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RE: Jones, Andrew David

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Inmate Jones is a well-established violent felon who has repeatedly demonstrated his disrespect for the rights of others. Despite the many opportunities Inmate Jones has been given to reform his criminal conduct over the years, he has repeatedly shown a pattern of behavior indicating his reckless disregard for the health and safety of the public. The circumstances surrounding his current conviction and his lengthy criminal record demonstrate that he poses an unreasonable risk of violence to the community.

On July 10, 2015, officers with the Sacramento Police Department were on routine patrol in the area of La Solidad Way in Sacramento. The officers observed Inmate Jones standing near the front driver's side door of a Ford SUV. Officers noted that the vehicle did not have license plates. After conducting a records check of the vehicle, it was determined to be stolen. Officers recovered the vehicle's keys as well as several grams of methamphetamine from Inmate Jones. The investigation concluded that the vehicle had been stolen from a Target parking lot approximately two weeks before. The investigation revealed that Inmate Jones had surveilled the victim as she entered the store. Inmate Jones then concocted a ruse to distract the victim in order to take her keys. Inmate Jones subsequently stole the vehicle from the parking lot.

The aforementioned incident was hardly Inmate Jones' first foray into criminal behavior. At the time he was convicted for his present commitment offense, Inmate Jones had already been convicted of an array of other offenses over the course of two decades:

In 1998, Inmate Jones was convicted of violating Vehicle Code § 10851(a) and sentenced to nine months in county jail.

In 1999, Inmate Jones was convicted of first-degree attempted robbery in violation of Penal Code § 211. Inmate Jones was also convicted of violating Penal Code § 245(a)(1) for striking the victim of said robbery with a padlock. A jury of his peers found true the allegation that Inmate Jones inflicted great bodily injury on the victim in doing so. Inmate Jones was sentenced to sixteen months in prison.

In April 2003, Inmate Jones was again convicted of violating Vehicle Code § 10851(a). Inmate Jones was sentenced to sixteen months in prison and was paroled in December 2003. In February 2004, Inmate Jones was arrested for a violation of his parole and placed into custody until June 2004.

In April 2005, Inmate Jones was convicted of violating Vehicle Code § 10851(a) for a third time. He was sentenced to two years in state prison and paroled in March 2006.

In May 2006 – merely two months after being released on parole – Sacramento County Sheriff's Deputies observed Inmate Jones driving a vehicle approximately 40 MPH above the posted speed limit. When the deputies attempted to conduct a traffic stop, Inmate Jones fled in the vehicle. After eventually parking in someone else's driveway, Inmate Jones abandoned the vehicle and fled on foot. Inmate Jones abandoned the vehicle without placing it into park, causing the vehicle to crash into the garage door of the home. As deputies pursued Inmate Jones, they observed him discard a loaded handgun. When the deputies apprehended Inmate Jones, they recovered methamphetamine from his possession. It was subsequently determined that the handgun possessed by Inmate Jones was stolen. Inmate Jones was convicted of violating Health and Safety Code § 11370.1(a) in June 2006 and sentenced to two years in state prison.

In June 2007, Inmate Jones was released on parole. A month later, Inmate Jones violated his parole by carrying a loaded and concealed firearm in his vehicle. He was placed into custody before being released again in October 2007.

In December 2007, Sacramento Police Department officers were on patrol in the area of Grand Avenue in Sacramento. The officers observed Inmate Jones driving a vehicle without license plates. When the officers attempted to stop Inmate Jones, he accelerated his vehicle and fled at speeds of approximately 95 MPH. Inmate Jones then drove his vehicle in oncoming lanes of traffic at nearly 60 MPH. Once again, Inmate Jones abandoned his vehicle without placing it into park, causing the vehicle to collide with a Sacramento Police Department patrol vehicle. A records check revealed the vehicle driven by Inmate Jones was stolen. Inmate Jones was convicted of violating Vehicle Code § 10851(a) for the fourth time and Vehicle Code § 2800.2(a). Inmate Jones was sentenced to three years and eight months in prison in December 2007. He was released on parole in October 2009.

In August 2010, officers with the Roseville Police Department in Placer County responded to a report of a domestic disturbance. While responding, the officers were advised that Inmate Jones had left the home on a motorcycle. When the officers located Inmate Jones and attempted to stop him, he fled into oncoming traffic at speeds up to 50 MPH. Officers pursued Inmate Jones, but could not keep up with him because he was weaving in and out of oncoming traffic. Over two dozen police officers, a police helicopter, and multiple K-9 units were required to locate Inmate Jones. Officers located the motorcycle – determined to be stolen – near a home. Inmate Jones was apprehended inside the home. The resident informed the officers that Inmate Jones had entered the residence from the backyard. Inmate Jones told the resident he would hurt her if she gave the police his whereabouts. Inmate Jones was convicted in January 2011 and paroled in January 2015. Six months later, Inmate Jones was again arrested in July 2015 for the current commitment offense described above.

As we are given thirty days to respond, and as we are not provided with any disciplinary history, I cannot comment on Inmate Jones' prison conduct. However, from the record that is available it is abundantly clear that Inmate Jones should not be released as he poses a significant and unreasonable risk of violence to the community. Over the last two decades, Inmate Jones has shown his disregard for the health and safety of the public. Moreover, each time Inmate Jones has been given an opportunity to live a better life, he has used that opportunity to place others in harm's way for his own gain.

I respectfully request that parole be denied.

Respectfully submitted,

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