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Attn: Non-Violent Second Striker
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RE: Mitchell, Charles

CDCR # AU8231

Court Case# 14F01734

Inmate Mitchell is the person everyone fears when they are driving out on the roads late at night. He is a selfish alcoholic who has no concern for anyone's safety. He received a well-deserved 4 year prison sentence for driving under the influence of alcohol for the fourth time in less than 4 years. The case resulting in the inmate's current prison commitment came about because just after midnight, Inmate Mitchell was contacted by law enforcement for weaving all over a heavily populated urban street. When contacted by law enforcement, Inmate Mitchell readily told the arresting officer that he had been drinking alcohol and ingesting controlled substances and should not be driving because his license was suspended because of all of his prior convictions for driving under the influence.

Although I have not had an opportunity to review the inmate's prison 'C' file to determine how he has conducted himself in prison, I note that Inmate Mitchell was by no means a model inmate while in local custody. Based on a review of the Sacramento County Sheriff's jail incident logs, since 2010, Inmate Mitchell has been written up for consuming alcohol while on home detention, refusing to provide a voice sample for inmate identification, refusing to accept unblocked phone calls from his probation officer after being warned multiple times, and repeatedly not showing up at multiple work project locations.

Every time Inmate Mitchell is cut a break, he takes advantage of it and goes right back to his criminal ways. His first criminal conviction is for a first degree robbery for which he was sent to prison for four years in 1985. Since 1985, Inmate Mitchell has never completed any grant of probation or parole successfully. Instead, his criminal history is littered with multiple drug sales convictions for which he received state prison sentences, parole violations, driving under the influence convictions and driving on a suspended license convictions. Specifically, Inmate Mitchell has separate convictions involving driving under the influence from 1992, 1999, 2010, 2011, 2012 and his most recent one from 2014. The only period of time where the inmate does not have a driving under the influence conviction is from the time he spent in state prison. Even when given the opportunity to make better choices, the inmate refused to do so. Since 2010, Inmate Mitchell has been convicted of driving on a suspended license eight separate times. Those eight convictions alone show how brazen and unsuitable for early release Inmate Mitchell is, as he refuses to abide by even the simplest laws of our society. Since his driving privilege was suspended in 1992, he has never taken the necessary steps to become a duly licensed driver, yet he continues to drive a vehicle to the detriment of society.

When Inmate Mitchell is eventually released, he will undoubtedly be back to putting the public at risk. If his past conduct is an indicator, he will continue to consume alcohol and various controlled

substances and get behind the wheel of a vehicle. In Inmate Mitchell's hands, a motor vehicle is a dangerous weapon, and it is only because of pure luck that he has not already killed someone with one.

The District Attorney of Sacramento County urges the Board to deny Inmate Mitchell an early release.

Respectfully,



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