parking lot at La Sierra

Community Center. The victim was approximately 25 feet away from her vehicle when Inmate Johnston stole the victim's purse from the front passenger seat. This further shows that she does not care if she is caught or if the victim is present or not, either way she will get their belongings. After stealing the victim's purse out of their vehicle, Inmate Johnston attempted to fraudulently buy several items at Target amounting to \$489.79. Later that same day, Johnston attempted to withdraw money from the victim's bank account at a local ATM in the amount of \$1,013.64.

In August of 2014, Inmate Johnston continued her crime spree. In case 14F08009, Inmate Johnston burglarized an occupied home. She entered into the victim's home through the sliding glass door when the victim was not home. While inside, Inmate Johnston stole the victim's Kindle Fire computer tablet and over \$6,000 worth of jewelry. Among the jewelry was a solid gold bracelet, several gold pendants and an antique flower pendant. These irreplaceable family heirlooms were never recovered.

One month later, in court docket number 14F06571, while out on bail for the previous felony cases, Inmate Johnston burglarized another residence. She again entered into the home by going through the back sliding glass door. Along with stealing five handguns and several other items, she stole the keys to the victim's vehicle. Inmate Johnston then drove off with the vehicle, stealing yet another car. Armed with five handguns, and continually stealing from others shows that Inmate Johnston is a dangerous felon who is willingly to victimize anyone she can and will stop at nothing to continue her criminal lifestyle. Inmate Johnston is so brazen that she then used the victim's credit card to make several fraudulent purchases including clothing so she could go to court that very same day.

Thirteen days later, in court docket number 14F06573, Inmate Johnston was caught trying to remove a license plate from a truck. She initially got away, but when officers contacted her a short time later, a records check of the vehicle showed that she was in possession of a stolen vehicle. The keys of that vehicle were stolen during a commercial burglary. In the vehicle was the license plate that she had previously stolen from the truck. Upon a search of Inmate Johnston, officers found several burglary tools in her possession.

These detailed crimes are not Inmate Johnston's first convictions either. She has had several other theft related convictions and property damage related convictions.

In 2014, Inmate Johnston committed and was found guilty of two additional theft offenses that she was not sent to state prison for. Inmate Johnston is a habitual thief who has learned nothing from her previous bad behavior.

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 Johnston's prison conduct. However, from the record that is available it is clear that Inmate

Johnston should not be released as she poses a significant, unreasonable risk of violence to the community.

Inmate Johnston has had multiple opportunities to show this community that she is going to change her ways. However, every chance has ended with another person becoming a victim to her greedy ways. Inmate Johnston has shown time and time again that she is unwilling to conform to the laws of society and will always find a way to victimize innocent citizens. Parole should be denied.

Respectfully submitted,

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