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Non-Violent Second Striker Board of Parole Hearings
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RE: Jones, Ronald Anthony, CDC #AY0621

Board of Parole Members,

Ever since his arrival in California, Inmate Jones has demonstrated a willful disregard for the law. His gang membership dates back to his life in Chicago, where he has left a family and three children behind to fend for themselves. Since arriving in California, he has committed multiple offenses that exemplify a disrespect for personal property and public safety. After being picked up on his latest offense, Inmate Jones admitted to being part of the Trigga Mob/Trap Team street gang, a status he proudly proclaims by way of the “TRAP” tattoo on his arm. This gang uses fear and intimidation to control the drug and prostitution activity in the neighborhoods they claim.

In November of 2012, Inmate Jones attempted to flee from law enforcement officers attempting to pull him over. After speeding away from the officers and running through a stop sign, Inmate Jones finally yielded. Once they conducted a records check, the officers quickly realized the car Inmate Jones was driving was, in fact, stolen. Inmate Jones lied about having permission to drive the car, and it was later revealed by the theft victim that his keys and the car were stolen in a home burglary two weeks prior. In addition to defendant being a suspect in this burglary, and while in custody for the vehicle theft, his prints came back on two additional burglaries that had taken place several months earlier.

On June 15, 2012, Inmate Jones was determined to have committed two first degree residential burglaries. Two homes next door to each other were broken into in the same fashion. The first home was completely ransacked, and it seems the only thing that saved the owner to the second house was an alarm that presumably scared defendant away. Inmate Jones invaded the sanctity of the Victim’s homes with a complete disregard of their privacy and property. His fingerprints were found at the point of entry of both homes, yet despite this, during an interview he still denied ever being in the neighborhood where these burglaries occurred. In an effort of early resolution, and affording a great benefit to Inmate Jones, an offer was made to plea to only one of these burglaries, and thus leaving him with only one strike on his record rather than the deserved two. Clearly this benefit did not persuade him to change his manner of conduct and the group of people he chose to spend his time with.
On August 11, 2015, Inmate Jones was loitering in a neighborhood known for gang activity and hanging out with two well-known gang members. After police approached him and his fellow gang members, Inmate Jones grabbed a bag and quickly ran from police. Despite being told multiple times to stop, Inmate Jones continued to flee, and as he did so, he tossed the bag away from him. Inmate Jones was apprehended after a pursuit a couple blocks long, and the bag was later found to contain a loaded, stolen handgun. Inmate Jones did all of this despite being on formal probation.

Despite this criminal history, Inmate Jones is now seeking early release. Inmate Jones’ disregard for the law and participation in a gang that thrives on violence, criminal behavior, and harming others shows that he is not an appropriate candidate for early release. His loyalty to his gang indicates that were he to be released, he would be quick to resume the conduct which has likely earned him his status within the gang in the first place. In the interest of public safety and justice, the Sacramento District Attorney’s Office strongly opposes Inmate Jones’ early release.

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