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RE: JOSE MATA, CDCR: AZ3540

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Board of Parole Members,

Inmate Jose Mata is a violent four time felon underserving of early release. Over the last sixteen years he has victimized several different people. He has cheated, deprived them of their property, bruised, and abused them. His criminal activity continues to increase in severity and his continued pattern of behavior confirms his inability to live a productive life outside of a penal institution.

A review of Inmate Mata's criminal history shows a pattern of behavior that continues to escalate. Over the last sixteen years, he has never been crime free. Additionally, according to prior jail classification records, Mata is a gang member and has been classified as a Northern Associate.

Inmate Mata began his criminal career in 2000 with a residential burglary. Mata entered the victim's home and took several Nintendo games and a shotgun. Officers responded to Mata's residence on an unrelated call and was told by Mata's that Mata admitted to burglarizing the victim's home. On January 18, 2001, Inmate Mata was convicted of a violation of Penal Code section 487 (d), grand theft.

In 2002, Inmate Mata, engaged in a verbal argument with another victim. While inside the victim's residence, he told the victim he was going to "fine him up", he then lifted his shirt and displayed a handgun in his waistband of his pants. The victim pushed Mata outside of the apartment. He then observed Mata, point the handgun at his living room window while telling the victim that he was going to shoot the window out. The victim pushed the handgun down and away. Mata pointed the handgun at the victim. A witness took the handgun from Mata, and put it inside her apartment. A review of the handgun revealed it was a BB gun. December 12, 2002, Inmate Mata was convicted of a violation of Penal Code section 417.

In 2006, Inmate Mata was convicted of the crime of driving under the influence and sentenced to work project and probation.

In 2007, Inmate Mata committed another residential burglary. Mata broke into his ex-girlfriend's home, he took cash, electronics, jewelry and other various items. He entered by smashing a bedroom window and crawling into the home. The victim had two restraining orders against Mata at the time. The victim's property was later recovered at a local pawn shop and pawn records indicated Mata had pawned the victim's property. During an interview with detectives, Mata confessed to entering the victim's residence and taking her property. On September 18, 2007, he was convicted of the crime of First Degree Residential Burglary. He admitted a prior strike allegation, and was sentenced to 4 years state prison.

In 2008, Inmate Mata was yet again convicted of the crime of driving under the influence and sentenced to 10 days in the county jail.

Additionally, in 2012, Inmate Mata was convicted of a violation of section 666 of the Penal Code, theft with priors, a felony. He also admitted his prior strike and was sentenced to 32 months state prison.

Currently Inmate Mata is serving a four-year prison sentence for violently assaulting his girlfriend. Inmate Mata and the victim were in a dating relationship for approximately three weeks. During a shopping trip on December 19, 2015, Mata became aggressive and verbally abusive with the victim. After returning to the victim's residence, Mata aggressively approached the victim, ripped her out of her vehicle. She fell to the ground and scraped her arm and elbow. While on the ground, Mata took the victim's car keys from her hands. Mata then deliberately stepped on the victim's lower back to get into her car. He told the victim "watch back, watch" as he drove over the front fence of her home causing damage to the fence and her vehicle. Mata took the victim's vehicle and left. The victim's purse was inside her vehicle, inside her purse was cash, medications, and Christmas presents for her family. As a result of the assault by Inmate Mata, the victim suffered abrasions to her left elbow, and bruising to her arm.

Inmate Mata was arrested in Fresno the next day, 12/20/15. Officers were dispatched to a traffic collision on SR-99. Officers arrived and observed the vehicle Mata had taken from the victim, involved in a collision. When they made contact with Mata they observed he had red, watery eyes, and smelled the strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on his breath. After further investigation, officers determined that due to his level of intoxication, Mata failed to perceive and react to another vehicle traveling on the roadway. He continued to drive at an unsafe speed and his vehicle collided with the rear end of another vehicle. He then traveled across lanes of traffic, entering the center divider, and finally collided with a guardrail. His vehicle overturned on its left side where it came to rest. After the collision, he fled the scene on foot, and abandoned his vehicle in the center divider.

On January 20, 2016, Inmate Mata was convicted of felony domestic violence, he admitted a prior strike, and was sentenced to four years state prison.

Inmate Mata's repeated failure to abstain from criminal conduct reflects his lack of respect for others, lack of maturity, and continued risk to public safety. An early release would only accelerate his opportunity to reoffend. We strongly believe he is not an appropriate candidate for early parole.

Respectfully,

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