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RE: Rico Lewis CDCR No. AD0756

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Inmate Lewis has made career of burglarizing the homes of the citizens of Sacramento County. He has often invaded the very structures where residents should be the safest. The consequences of Inmate Lewis' actions leave scars on the victims much after the value of the items are recovered. It is not uncommon for victims of residential burglaries to never feel safe in their homes again. It is for these circumstances surrounding both Inmate Lewis' current conviction, as well as his prior criminal record, in which he clearly demonstrates an unreasonable risk to the community. As such, Inmate Lewis should not be paroled.

From the time that Inmate Lewis became an adult, he has continually burglarized residences. On June 26, 2006, Inmate Lewis and his co-conspirator ransacked the house of victim W W While in the house, Inmate Lewis and his co-conspirator ransacked the house. Every item in the residence seemed to be turned over. In assessing the damage, the victim was able to determine that his flat screen monitor, cell phone, stereo and digital camera were taken. A neighbor of the victim was able to write down the license place of the suspect vehicle, which led to Inmate Lewis' arrest. During his arrest, Inmate Lewis confessed to breaking into the house and taking items.

Then on the very next day, Inmate Lewis broke into a second residence, ransacked the house and took property. Similarly, neighbors of the victim saw Inmate Lewis riding his bike away from the residence. Inmate Lewis was arrested a short distance away. He was in possession of the recently burglarized items. In a Mirandized statement, Inmate Lewis confessed to his role in the burglary.

Then on September 14, 2011, while still on probation for the two previous residential burglaries, Inmate Lewis was observed breaking into another house. As police responded and arrived on scene, they observed the defendant climbing out of the window of the residence. Inmate Lewis had socks covering his hands in order to not leave fingerprints at the scene. Officers observed that the residence has been ransacked and that items are missing. Officers searched further and found Inmate Lewis' vehicle parked nearby. In that vehicle, various items that had been stolen from the victim's residence were located. Inmate Lewis was convicted and

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sentenced on this new residential burglary as well as two Violation of Probation for the 2006 residential burglaries.

I am unable to comment on Inmate Lewis' recent disciplinary history while incarcerated as I only have 30 days in which to respond. However, this Board reversed its release decision last year in part because of the inmate's violence while serving his commitment offense. In that instance, Inmate Lewis swung his fists at another inmate which resulted in correctional staff having to spray OC three times at inmates. The inmate which Mr. Lewis attempted to hit received scratches and swelling on his face. Due to the violent circumstances of his fighting violation, Inmate Lewis' institutional behavior should be considered an aggravating factor. Inmate Lewis has spent nearly his entire adult history committing residential burglaries or being incarcerated for residential burglaries and it is clear that Inmate Lewis should not be released because he poses a significant and unreasonable risk to the community. Parole should be denied.

Very Truly Yours,

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