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Non Violent Parole Review Process Board of Parole Hearings Correspondence – NV P.O. Box 4036 Sacramento, CA 95812-4036

Re: Ellsworth, Jeffery CDC # BW – 1544 Court Docket: 22FE016123

On October 13, 2020, this board wrote in regards to Inmate Ellsworth prior request for early release, "taking into account the totality of the circumstances, including the Inmate's age (60 years old), the factors mitigating the inmate's current risk of violence outweigh the factors aggravating the inmate's current risk of violence or significant criminal activity." Although age may slow down the violent acts for some individuals, it has not for Inmate Ellsworth. Inmate Ellsworth took advantage of his early release by being involved in more acts of violence within the community.

In September of 2022 inmate Ellsworth was contacted by law enforcement when he was treated for a graze wound on his forearm. He received the wound when he was involved in an altercation while again being unlawfully armed with a firearm. One witness described hearing the altercation between Inmate Ellsworth and another man followed by hearing multiple gunshots, but not seeing the shooting. The witness described this inmate being in the driver seat of his truck when the other party drew a firearm and the shooting began. Officers located a loaded semi-automatic handgun next to the gas pedal on the driver's side floorboard as well as an unloaded firearm in the glove compartment.

Inmate Ellsworth has not been rehabilitated and has shown this board and the community who he is. Inmate Ellsworth is a violent man. Despite being in his 60s and having committed *violence* in this community as far back as his first strike offense in 1984 - he is not changing his ways. He has committed crimes of robbery, assault with a firearm, kidnapping, attempted murder, evasion, theft, and multiple illegal firearms violations. For Inmate Ellsworth, violence is evergreen. It is who he is and in his nature. Despite being previously given an opportunity to be released early – he spent his time rearming himself and getting into an altercation involving his weapons.

Inmate Ellsworth's prior prison experiences have done nothing to change his lifestyle. He has shown that he will not abide by the rules of his supervision grants and that he will continue to endanger the community by arming himself with loaded firearms with a willingness to commit violence.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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