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Non Violent Parole Review Process
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Re: Ray, Justin Earl
CDCR No. BM8353
Court Docket Nos. 19FE015761, 19FE016537, 20FE014509

Inmate Ray is a well-established felon, and 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.

On August 24, 2019, Inmate Ray was contacted by law enforcement while in possession of a stolen vehicle. Inmate Ray was seen on surveillance two nights prior at the apartment complex where the vehicle's owner lived. Shortly after Inmate Ray was seen on surveillance, the vehicle was seen driving out of the complex. Inmate Ray was released from custody pending trial and was again contacted by law enforcement just one week later. On August 31, 2019, Inmate Ray and another subject entered a Walmart and stole several items and left without paying. While law enforcement was in the process of taking the report, they ran a check of the vehicle Inmate Ray was driving and learned the vehicle was stolen. Inmate Ray was in possession of shaved keys to start the vehicle. Inmate Ray was convicted of two separate violations of Vehicle Code Section 10851(a) based on this conduct.

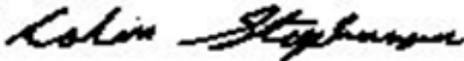
Inmate Ray was only free from custody for approximately three months when he was contacted by law enforcement again in July of 2020. On this occasion Inmate Ray ran a stop sign and was stopped by law enforcement again in a stolen vehicle. Inmate Ray received 32 months state prison for this offense and was transported to prison in late March of this year.

Inmate Ray has demonstrated a complete disregard for lawful behavior. In the present case, Inmate Ray had just received and completed a state prison commitment and subsequently committed a new offense only three months after being released from custody. However, Inmate Ray's criminal behavior spans back much further than the current offenses. In 2008, Inmate Ray was convicted second degree robbery, in violation of Penal Code Section 211, a violent felony, as a juvenile over 16 years of age. After his strike

offense, Inmate Ray has had a pattern of recidivism and violence. Inmate Ray has two prior convictions for domestic violence against a spouse or cohabitant in 2014 and 2016, a violation of restraining order in 2015, and a statutory rape conviction in 2010. These convictions show that Inmate Ray is not only a car thief, but that he is also a dangerous criminal that poses a risk to the community. As the inmate has only been incarcerated at CDCR since late March of 2021, it is unreasonable to conclude that he has transformed his behavior in such a short period of time after not doing it for the past 15 years.

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 Ray's prison conduct. However, from the record available that is available it is clear that Inmate Ray should not be released as he poses a significant, unreasonable risk of violence to the community. Parole should be denied.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Colin Stephenson". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Colin Stephenson
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