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Attn: Non-Violent Second Striker
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RE: Arauza, Gabriel Vincente
CDCR # AA8726
Court Case# 12F05393

Inmate Arauza is currently serving a prison sentence on what is considered a non-violent offense. The only reason this offense can be classified as non-violent is because of the hard work of the Sacramento County Probation Department, and not because of anything the inmate has done to minimize his criminal conduct. Inmate Arauza received a 5 years and 8 months state prison sentence for the possession of methamphetamine for the purposes of sales while being armed with a .45 caliber pistol. Even though Inmate Arauza had multiple previous felony convictions, and thus legally not allowed to possess any type of firearm, he did possess one, and he did it to support his criminal activity. While it is not necessary to have a firearm to sell drugs, it is not uncommon for drug dealers to use firearms in the course of their business and to escalate the level of violence involved in drug activity. Luckily, we do not believe this inmate was able to use his firearm before the probation department seized it from him.

At the time of the inmate's arrest which lead to his current incarceration, he was on formal searchable probation. Since Inmate Arauza was validated as a member of the Norteños criminal street gang [REDACTED] the Gang Suppression Unit of the Sacramento County Probation Department conducted a search of Inmate Arauza and his home. Officers found all of the items that would be expected to be found in the possession of a drug dealer, including multiple digital scales with drug residue, a large amount of cash, drug packing material, and of course, the drugs themselves, methamphetamine. When officers searched Inmate Arauza's cell phone, they also located text messages showing a chain of communication consistent with him being a drug dealer. In addition to all of that, officers found a .45 caliber firearm with a twenty-seven round capacity, loaded magazine.

Although I have not had an opportunity to review the inmate's prison 'C' file to determine how he has conducted himself in prison, it is significant to note that he has been either incarcerated, on formal probation, or on parole [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] has not been able to successfully complete a signal grant of probation or parole since. Inmate Arauza's behavior has become more serious and problematic after every subsequent conviction. His current prison commitment is not even the first time he has been to state prison for possession of controlled substances for sale. The difference is that this time, he put the community at a higher risk for violence by possessing a firearm and the necessary ammunition to support his criminal enterprise. Every time Inmate [REDACTED] is cut a break, he takes advantage of it and goes right back to his criminal ways. His

criminal convictions include first degree burglary, restraining order violations, and various controlled substance offenses.

When Inmate [REDACTED] is eventually released, he will undoubtedly be back to polluting the community with drugs. Providing him with an early release would only serve to help those involved in his criminal enterprise.

The District Attorney of Sacramento County urges the Board to deny Inmate Arauza an early release.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Stephanie Maroun", is written over a horizontal line.

Stephanie Maroun
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