Non-Violent Second Striker Board of Parole Hearings
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RE: Hernandez, Jose Luis CDC#AL4212

He began his adult criminal career at age 18 in 1986 when he was burglarizing a residence and was caught in the act by the female victim. When she attempted to prevent him from taking her property, he responded by threatening to kill her. Neighbors tried to come to her aid and he hit one of the neighbors on the leg with the stolen bicycle he was riding. Two days later he was identified as the responsible in a vehicle robbery in which he had a sawed-off shotgun. For these offenses, he was committed to the California Youth Authority and he was paroled in 1988.

Seven months later in 1989, he severely beat his live-in girlfriend by kicking her in the buttocks, knocking her to the ground and punching her all over her body. He then picked her up and put her into his car and while driving, he continued punching her and pulling her hair. He was convicted of felony domestic violence and sentenced to two years in State Prison.

After release from prison, and while a parolee at large, in 1995 the defendant engaged in a high speed chase after officers tried to stop him for a traffic violation. During the pursuit, he lost control of his vehicle and crashed through an iron gate. He bailed out from the moving vehicle and fled on foot. He was found to be in possession of methamphetamine.

When he was paroled from that offense, in 1998 he was arrested for a bar fight during which he struck a female victim repeatedly in the face with a closed fist, causing bruising, swelling and a scratch to her face. He was given 30 days in County Jail. Shortly after his release, on March 31, 2000, he assaulted his live-in girlfriend by pulling her hair and slapping her face several times. He then placed a handgun to her head and threatened to “blow her fuckin’ head off.” A week later, when officers tried to conduct a traffic stop of him, as he was a known parolee at large, he fled at a high rate of speed. Officer saw him throw plastic baggies with white powder from the vehicle during his flight. He eventually collided with two patrol vehicles, then exited and fled on foot. In his vehicle, officers found 3.79 grams of methamphetamine. For these offenses of
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felony domestic violence and transportation of methamphetamine, he was once again, sentenced to State Prison.

Prison did nothing to disabuse the inmate of his abusive nature. On March 28, 2007, he punched, kicked and dragged his two-month pregnant live-in girlfriend by the hair and he was convicted of misdemeanor domestic violence. In January of 2009, he was convicted of misdemeanor false imprisonment in connection with a domestic dispute.

On March 23, 2010 in Sutter County, officers discovered the inmate to be in possession of 13.3 grams of methamphetamine. He was convicted of transportation of methamphetamine and was given a state prison sentence concurrent with the one he is currently serving out of Sacramento County.

His current commitment arises out of conduct that began on July 11, 2010 when officers tried to stop him for driving a vehicle without plates. He sped away and lead officers on a pursuit which spanned 7.5 miles and reached speeds of 114 m.p.h. He repeatedly failed to stop and ran several stop signs and red traffic signals as he drove through residential streets and onto the freeway. He eventually lost control as he tried to negotiate a turn and his vehicle went down an embankment. He then fled on foot and had to be tackled by officers.

While in jail pending court for this last offense, the inmate tried to contact his ex-girlfriend 6 times on the phone, contrary to an active Domestic Violence Restraining Order against him. He was convicted of a misdemeanor violation of Penal Code § 273.6 for this conduct.

Although I have not had an opportunity to examine his ‘C’ file, I would invite the Board to do so to learn whether his conduct in prison has been any better than his conduct while a free man.

Inmate Hernandez is only 47 years old. If past behavior is a predictor of future behavior, upon his release, Inmate Hernandez will undoubtedly find a new girlfriend to batter, he will return to his old trade of trafficking in methamphetamine, he will become a parolee-at-large and once spotted by police, he will engage them in a dangerous pursuit, endangering the lives of countless civilians in the process. The District Attorney of Sacramento County urges you to deny his early release as he presents a grave danger to public safety.

Respectfully,

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