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Attn: Non-Violent Second Striker
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RE: People v. Jeremy Ansel – CDCR No. AZ5070

Inmate Jeremy Ansel’s past crimes are escalating in the level of violence. As demonstrated below, with each subsequent crime the sentence has been appropriately increased due to the recidivism demonstrated by Inmate Ansel’s conduct. Despite this wholly appropriate sentencing history, Inmate Ansel continually fails to grasp the consequences of his criminal actions, because he continues to engage in increasingly dangerous behavior. If CDCR is to grant Inmate Ansel an early release, it sends a very dangerous message to Inmate Ansel. More importantly, it puts the public at significant peril from Inmate Ansel’s escalating dangerous behavior.

On January 8, 2004, Inmate Ansel along with his girlfriend, were squatting in a trailer in Nevada County. After hanging around the trailer and ingesting narcotics, they decided to leave. Upon leaving, Inmate Ansel burned the trailer down. From review of the reports, it appears that the trailer had little or no value and that there was no reason for burning the trailer. According to the girlfriend, upon igniting the trailer, Inmate Ansel stated that he wanted to linger to watch it burn. Individuals who engage in criminal behavior for no reason or for the thrill of it are the most frightening criminals of all. Inmate Ansel entered a plea to Penal Code 451(c) for 16 months.

On March 6, 2004, the live-on-site manager of a trailer park was awoken in the dead of night by a noise. It sounded as if someone was attempting to kick down the front door to gain entry. Upon looking out the window, the manager saw the defendant looking in through windows. Inmate Ansel then went to his car, grabbed a large item and came back to the residence. It appeared to the manager as if Inmate Ansel was going to throw the large item through the window. The manager then opened the door and asks Inmate Ansel “Can I help you?” Inmate Ansel got a firearm, jammed it into the manager’s face and forced his way through the door. Inmate Ansel then stated “you owe people money” and punched the manager in the face. Inmate Ansel then backed out of the threshold and fled. He was apprehended later with the gun and was ID’d. An individual who uses a firearm and is now willing to commit crimes and threats for the benefit of someone else is basically a hit man. Inmate Ansel increased the dangerousness of his conduct. Inmate Ansel was later convicted of Penal Code Section 245(a)(2); Assault with a Firearm, and sentenced to 5 years state prison.
Then on March 4, 2015, Inmate Ansel broke into an elderly gentleman’s residence. The elderly man’s son happened upon the residence when he attempted to check on his father. The son parked in the driveway in order to block the egress of Inmate Ansel. Having been caught red-handed, Inmate Ansel fled in his vehicle. Inmate Ansel had to ram through a fence, almost ran over the victim’s pets and drove into a field in order to escape capture. Officers responded and found Inmate Ansel’s truck stuck in the field and Inmate Ansel a short distance away. Inmate Ansel’s vehicle contained a firearm, narcotics and of course the property from the elderly victim’s residence. Here, Inmate Ansel is now victimizing the most vulnerable members of society, the elderly. More telling, he will do anything to escape capture and avoid responsibility for his actions. Inmate Ansel was convicted of burglary and the felon in possession of the firearm and was sentenced to 5 years and 4 months in state prison.

Looking at the totality of Inmate Ansel’s contact with law enforcement, this is an individual who will continue to escalate his criminal conduct with increasingly dangerous conduct. Once released, Inmate Ansel appears unwilling to modify his course of conduct. Certainly, early release from his well-deserved prison sentence will further incentivize his recidivist behavior. The Sacramento County District Attorney’s Office respectfully requests that CDCR continue to protect our community by ensuring that Inmate Ansel serves his complete sentence. Please deny Inmate Ansel’s early release.

Very Truly Yours,

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