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Re: Richard Amaya – CDCR # AW0874 Sacramento case 14F04591

[REDACTED]

In the past decade and a half, Inmate Amaya has been arrested and/or convicted of: criminal threats, vandalism, entry into a commercial building, grand theft, use/under the influence of a controlled substance, assault with a deadly weapon, child cruelty, inflicting injury upon a child, obstructing a public officer, brandishing a firearm, DUI, driving without a license, evading a peace officer and probation violations. Most of these criminal statute titles are unnerving enough in the abstract; however, when applied to Inmate Amaya and his activities they are but pale shadows of the actual conduct that have demonstrated his "...pervasive disregard for, and violation of, the rights of others".

Inmate Amaya's 2008 felony conviction for violation of **Penal Code § 273d(a) [inflict corporal injury upon a child]** are particularly disturbing. Notations by the [REDACTED] 10-year-old [REDACTED] in her school journal attracted the attention of her teacher. The artless entries were the child's attempt make sense of the beating administered by [REDACTED] (inmate Amaya) and explain to others why she had bruises on her face and arms. The [REDACTED] eventually told her teacher (and later a Sacramento County Sheriff's deputy) that on a date in the recent past [REDACTED] had "playfully" been hitting her while she was doing the dishes: when the 10-year-old asked the 27-year-old inmate Amaya to stop, the inmate became enraged and pummeled [REDACTED] face and shoulders. When the child was no longer able to withstand the beating, she fell to the floor – *whereupon* [REDACTED] 210 lb. [REDACTED] booted her where she lay. After the little girl was able to painfully worm her way up onto a sofa, the inmate told her to go to her room. When the child responded that she was unable to do so, [REDACTED] – making sure that discipline was maintained [REDACTED] - grabbed her by the hair and *dragged* her into the bedroom.

When confronted by police about [REDACTED] injuries, the inmate expressed astonishment, telling the officer "I still don't know how any of this could have happened". The inmate also pointed out that it was "his "...word against hers" and that *he* was the adult.

His next significant conviction was in **2011 – felony conviction for violation of Penal Code section 487(a) [grand theft]**: Inmate Amaya, while in San Bernardino County, approached a stranger who was cutting the grass in front of his sister's residence with a weed-eater. The inmate asked the man if he had any money; when the victim told him no, the inmate grabbed the victim's neck-chain (gold with 15 diamonds) and tore it off the victim's neck. The victim attempted to hit the inmate with the weed-eater. The inmate grabbed the weed-eater, slugged the victim with it, then left. The victim sustained a large laceration on his forehead and a cut on his nose.

In 2012 he was convicted of a felony violation of Penal Code section 594(b)(1) [vandalism]: While in Orange County, the inmate was apprehended inside a medical facility. The clinic's window had been smashed and the doors pried open. Upon the arrival of Orange County Sheriff's deputies, the inmate peered out of the building. Once the inmate was taken into custody, the deputies noticed that the interior of the clinic was in disarray. The inmate advised officers that "some Chinese guys [had] chased [him] down the street – that's what happened."

In 2014 he sustained a felony "strike" conviction for a violation of Penal Code section 417(c) [brandishing a firearm at police]: The inmate broke into his mother's house while she was absent. After vandalizing her home, the inmate came outside and wandered around in front of the house with a rifle. When a Sacramento County Sheriff's deputy arrived in response to a frightened neighbor's 911 call, the inmate pointed the rifle at the officer, then barricaded himself inside the home. Efforts to negotiate with the inmate were met with the response of "*F[REDACTED] you cop... I am not afraid of cops. If you take off the gun and badge, I could kick your ass.*" The Sacramento County SWAT team responded to the home and, after further negotiation efforts failed – inmate Amaya made his position clear by "flipping off" the officers and yelling incoherently – the SWAT team fired a tear gas round into the house and flushed the inmate out. After being taken into custody and placed in the back of a patrol car, the inmate repeatedly spit on the window separating him from the driver's compartment and threatened to kill any officers who tried to deal with him. The inmate also screamed out the side window that would pay \$ 2,000,000 to anyone who would free him from custody.

Less than 4 months after his release from jail for the above conviction, in **2014, Inmate Amaya committed his current offense – felony violation of Vehicle Code section 2800.2 [evading a peace officer]**: On the Fourth of July, 2014, the inmate took his antisocial "reckless disregard for the safety of others" to new heights. The inmate began his own, bizarre celebration of Independence Day by doing U-turns, driving in reverse and driving in the wrong direction in the heavily trafficked (vehicle and pedestrian) lanes in front of terminal "A" at the Sacramento International Airport. When a sheriff's deputy assigned to the airport drove his car in front of the inmate's Camaro in order to halt his dangerous conduct, the inmate threw his car in reverse, blazed around the deputy's patrol car and screamed onto I-5 North. Over the next 28 miles, the inmate, pursued by sheriff's deputies, Woodland police and CHP units, careened across lanes at will and *hit speeds of 125 mph*, all the while nearly slamming into other cars. Near Woodland,

inmate Amaya shot over onto I-5 south and utterly unconcerned with the safety of other drivers or of the law enforcement officers who were trying to rein him in, meteored along the freeway until he was finally brought to bay at an exit in Sacramento. When captured, the inmate's considered to display his disdain for anyone but himself with his comment: "*F[REDACTED] you, I don't have anything to say to you. F[REDACTED] the police.*"

What else need be said ? Inmate Anava's own words, and his own actions across the years – beating and kicking [REDACTED] pointing a rifle at a law enforcement officer in a situation that eventually required the SWAT team to resolve or recklessly endangering the lives of innocent, holiday motorists – make it clear that Inmate Amaya's early release should be denied and he should be kept in the custody of the state until he serves the entire term of his sentence.

Respectfully,



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