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

Re: Brooks, Gerard CDC: D14283 Court Docket: 98F03031

Inmate Brooks 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 1995 Brooks was convicted of a series of felonies in Santa Clara County that resulted in a 23year state prison commitment. Per the sentencing report, on August 1st, 1994, Brooks assaulted the eighty-year-old victim, beating the man with his own cane and stabbing him twice with a knife after he had fallen to the ground. Brooks took the victim's wallet, which contained \$208.00. The victim had just gotten off a county transit bus and was walking to his daughter's home when the crime occurred. He was carrying a plastic grocery bag in each hand, in addition to his cane, when the victim assaulted him.

The victim had to remove the knife from his abdomen after the defendant left it embedded there. The victim sustained a broken wrist, lacerations below his left eye and above his right eye, a stab wound to his lower abdomen, and a stab wound to the middle of his palm area on his left hand. The victim had a cast on his left arm for six months.

The victim was especially vulnerable at the time of this event as he, in addition to requiring the assistance of a cane to walk, was blind in his left eye and required the use of two hearing aids.

Inmate Brooks had previously been sent to state prison relative to separate incidents in 1985 for robbery, and in 1987 for burglary. In 1999 he was convicted of illegally possessing narcotics while in prison, and was sentenced to an additional 4 years.

Brooks' underlying crime showed remarkable violence towards an especially vulnerable victim. His actions speak for themselves. He should not be granted the relief he has sought. 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 Brooks' prison conduct. However, from the record that is available it is clear that inmate

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Brooks 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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