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## Re: Vasquez, Jose

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## Court Docket: 05F09063

Inmate Vasquez is a well-established violent felon, and 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.

On March 30, 2005, after stalking and harassing the victim, his ex-girlfriend, Vasquez attempted to run over the victim with his vehicle. On July 4, 2006, a jury convicted Vasquez for PC 245(a)(1), assault with a deadly weapon, to wit, a car along with the other charges described below.

The victim obtained a restraining order on September 7, 2005.

On September 28, 2005, Vasquez arrived at the victim's residence and threatened to damage her father's vehicle if she did not talk with him. Vasquez became angry and forced the front gate open to the residence. Vazquez grabbed a metal bar from the gate and advanced towards the victim and her father. The victim's father told Vasquez that he was going to call the police. Vasquez stated, "Go ahead and call the cops! I don't give a fuck!" Afterward, officers listened to the victim's voicemail regarding several threatening messages left by Vasquez. Some of those messages stated: "Look, you fucking bitch, you ain't going to fuck with me no more. You hear me? You ain't going to fuck with my head no more. You are not going to fuck with me no more. Today it is fucking on. It all fucking ends today. I am coming after your fucking ass right now, you bitch. Your motherfucking house. You ain't going to write no more motherfucking letter. We'll see who is going to be crying like a motherfucking little bitch." Vasquez also left a message stating, "Is this what you want for the motherfucker you love? Well, fuck you, bitch! I am coming for you now. Now, bitch! Next time you see my face, it will be in a fucking coffin." Vasquez was found guilty by jury of three counts of PC 422, felony criminal threats.

On October 3, 2005, Vasquez appeared at the victim's home and began pounding on the front door. Vasquez demanded to speak to the victim and threatened to break down the door if the victim did not comply. Vasquez picked up two bricks from within the yard and began to hit the sides of his head and yelled, "I am going to kill you, bitch, if it is the last thing I do!" Vasquez

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then threw several bricks into the victim's house windows, breaking three windows. The victim advised officers that she was extremely afraid of Vasquez and feared for her family. Vasquez was found guilty by jury of PC 594(a), vandalism.

On October 11, 2005, Vasquez came to the victim's residence and began knocking on her living room window. The victim saw Vasquez outside. Vasquez told victim to come outside. He repeated, "Let me talk to you" a couple of times and eventually left in his vehicle. The jury convicted Vasquez of PC 646.9(b), stalking with a restraining order.

On October 13, 2005, Vasquez knocked on the front door of the victim's residence and told the victim to come outside. A witness told Vazquez that the victim was not home. Vasquez told the victim, "I don't give a fuck. You better get the kids out of there because I am going to burn this place down. I am doing it right now!" The witness looked out the window and saw a bottle on fire flying through the air and landing on the grass. The witness stated that she heard a vehicle leaving the residence that distinctly sounded like Vasquez's vehicle. Explosive Ordinance Disposal Officers arrived on the scene and reported that a "Molotov cocktail" was used to start the fire. Crime Scene Investigators found an eight-inch-long cloth that had a strong odor of gasoline and a corona brand beer bottle with burnt charred glass lying in the front yard of the victim's home. Officers noted that the grass around the bottle had been burned. A garden hose was running and used to put out the fire by one of the witnesses. Vasquez was convicted by jury of felony PC 12303.3, possession or use of an explosive device to terrify any person, and convicted by jury of felony PC 451(d), arson of property. On October 17, 2005, officers contacted Vasquez and told him the charges against him. After Vasquez told the officer that it was the victim that was threatening him, he told the officer, "Fuck you, bitch, get the fuck out of here!"

Vasquez's Prior Convictions:

In 1989, Vasquez was convicted of PC 246.3, negligent discharge of the firearm. Vasquez discharged a shotgun at around 4:00 am in a residential area.

In 1989, Vasquez went to prison after his conviction for HS 11359, possession of marijuana for sale.

In 1989, he was also convicted of PC 12025, possession of a concealed firearm.

In 1990, Vasquez was convicted of HS 11379, transportation of methamphetamine and received a prison sentence.

In 1990, Vasquez was convicted of HS 11370.1, possession of a narcotic while caring a loaded operable firearm and received concurrent prison time.

In 1991, Vasquez was convicted of HS 11379 (transportation of methamphetamine), HS 11378 (possession of a controlled substance), PC 12280(b) (possession of an assault weapon), and PC 12021 (felon in possession of a firearm) for 9 years and 4 months state prison.

In 1997, Vasquez was convicted of a violent strike conviction for PC 245(a)(1) with a PC 12022.7 enhancement, assault with a deadly weapon personally causing great bodily injury and received a seven-year prison sentence for that offense. That offense was also a domestic violence offense in which the victim had told Vasquez that she did not love him and that their relationship was over. Vasquez would not accept what the victim told him and told her he loved her. Vasquez claimed he had a gun and would shoot anyone who could come to victim's aid. Vasquez argued with victim, pushed her to the ground, and pushed her head into the side of the house and punched her twice with his fists. Vasquez approached the victim's father and punched him in the face, knocking victim's father to the ground and knocking him unconscious. The victim ran inside the residence and called 911.

Vasquez's prior crimes involved great violence, injury to his victims, and a high degree of viciousness. Among his many prior convictions involving drugs, weapons, and violence were previous domestic violence crimes which resulted in great bodily injury. Vasquez's latest crimes involved stalking a victim, attempting to run over her with a car, throwing bricks through her window, threatening to kill her, and burning part of her property with a Molotov cocktail explosive device. These numerous convictions for acts of violence as well as his numerous other prior prosecutions underscore the significant and unreasonable risk of violence that Vasquez poses to the community.

On October 31, 2019, September 17, 2020, and September 15, 2021, in each instance, after considering in total the findings on each of Vasquez's four case factors, the Board of Parole Hearings deemed inmate Vasquez as posing an unreasonable risk of violence or significant criminal activity to the community and denied release each time.

As the Sacramento DA's Office is 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 Vasquez's prison conduct. However, from the record that is available it is abundantly clear that inmate Vazquez 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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