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RE: Cardinale, Peter

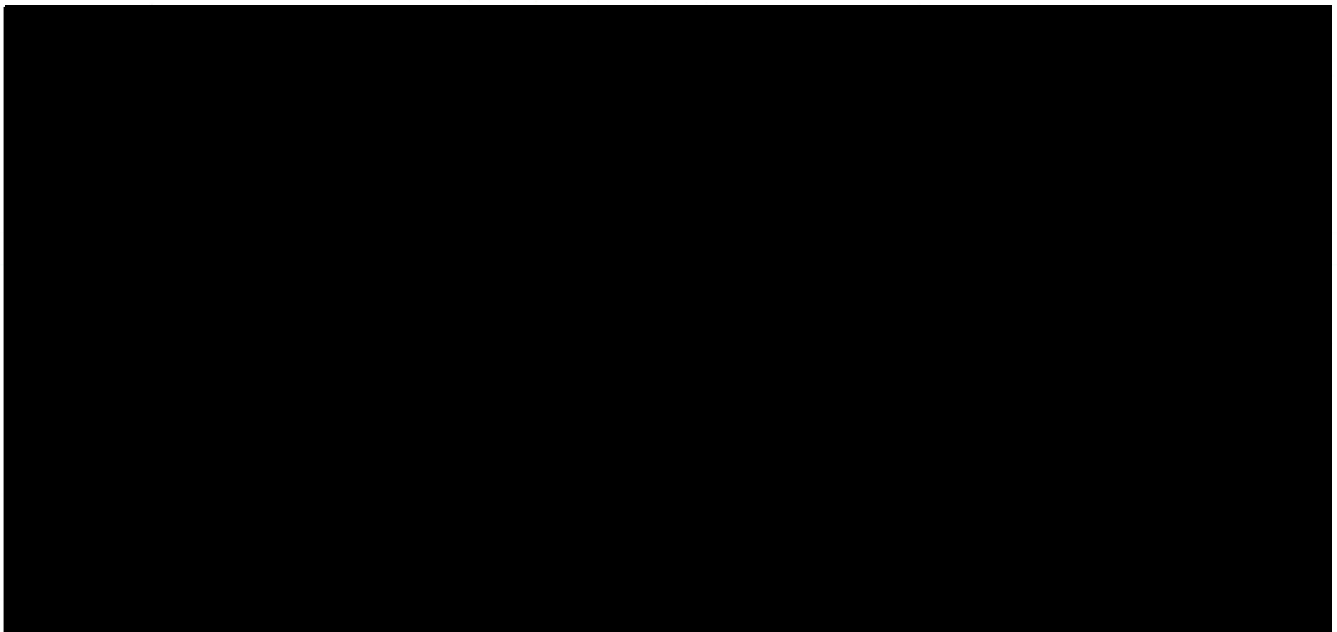
CDC# AU-6208

Court Dockets: 13F04329; 12F04522

Inmate Cardinale is a life-long criminal and a clear danger to our community. The circumstances surrounding his current conviction and his prior criminal record show that he poses an unreasonable risk of violence to the community.

In the instant case, Inmate Cardinale was driving a car that had been reported stolen and was spotted by a Sacramento County Sheriff's deputy on July 7, 2013. The Deputy attempted an enforcement stop with lights and sirens, and Cardinale began to actively evade the Deputy. This inmate led Deputies in a high speed chase for 7 miles, reaching speeds in excess of 90 mph, running 3 red lights and six intersections controlled by four way stops in the afternoon hours. The pursuit was so erratic and dangerous that one Patrol Car lost a tire in a blow out and the other Deputy's pursuit was called off in the interest of public safety. Nevertheless, a law enforcement helicopter continued to track Cardinale across Sacramento. Cardinale continue to actively evade officers until he got into an accident with another car and his vehicle was disabled. Cardinale then continued to evade on foot, until tackled by officers. A search of his vehicle revealed 62 grams of methamphetamine packaged in 4 separate bags, 97 grams of heroin, 61 pills of hydromorphone, a black BB gun pistol, a pay owe sheet, \$1,800.00 in cash, and a cell phone.

A further search of Cardinale's cell phone revealed numerous drug related texts, including some violent threats to suppliers and sub-dealers. Attached are samples of outbound texts showing Cardinale's violent and dark nature:

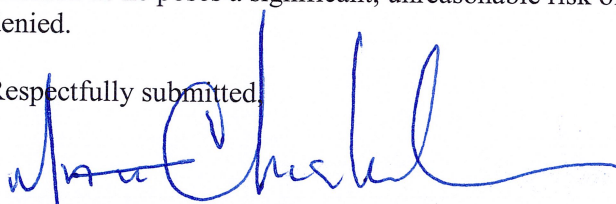


July 7, 2013 was not an instance of aberrant behavior or bad judgment for Cardinale. At the time of this offense, Cardinale was out-on-bail for felony drug trafficking cases in both Placer and Solano Counties. He also had three prior convictions for drug sales or manufacturing: in 1995 in San Francisco he was convicted of HS 11378 and HS 11379 and sentenced to 180 days county jail; in 2001, Cardinale was convicted of HS 11378 and HS 11383(c)(1), manufacturing a controlled substance, arising from separate incidents and resulting in a 6 year CRC commitment.

The citizens of California passed HS 11370.2 to enhance and lengthen criminal sentences for people who continue to sell drugs despite the substantial resources spent to change their behavior. Since 1995, Cardinale has been given chance after chance by our criminal justice system to change his ways, but instead he has only become more dangerous and committed to a criminal lifestyle. After nearly 20 years of dealing drugs and being sent to prison, he still refuses to rehabilitate and choose a law abiding life. After living this lifestyle for so long and in so many places, the Board cannot possibly say that this Inmate has been rehabilitated in less than four years and that he does not pose a significant risk of violence to our community.

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 Cardinale's prison conduct. However, from the record that is available it is clear that inmate Cardinale 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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