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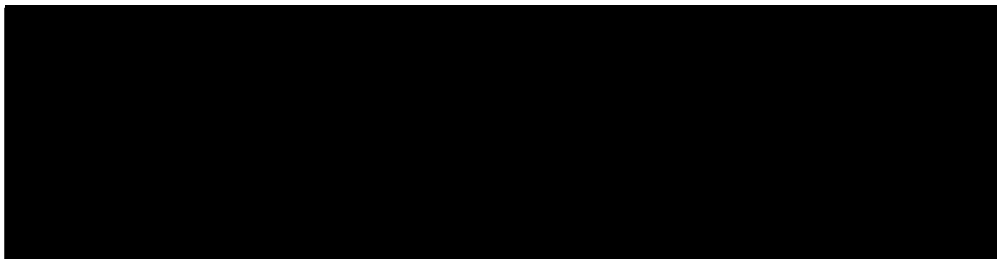
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Non-Violent Second Striker Board of Parole Hearings
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Re: James **Johnson** – CDCR # AD7629

[REDACTED] Inmate James Johnson's criminal accomplishments belie his young age: although only 26, he has already been convicted [REDACTED] of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]:

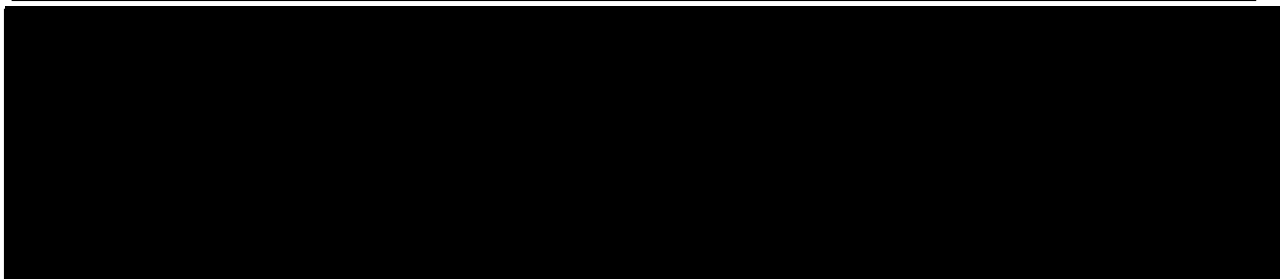
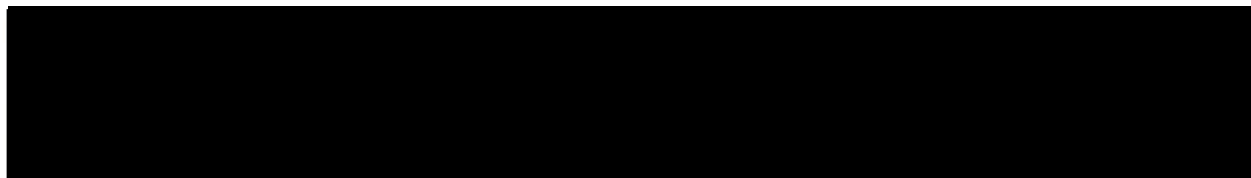


False representation: Falsely representation oneself as another to a peace officer
(misdemeanor – January, 2010)

Robbery: Felony/"Strike" - May, 2010

Receiving Stolen Property: Felony - June, 2013

Possession of Heroin for Sale: Felony - July, 2014



[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Theft [REDACTED] - and Guns – [REDACTED]: A few months before his 21st birthday, the inmate made it to “the big-time”: he and a confederate burst into a jewelry store with guns drawn and demanded money from the store’s employees. The frightened store clerks immediately complied – after which the inmate and his accomplice smashed jewelry display cases, grabbed valuable jewelry and fled the store. The inmate was sentenced to two years in state prison for this serious felony (“strike”) offense.

Theft – yet again: Not long after being released from prison – at age 23 – the inmate engaged in a novel means of victimizing an innocent citizen: receiving, by accident, a package intended for another (the victim) via Fed Ex , the inmate denied having received the package when he was contacted by Fed-Ex. Shortly after the inmate’s denial, the intended recipient of the package (the victim) saw that the contents of the package were being offered for sale on Craigslist; after the victim posed as a “buyer”, police were able to determine that the Craigslist “seller” was, in fact, the inmate. The contents of the victim’s package were found in the inmate’s residence.

Drugs – AGAIN: The inmate’s commitment offense took place in July, 2014 (when the inmate was 24). After a traffic stop of the vehicle the inmate was driving, officers found a working scale in the center console that had heroin residue on it; the inmate’s cell-phone had text messages that showed he was up to [REDACTED] possession of drugs for sale. Taken to jail for booking, the inmate eventually produced a baggie of

marijuana from within his pants; denying that he had any other drugs on his person, a subsequent strip-search of the inmate proved that this was a lie: a bundle of heroin was found in the inmate's rectum.

May is traditionally the season of graduation: high-school seniors are freed to go to college or work, college students are freed to go to work or return home to their parents' basement. Given inmate Johnson's unqualified dedication to a life of crime, given that his arc of iniquity is tending towards more violent, more involved crimes (and given that he is apparently undeterred from his chosen course by either punishment or rehabilitation) - if the inmate were released pursuant to the NVSS program, it would only be a matter of time until he "graduated" to even more serious crimes, crimes that would crown his catalogue of criminality with the actual injury (or death) of innocent victims. In short, it is clear that if inmate Johnson is released from custody pursuant to the NVSS program he WILL offend again, he will harm, in some way, another innocent citizen - which means that the only reasonable, the only prudent, option is that **he must be retained in prison** until he has served his maximum lawful sentence.

Inmate Johnson's early release should be denied and he should be kept in the custody of the state until he serves the entire term of his sentence.

Respectfully,



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