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Non Violent Parole Review Process
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Re: Pannighetti, Wesley
CDCR No. AW6051
Court Docket No. 14F07183

Inmate Pannighetti is a well-established violent felon, and should not be paroled. He was previously considered for early release and that request was denied. The analysis behind the denial, which the District Attorney's Office agrees with, includes the facts that Inmate Pannighetti personally used a deadly weapon (a knife), there were one or more victims who suffered physical injury or the threat of physical injury, and his prior criminal convictions show a pattern of assaultive behavior that is increasing in severity. In short, he poses an unreasonable risk of violence to the community and should not be paroled.

On October 11, 2014, the day began with Inmate Pannighetti drinking 100 proof alcohol at approximately 10 a.m. What followed was a day of arguing between Inmate Pannighetti and the two victims, [REDACTED] R [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] K [REDACTED]. The day ended with Inmate Pannighetti slicing R [REDACTED]'s neck and finger with a six-inch filet style knife.

Earlier in the day, Inmate Pannighetti began a verbal tirade aimed at the victims in this case, calling them "freeloaders." At one point, Inmate Pannighetti came up behind R [REDACTED] and hit him in the head with a plastic cleaning bottle. R [REDACTED] then pushed Inmate Pannighetti down. Inmate Pannighetti told R [REDACTED], "I'll get you later," and that is exactly what he did. At approximately 6:30 p.m., R [REDACTED] and K [REDACTED] were sitting on the couch watching a movie. Inmate Pannighetti quietly came out of his room, picked up a knife, and came up behind R [REDACTED]. Inmate Pannighetti then pushed the knife up against the victim's neck and said, "I have something for you bitch. Don't you ever put your hands on me again *or I'll kill you.*" Blood started to drip down the victim's neck and down the front of his body. R [REDACTED] tried to push the knife away from his neck at which point his finger was also sliced.

Inmate Pannighetti did not stop. He began lunging at K [REDACTED], swinging the knife at him as well. As R [REDACTED] began to run away, Inmate Pannighetti started to chase R [REDACTED] with the knife, screaming that he was *going to kill him and gouge his eyes out.* Inmate Pannighetti fled when he learned the victims had called 911. He was apprehended several streets away.

Inmate Pannighetti's record of crime and violence is horrific. On November 7, 2002, Inmate Pannighetti forced his girlfriend to orally copulate him. When the victim later told Inmate Pannighetti that she wanted to end the relationship because she felt he had raped her, Inmate Pannighetti got angry and said, "I'll show you what rape is." He pushed the victim onto a bed, held her down by her shoulder, [REDACTED]. Later, during a pretext call, Inmate Pannighetti **admitted to having her orally copulate him, forcing her clothing off, throwing her onto the bed, laying on top of her, not allowing her to get up, and having intercourse with her.**

In 1995, Inmate Pannighetti, unprovoked, hit victim [REDACTED] B [REDACTED] in the head with a knife. The victim was badly bleeding but Inmate Pannighetti again did not stop. Inmate Pannighetti "just went crazy" and started slicing and stabbing B [REDACTED] with the knife. B [REDACTED] tried to fend him off, however Inmate Pannighetti kept coming at him. Inmate Pannighetti sliced the victim's leg and finger. B [REDACTED] was finally able to get past Inmate Pannighetti and run for the door. It was at this point that Inmate Pannighetti **stabbed B [REDACTED] in the back.** B [REDACTED] suffered a severe stab wound to the right side of his lower back which punctured his lung and almost punctured his stomach, a stab wound to the right eye area (the knife deflected off of the victim's skull), half of the victim's ear was nearly severed off, there was several lacerations to the victim's right lower leg, there was a severe laceration to the victim's left hand, wounds to the victim's chest, a stab wound under the victim's chin which penetrated up to the victim's mouth, and a superficial wound to the victim's right thumb.

Inmate Pannighetti has a long history committing felony and misdemeanor crimes. Along with the crimes listed above, he has had parole violations in 2007 and 2006; a misdemeanor conviction for violating a restraining order, in violation of Penal Code Section 273.6, in 2005; a felony conviction for false imprisonment, in violation of Penal Code Section 236; a parole violation in 2001; a misdemeanor conviction for battery with serious bodily injury, in violation of Penal Code Section 243(d); a misdemeanor conviction for a hit-and-run, in violation of Vehicle Code Section 20002, in 1985; a misdemeanor conviction for fighting/challenging a fight in public, in violation of Penal Code Section 415; and a conviction for battery on a peace officer, in violation of Penal Code Section 243, in 1980.

Inmate Pannighetti is a menace and is extremely dangerous. His past conduct shows that he is violent, unpredictable, and should not be released early. Further, as we are only 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 Pannighetti's prison conduct. However, from the record that is available, it is clear that Inmate Pannighetti 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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