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Non Violent Parole Review Process
Board of Parole Hearings
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Re: Loveland, Dana Frederick  CDC # AB9842  Court Docket: 09F03468

Inmate Dana Loveland is a serial burglar and should not be paroled. The circumstances surrounding his current conviction and his prior criminal record show that he poses an unreasonable risk of violence to the community.

On April 29, 2009 at 7:11 in the morning, Inmate Dana Loveland and an accomplice entered a residence in Folsom and were interrupted by a twelve year-old male resident. This child called his mother to tell her he had heard banging on the side door to the garage. The boy, fearing someone was attempting to break into his home, shouted out that he had called the police, then saw a male adult running from the residence. It was Dana Loveland who was there to burglarize this occupied home.

Following Loveland’s later plea to this crime, the twelve year-old boy’s mother reported to the Sacramento County Probation Department that her son had changed dramatically after Loveland’s crime. Although the family had changed the locks and fixed the garage door, they still lived in fear, did not feel safe in their home, and had to move. The boy stopped wanting to go outside to play for fear that there might be other “bad guys” who were not caught, never wanted to be home alone fearing those responsible may return, and constantly asked his mother what she thinks would have happened had the “bad guys” gotten into the home and found him.

An hour after the boy had heard Loveland trying to break into his home, a concerned citizen reported seeing a suspicious vehicle parked near another home in Folsom that had been burglarized less than a week before. Two subjects were sitting low inside the vehicle as if to avoid detection. This vehicle was registered to Loveland. When officers contacted Loveland, he had multiple sets of vehicle keys in his possession. One set was for the “prized Chevy Corvette” belonging to the victims of a home burglary on April 25, 2009. The victims had been in fear, constantly wondering if and when the person who had stolen the keys would return and steal the Corvette. Loveland admitted to officers that he had broken into their home a second time in order to steal the Corvette, but it was not in the garage when he came back for the car.
Also found on Loveland’s person was a set of keys for a Mercedes Benz stolen from victims whose residence was broken into on April 22, 2009. That victim was awoken when he heard his garage door open. Loveland’s accomplice later told officers they had driven through the neighborhood looking for the Corvette and Mercedes to steal. A search of Loveland’s vehicle uncovered evidence of even more burglaries in the Folsom community.

A $500 GPS unit was found in Loveland’s vehicle that had been taken in a burglary on April 26, 2009. Also found in Loveland’s vehicle were various personal checks belonging to other victims. Keys to a Toyota 4Runner on a key ring with a Post Office Box were also found in Loveland’s vehicle. The April 22nd victims reported that in addition to the Mercedes keys, the burglar had also taken laptop computers and personal items. That victim’s computer case was found in Loveland’s vehicle when he was apprehended along with receipts from a pawn shop.

After Loveland’s arrest for this crime spree, he was released on bond on May 13, 2009. On June 21, 2009, officers observed Loveland parking a vehicle at a motel. A records check on the vehicle revealed it had been stolen three weeks before, and the license plate affixed to the vehicle was also stolen. On Loveland’s person that day officers found a credit card belonging to Loveland’s brother. Loveland’s brother reported his home had been burglarized and he suspected his brother as being responsible. Inside of the motel room Loveland had attempted to enter was a parolee at large.

Initially charged in a twenty-seven count complaint, Loveland was allowed to plead to two counts of first degree burglary and admitted his prior strike conviction, a first degree burglary from Santa Clara County in 2001. For his series of home burglaries terrorizing residents of Folsom in 2009, **he was sentenced to fourteen years eight months in prison.**

Loveland suffered his first conviction at the age of twenty-one for possession of a controlled substance. He was still on formal probation and just twenty-two years old when he committed his first strike offense, the 2001 first degree burglary.

In the first degree burglary offense of 2001, Loveland was found leaving a residence carrying a bag with a video game system. He also had on his person a shot gun shell, a controlled substance, and a switchblade knife. Allowed to remain on a probation grant once more, Loveland committed another drug offense in 2002. That time he was sentenced to state prison for thirty-months. He was returned to CDCR custody several times for violations and was ultimately discharged from parole in May 2007. Loveland was clearly not deterred or rehabilitated by his prior strike conviction or parole violations as less than two years later he committed the multiple burglaries underlying his present commitment.
Inmate Loveland was committed to CDCR on December 31, 2009. On August 13, 2015, he received a 115 for Inmate Manufactured Alcohol. This displays ongoing criminal thinking after six years in custody. It also indicates Loveland’s continued reliance on, and motivation to commit crimes for, a prohibited substance. I cannot comment on any more recent prison conduct as the one-page notice of parole review dated July 6, 2018 does not include any disciplinary history. However, even if this were the only negative institutional behavior, Loveland would have only been rule compliant for the last three years of a fourteen year and eight-month sentence. Inmate Loveland poses a significant, unreasonable risk of violence to the community. Parole should be denied.

Respectfully submitted,

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