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RE: Colvard, Curtis CDC # F-29715

Three loaded handguns, a sawed-off shotgun, methamphetamine, pills, a high speed chase going no less than 90 mph and a fleeing felon; but still the crime is deemed "non-violent". To look at each aspect of Curtis Colvard's conviction separately, one could certainly conclude it was not violent. But when one looks at the big picture, what emerges is a clear image of an incredibly dangerous and violent situation. Much like a powder keg just waiting for a match.

Inmate Colvard's committing offense occurred on February 4, 2013. On that date, he and his friend ██████ went to purchase methamphetamine. But because he had previously been beaten up, ██████ felt he needed to bring protection.¹ After getting some methamphetamine, ██████ the driver, failed to stop at an intersection and nearly hit a pedestrian. Officers then attempted to initiate a traffic stop. At first it appeared that the driver would pull over as required. However, ██████ changed his mind and decided instead to accelerate away at a high rate of speed in an attempt to evade officers. After reaching speeds over 90mph, ██████ eventually lost control of his car and crashed into a barricade.

Inmate Colvard immediately jumped out of the vehicle and started to flee. While running, Colvard dropped a loaded .357 magnum revolver. When the driver, ██████ was arrested he had a 9mm handgun, ammunition and .39 grams of methamphetamine on his person. On the passenger side floorboard of the vehicle, where inmate Colvard had been seated, a loaded 9mm Ruger handgun, a digital scale, packaging, and 60 pills were found. In the rear of the vehicle there was a loaded sawed-off shotgun with extra rounds.

Inmate Colvard admitted to the arresting officers that he ran from the crash because he was a parolee at large and he knew ██████ had drugs and guns in the car. Inmate Colvard chose to take his case to a jury trial; where he was ultimately found guilty of possessing a sawed-off shotgun and being a felon in possession of a firearm.

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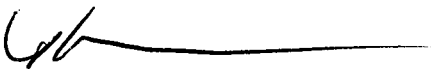
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¹ ██████ interview with Det. Takahashi

In looking at the inmate Colvard's criminal history, it shows his pattern and predisposition towards violence. In 2003, the inmate was convicted of misdemeanor battery; in 2005, he was convicted of misdemeanor brandishing a firearm replica. Later in 2005 the police responded to a domestic dispute involving Colvard. In speaking with the inmate's then girlfriend, she told them that inmate Colvard had gotten upset at her. Colvard had then gotten behind her, pulled her hair, put a knife to her neck and started cutting her neck. After telling her that was just a piece of what he could do, he grabbed her arm and started digging into her wrist with the knife. When the victim started screaming in pain, inmate Colvard stopped. Inmate Colvard was convicted of a PC 245(a)(1), non-strike, for this offense. In February 2006, inmate Colvard was in a relationship with a different girlfriend when he punched her in the face multiple times. Inmate Colvard told her that he would kill her if he went to jail for the assault. The inmate was convicted of a violation of PC 273.5 and 136.1, both as felonies. After his release from prison on this offense, inmate Colvard was convicted of a misdemeanor violation of PC 273.5 in 2008. Inmate Colvard was thereafter incarcerated for several violations of parole; his most recent release coming just one year prior to this committing offense.

Based on inmate Colvard's repeated, escalating violent offenses, and the fact his acts come with threats to injure which he has carried out, as well as his current offense wherein Colvard was armed and ready to commit whatever violence was necessary in order for his friend [REDACTED] to acquire illegal narcotics; he has convincingly demonstrated that when released into society, he acts violently. While looking at the committing offense in a vacuum may be considered non-violent, having armed men going into the drug dealing world is just the type of spark to ignite a powder keg into a full explosion. For all of the reasons set forth, the People are opposed to the Inmate Colvard's early release.

Respectfully,



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