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Attn: Non-Violent Second Striker
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Re: Blakes, Derrick, CDC #AV0236


The People write in opposition to the early release of inmate Derrick Blakes. In consideration of his criminal history, including two felony firearms charges and a history of theft and drug possession, the People believe that Inmate Blakes poses a risk to public safety and should be required to serve his full term.

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In 1996, he pled guilty to vehicle theft. A year later, he pled guilty to receiving stolen property. His first charge relating to firearms occurred in 2000 when he pled to concealing a firearm in a vehicle, as well as driving on a suspended license. In 2001, he pled to a marijuana charge and in 2006 he was convicted for grand theft. Just a few months after his theft conviction, he was convicted of a felony strike for negligently discharging a firearm. The facts of the case are specifically heinous in that he shot his ex-girlfriend's ten month old puppy in the head, and only two feet away from her five year old son. In 2007 and 2009, he was arrested for possessing drugs including cocaine, marijuana, and hydrocodone. On July 4, 2014, Blakes, a convicted felon, was convicted for being in possession of a firearm. During sentencing, the People dismissed charges for methamphetamine and resisting arrest. Since being in jail, Blakes has been on observation for consuming drugs and alcohol and has been combative with guards.

Blakes' most recent crime involving the dangerous combination of drugs and guns is troubling, especially in light of his prior conviction of Penal Code section 246.3. It does not appear that he has made any significant effort to become a productive member of society, but rather has a pattern of recidivism. Upon release, he is almost certain to return to his previous lifestyle and put members of the community in harm's way again. Accordingly, we request that Inmate Blakes be denied early release and be required to serve out the entirety of his sentenced term.

Respectfully,


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