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Non-Violent Second Striker Board of Parole Hearings
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Re: Nelson, Eric Jeffrey CDCR# AW8793

Board of Parole Members,

Inmate Nelson is a self-admitted gang member. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He has two prior strikes, both involving violence and both involving gang allegations.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Nelson committed his first strike offense [REDACTED] a violation of Penal Code Section 245(a)(1). In that case, Inmate Nelson was in a verbal argument with the victim. During the argument, Inmate Nelson began yelling racial slurs at the victim and then began advancing towards him with a knife in his hand. The victim, who was seated in his car, was able to roll up his window to prevent Inmate Nelson from using the knife against him. Inmate Nelson then called a fellow gang member for help. Inmate Nelson and the fellow gang member, both in possession of knives, began making threats towards the victim until other civilians intervened. Inmate Nelson fled the scene before officers arrived but was later apprehended. Inmate Nelson pled to a strike offense for a sentence of 180 days and 3 years of formal probation.

In connection with the resolution of the previous case, the District Attorney's Office agreed to dismiss a violation of Penal Code Section 186.22 (participation in a criminal street gang), as well as a separate case that involved Inmate Nelson and an accomplice stealing an 18-pack of beer from a convenience store. Then in 2009, while on [REDACTED] probation, Inmate Nelson violated his probation and was ordered to spend an additional 365 days in custody.

In 2010, Inmate Nelson was convicted of his second strike offense in Nevada. This conviction was again for an assault with a deadly weapon, this time causing great bodily injury and again alleged a violation for participating in a criminal street gang. In that case, the victim was a rival

gang member who was found stabbed. Inmate Nelson was located nearby by law enforcement and was found in possession of the knife which still had the victim's blood on it. Inmate Nelson was sentenced to 24-60 months in the Nevada Department of Corrections.

After being released from prison, Inmate Nelson returned to California and was still on formal probation for his 2008 conviction. In April of 2014, Inmate Nelson again violated his probation and was sentenced to an additional 154 days in custody.

Once again while on probation and now parole for his prior offenses, Inmate Nelson committed the offense that is before us. On June 15, 2014 at approximately 10:30pm, Inmate Nelson was driving down the same road that the victim was walking on. The victim was walking in the middle of the roadway and was hit by Inmate Nelson's vehicle after Inmate Nelson was unable to avoid the collision. Inmate Nelson fled the scene of the accident without stopping to check on the victim or call for help. Inmate Nelson then parked his car down the street and fled from the vehicle. The victim was taken to a nearby hospital and died a few hours later. A witness informed officers of the vehicle parked down the road and the officers were able to link it back to Inmate Nelson. Officers made several attempts to contact Inmate Nelson [REDACTED] and were finally able to set up an interview with Inmate Nelson 2 days later. During the interview, Inmate Nelson admitted to being the driver during the collision and further stated that he observed the damage on his vehicle and knew that the victim must have been badly injured. Inmate Nelson later pled to a violation of Vehicle Code Section 20001(b)(2) (hit and run causing death) and was sentenced to six (6) years in state prison.

While Inmate Nelson's most recent offense does not involve violence, all of his prior convictions do. His conduct in the most recent offense shows that, once again, Inmate Nelson cannot follow the rules and regulations that govern our society. He could not even be bothered to stop and make sure that someone he just hit with a car was okay. His criminal record demonstrates that he is a danger to the public. Additionally, the fact that all of his crimes [REDACTED] were committed while on probation show his complete lack of respect for authority and the justice system. If released, he will continue to violate the law and put our community at risk. Therefore, the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office opposes any early release of Inmate Nelson.



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