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

Re: Thomas, Rhuben CDC # T36099 Court Docket: 07F10520

Inmate Thomas 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 an unreasonable risk of violence to the community.

In November of 2007 Rhuben Thomas entered a bank, approached the teller stand, and presented the teller with a note. The note read, "Give me your \$50's and your \$100's or I will shoot." The teller was frightened for her life, and screamed out that the bank was being robbed. Because of the commotion, Inmate Thomas fled outside to his car, and sped away from the scene. He came away with nothing.

Bystanders provided the license plate number and a vehicle description of Inmate Thomas' car to law enforcement, and that description was radioed out over dispatch. Patrolling officers soon came upon the defendant's vehicle. After the officers attempted to stop Inmate Thomas' car, he sped up and led the officers on a lengthy and dangerous pursuit. The chase included extremely reckless driving and speeds of up to 140 miles per hour on Highway 99. Ultimately the car chase ended when Inmate Thomas hit a curb while on an off-ramp from the highway, and lost control of his car. Inmate Thomas then fled on foot, and only submitted to law enforcement when he was tackled to the ground.

This spectacular event was the culmination of a long and dangerous career of crime. In 1989 Inmate Thomas was convicted of resisting arrest. The 1990's brought three separate felony drug convictions. In 2000 the defendant was convicted of a felony offense of being an accessory after the fact to a robbery of a convenience store. In that case \$700 in cash was stolen from the store clerk at knife point. In both 2001 and 2002 Inmate Thomas was convicted of bank robberies. In each instance Inmate Thomas entered a bank and presented a note that read "Give me all your hundreds and fifties or you'll get hurt." In the 2001 robbery Thomas made away with approximately \$1,200.00. In the 2002 robbery he made away with about \$2,000.00.

Throughout his life, Inmate Thomas has demonstrated a consistent propensity for dangerous and callous behavior. His resume speaks for itself. He is not entitled to the relief that he seeks. In

denying Inmate Thomas' petition in 2018, this Board cited his life-long proclivity for assaultive conduct, a tendency that has continued since he has been incarcerated.

From the record that is available it is clear that inmate Thomas 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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