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Nonviolent Parole Review Process
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Re: Lance MURPHY

CDC #BW7016

Court Docket: 23FE014679

Inmate Murphy is a well-established repeat offender and should not be paroled. The circumstances surrounding his current conviction and his prior criminal record show that he poses an unreasonable risk to the community.

Over approximately three decades from 1997 to present day, Inmate Murphy has committed over a dozen crimes. In 1995, Inmate Murphy was sentenced to three years in state prison for a conviction of Health and Safety Code section 11379.6, manufacturing a controlled substance, out of Solano County. In August 1997, Inmate Murphy was sentenced to four years in state prison for a conviction of Health and Safety Code section 11379(a), transportation of a controlled substance, in Napa County. Inmate Murphy was convicted of another violation of Health and Safety Code section 11379.6 out of Sacramento County in December 1997, for which he was sentenced to five years in state prison concurrent with the sentence imposed months prior. Inmate Murphy reoffended when he was convicted of Vehicle Code section 10851(a), vehicle theft, in 2004 in Amador County, and was sentenced to another four years in state prison. He received eight months consecutive to that commitment in March 2005 in Yolo County, for a conviction of Penal Code section 496(a), receiving stolen property. In April 2005, Inmate Murphy was convicted of a serious felony within the meaning of the Three Strikes Law for violating Penal Code section 459 1st degree, residential burglary, in San Joaquin County; he was sentenced to two years state prison concurrent.

Inmate Murphy managed to remain out of the criminal justice system for some time but recently engaged in another series of crimes across counties. In December 2023, he was convicted of three counts of Penal Code section 487(a), grand theft, stemming from three different cases out of Placer County. He was sentenced to four years state prison in the lead case, sixteen months consecutive for the second case, and sixteen months consecutive for the third case. Still undeterred, he was convicted of two misdemeanor violations of Penal Code section 487(a) in May 2024 in Sutter County.

In May of 2023, Inmate Murphy committed multiple thefts at a Home Depot in Sacramento County. Inmate Murphy used a flat pushcart and loaded up the cart with items before exiting the store, passing all points of sales, and fleeing the scene. He was involved in multiple uncharged thefts at the same Home Depot before being charged and convicted for violating Penal Code section 487(a), grand theft, for stealing a Toshiba Air Conditioner and Garage Sealant, valued at \$459 and \$740, respectively. Inmate Murphy was sentenced to the subordinate term of one-third the middle term of eight months, doubled by his admission to the prior strike conviction, for a total of sixteen months, to run consecutive to his state prison sentence for the Placer County convictions from December 2023 described above.

Inmate Murphy has shown little regard for the rules of society, for the rehabilitation likely afforded to him during his numerous prior prison commitments, or for the expectations of any formal supervision. It has been less than two years since the imposition of the first sentences that comprise his eight-year sentence. He has committed crimes in eight counties across our state

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 Murphy's prison conduct. In the last 30 years, Inmate Murphy has been convicted of over a dozen crimes, including a serious felony and countless theft and drug-related felonies. There is no indication that Inmate Murphy has reformed or changed for the better. It is unreasonable to believe that he learned his lesson this time when he has proven that he cannot be trusted to re-enter society. Parole should be denied.

Respectfully submitted,



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