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RE: Ryland George Hill; CDC # AR5861

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"So sometimes I drink and drive a little bit. My father drank and drove and so did his father and they were both respected men in their communities. The rest of the country man, they would laugh at what happens in California, DUI. That doesn't matter, man. DUI is nothing." –Ryland George Hill

Those are the words of the man that is being considered for early release. He said those words just after he was arrested on August 12, 2012 for what would turn out to be his 7th driving under the influence conviction. He said those words after he committed an assault on his girlfriend, punched his girlfriend's friend, and then led officers on a pursuit where he was later found to be under the influence of alcohol with a blood alcohol content of .17%. At the time of the offense, the inmate was also **out on bail** for what would later turn out to be his 6th driving under the influence conviction. The inmate was out on bail for an incident that occurred on July 2012 when he was arrested for drinking and driving with a blood alcohol content of .11%. On that occasion the inmate again led law enforcement officers on a pursuit which eventually led to his arrest. Ultimately the above offenses were what rightfully sent him to state prison for his current term and thus guaranteed that the public would have one less repeat drunk driving offender out on the road with them.

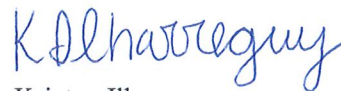
Inmate Hill is currently serving 8 years and 8 months in state prison which he received on September 27, 2013 after a jury convicted him of 10 separate counts; as well as finding his strike prior to be true. The charges were for driving under the influence, driving without a license, battery, domestic violence, and evasion of law enforcement personnel.

The inmate's prior strike offense was for robbery. The robbery was extremely calculated and violent. He and a female co-conspirator tricked the victim into opening his front door in order to rob him of his property. Once the victim opened the door, the inmate brandished a large butcher knife. He threatened to cut the victim and as he held the butcher knife to his throat while demanding his property. Luckily for the victim he was able to break free and arm himself with a weapon which ultimately led to the inmate and his co-conspirator being captured by the police and taken into custody.

Since his strike conviction in 1992, the inmate has showed a continuous course of criminal conduct. His convictions have been for driving under the influence, possession of drugs, fraud, and receiving stolen property. Alcohol and drug abuse has plagued him throughout his life. According to his probation report in 2010, the Veteran's Affairs Hospital diagnosed him with "Alcoholism". Since that diagnosis we know that the inmate has done very little to combat this disease as his committing offenses are a direct result of that alcohol abuse.

Although I have not had an opportunity to review his prison 'C' file to determine whether or not he has taken advantage of the programs in prison, however I do note that he has continually failed throughout his life to get the consistent treatment he needs in order to deal with his behavior. The inmate has shown not only an inability to be committed to an alcohol treatment program but also has continued to commit new crimes that have a direct correlative link to his alcohol abuse. **"That doesn't matter man. DUI is nothing."** It is those words and that attitude that has caused the inmate to be a repeat offender of similar alcohol and drug related type crimes and thus a *current* unreasonable danger to society. If he is released early without the *necessary treatment* he needs, he will likely kill himself or some other innocent person who is just out there sharing the road with him. Allowing him to stay in prison provides him with the opportunity to take advantage of programs that can help ensure that when he is released he will be a law abiding alcohol free citizen. Without the proper alcohol and drug rehabilitation inmate Hill is not an appropriate candidate for early release at this time.

Respectfully,



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