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Non Violent Parole Review Process
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Re: Menefee, Robert James CDC # G61118 Court Docket: 07F10555

Inmate Menefee is a well-established violent 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.

On September 11, 2007, Sacramento Police Officers were dispatched to [REDACTED] Hospital regarding a domestic violence report. Officers arrived on scene and contacted the Victim, [REDACTED], an employee of the hospital. The Victim told officers she had a criminal protective order in place against Menefee while he was out on parole but he violated the order the day prior. She said the day before she saw Menefee sitting in a vehicle next to her own vehicle as she was walking out of the hospital with a coworker. Menefee confronted Victim and asked her why she had not returned any of his phone calls. Victim reminded Menefee of the active criminal protective order. Menefee completely disregarded the order and told Victim she was either going to go with him or he was coming home with her. The Victim refused and she and her coworker got into Victim's vehicle. Menefee then reached into the vehicle, took out the keys from the ignition and tried to take the coworker's cell phone. When the Victim said she was going to call police, Menefee jumped into Victim's car. He violently grabbed her arm and hit her approximately 10 to 15 times in the face with a closed fist. Menefee ended the brutal assault by taking Victim's car keys and driving away with them. When officers arrived on scene, they found Victim with injuries on her face and forearm, a cut on her mouth with blood on her lips and shirt. Officers also noted that she had bruising around her left eye.

Menefee's torment of the Victim did not end with his arrest. The Victim testified in the jury trial that Menefee continued to contact her while he was in custody and had third parties contact her at her place of employment. At Judgement and Sentencing, Victim indicated that due to the emotional trauma, she was on stress leave from her employment.

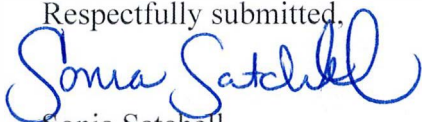
Menefee's current incarcerating offense is only the most recent in his criminal history. He has a long history of criminal conduct [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Menefee was convicted in a variety of crimes resulting from 6 different criminal cases. Most significantly on May 1, 1997 Menefee was convicted of a PC 459 violation, a strike offense. In that particular case, not only did Menefee commit a burglary but he fled from officers in a high speed pursuit. Menefee was eventually apprehended by a canine unit. Menefee's numerous contacts with law enforcement and the criminal justice system, gave him several chances at rehabilitation and reform. However, his long history and ongoing conduct demonstrate his inability to abide by the law. In the Board's 2018 decision, the Board notes as a mitigating factor that Menefee has not been convicted of a violent felony in 15 years. It is important to note, that Menefee has been incarcerated for 12 of those years.

Furthermore, upon review of the Board 2018 decision, it does not appear that Menefee has successfully conformed to the rules and regulations of a law abiding life. Menefee was in possession of a cell phone several times in prison. In 2016 he was found with a cell phone twice, once in 2015, once in 2014, twice in 2011 and once in 2010. Menefee was also found to have used alcohol on September 8, 2016 and under the influence of THC on July 10, 2015. He was in violation of refusing a direct order on June 22, 2012. On July 14, 2009, Menefee was also found to be in possession of dangerous property. It seems that as of August 2018, Menefee had limited participation in anger management and no participation in any counseling or rehabilitation to address domestic violence.

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 Menefee's prison conduct subsequent to 2018. However, from the record that is available it is clear that inmate Menefee should not be released as he poses a significant, unreasonable risk of violence to the community. Parole should be denied.

Respectfully submitted,



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