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RE: Rasmussen, Jerry, CDC: #P-80590

In 1993 inmate Rasmussen was stopped by CHP for driving recklessly and ultimately found to be in possession of several loaded (and unloaded) firearms as well as knives secured to his body with rubber bands. In September 1994, inmate Rasmussen hog-tied and tortured two men he found on his property. He covered their heads, kicked them repeatedly, poured cold water on them and threatened to kill them with his gun. This went on for over 3 hours until a neighbor saw what was happening and called police. Just 10 days after this incident, inmate Rasmussen came upon another man on his property and held him at gun point threatening to kill him. Yet another victim of inmate Rasmussen was attempting to negotiate a U-turn in Rasmussen's driveway when he was met by a screaming Rasmussen wielding a shovel—a shovel he then used to smash the victim's car windshield and threaten to kill him with.

In 2012, Rasmussen came home to find that his front door had been kicked in and his home burglarized. Instead of calling the police (because he didn't believe that anything would be done), inmate Rasmussen, armed himself with a .22 caliber pistol and laid down on the couch, in the dark, to wait for the burglars to return—which they did. Upon their return, Rasmussen, without saying a word, got up from the couch and shot one man in the face then turned and shot the second man dead where he stood. Rasmussen took the gun to a neighbor's house and gave it to her hold—telling her only that his house was burglarized, but not that he had left a dead man inside of it. Once again, it was neighbors who had to notify the police of the disturbance.

Inmate Rasmussen has demonstrated time and time again that he respects no law except his own and is not satisfied with any but his own perverse sense of justice. It is for these reasons that the Sacramento County District Attorney's office vehemently opposes inmate Rasmussen's early release from prison—inmate Rasmussen continues to possess a viable and unreasonable threat to our community. It is our hope that inmate Rasmussen will finally realize a full prison sentence and use that time to access CDCR's mental health resources to get a hold on his anger and learn the life skills necessary to allow him to transition back in to the community smoothly and safely.

Respectfully,

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