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Non- Violent Parole Review Process
Board of Parole Hearings
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RE: Salvador Santoyo
CDCR No. AX9374
Court Docket No. 15F02573

Inmate Santoyo 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 unreasonable risk of violence to the community.

On April 28, 2015, at 4:30 p.m., Inmate Santoyo was driving with his girlfriend's minor child in the car. The car did not have a front license plate and officers initiated a traffic stop. Instead of pulling over, Inmate Santoyo accelerated and began swerving his car. He ran through a stop sign and collided with another vehicle. Despite the collision, Inmate Santoyo continued driving through the fence of a residence in Sacramento County in an attempt to flee the officers. Inmate Santoyo attempted to conceal over 48 grams of methamphetamine and a loaded .45 caliber gun by throwing them out the window. Officer also discovered \$3,500 in cash, 2 cellular phones, and marijuana in the car in a location that was accessible to the minor child. Once officers were able to identify Inmate Santoyo, they learned he was a parolee at large.

[REDACTED]

His misdemeanor convictions also include driving under the influence, multiple theft offenses, and domestic violence. When the inmate was 22 years old, he graduated to committing his first felony offense – drug sales – which he continued to commit again and again, and is one of his convictions for his current incarceration.

At age 23, Inmate Santoyo took the life of another human being in a shooting death. He was originally charged with murder and benefited from a plea to a manslaughter conviction.

Despite the leniency shown to Inmate Santoyo, he continued to commit felony offenses and to flaunt the rules of his parole by going on the run. Even when in custody, Inmate Santoyo disregards the rules. A review of his Sacramento County Main Jail file indicates he had several write-ups including one for making pruno (inmate-manufactured alcohol) in custody. I am confident that the Board will identify similar writeups when reviewing Inmate Santoyo's CDCR records.

As the Board can see, Inmate Santoyo has a lengthy and continuous pattern of criminal behavior [REDACTED]. He has repeatedly violated the terms of all his probation and parole grants and each time ended up back in prison because of new offenses. In fact, Inmate Santoyo has never once successfully completed a grant of probation or parole [REDACTED]. It is clear that drug use has been a long-standing problem for the inmate as it is involved in nearly every [REDACTED] offense Inmate Santoyo has committed. His commitment offense perfectly illustrates the escalating violence that occurs with the inmate's criminal behavior. Reducing his sentence is not appropriate after examining Inmate Santoyo's serious and continual prior convictions.

As we are given 30 days to respond, and we are not provided with any disciplinary history or other information aside from the one-page notice of parole review, I cannot comment on Inmate Santoyo's prison conduct. However, when the board had previously denied his prior requests for early parole it noted that he had serious rules violations resulting in guilty findings. Moreover, this board noted that Inmate Santoyo's participation in rehabilitative programming was "limited" at best. From the rest of the record that is available, it is clear that Inmate Santoyo should not be released as he poses a significant, unreasonable risk of violence to the community. Parole should again be denied.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "TeriAnn Grimes". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

TeriAnn Grimes
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