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Re: Sipowicz, Anthony CDC # AY2361 Court Docket: 15F05799

Inmate Sipowicz is a well-established violent felon and drug dealer. He 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.

Inmate Sipowicz is currently incarcerated for possessing methamphetamine for the purposes of sales while being armed with loaded and operable gun. Inmate Sipowicz was first contacted in 2015 for this offense when law enforcement determined that the car he was driving had previously been reported stolen. When he realized that he was likely going to again be arrested and taken to jail, Inmate Sipowicz tried to run away from officers and had to be chased down. He was seen tossing a silver handgun over a fence in a residential neighborhood while running away from officers. This gun was later determined to be a fully loaded and operable. Luckily, officers were able to locate the gun that he had tossed. Had officers not found the loaded gun, it could have potentially caused serious injury or death if, for example, an innocent child had found the gun and discharged it. This complete lack of disregard for public safety and unwillingness to be a cooperative and productive member of society is a consistent theme in Inmate Sipowicz's life.

This 2015 conviction is not the first time Inmate Sipowicz has broken the law. In 2008, he was convicted of attempted robbery, a violent felony, and a separate conviction for possession of drugs for the purposes of sales. At that time, he was sentenced to state prison. The victim in that case was walking home when three people with masks came up behind her and used a gun to hit her in the head and then demanded she give them money. Through follow up investigation, it was determined that Inmate Sipowicz was one of those masked suspects. When he was eventually arrested for this attempted armed robbery, he was found with over 26 grams of methamphetamine and other items to indicate he was illegally selling the street drug.

Just last year, Inmate Sipowicz was considered for early parole and was deemed to be an unreasonable risk of violence to the community. In that decision several things were noted. First, Inmate Sipowicz has an extensive history that includes multiple felony convictions involving weapons and drugs.

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He also has numerous misdemeanor convictions involving domestic violence, driving under the influence of controlled substances and resisting arrest. The Board's decision indicates that his criminal history goes back to 2008. The Board is unlikely aware that 2008 was Inmate Sipowicz's first prison commitment, but not the beginning of his criminal history. He has in fact been an active criminal since 1998, when he was first arrested and convicted of misdemeanor domestic violence. Inmate Sipowicz has shown a pattern of crimes that will continue to victimize the citizens of this state once he is eventually released. Inmate Sipowicz has already been the recipient of leniency when he was sentenced to seven years in state prison for the current offense. This is far below what his prison exposure was. To allow him to be released from prison this early would only serve to reward his criminal conduct and reinforce the notion that the risk of getting caught is not something that should deter him from pursuing a criminal lifestyle.

Additionally, the Board's decision indicted that no weapon was used in furtherance of the crime. However, Inmate Sipowicz was in possession of a gun while in possession of drugs for the purposes of sales. As this Board is keenly aware, it is common for drug dealers to use guns to ensure that their criminal enterprise is well protected. So, based on the nature of his current and past convictions, in reality, the possession of the gun in 2015 was clearly designed to protect his drug selling enterprise.

Inmate Sipowicz has had multiple opportunities to show this community that he is going to change his ways. However, every chance has ended with a clear indication of his unwillingness to abide by the basic rules of our society. Inmate Sipowicz has shown time and time again that he is only concerned about his own well-being and does not care what the cost his criminal lifestyle is to the rest of society. Parole should be denied.

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