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Non-Violent Second Striker Board of Parole Hearings
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Re: Montag, Michael James CDCR# AX8803

Board of Parole Members,

At the start of his [redacted] criminal career, Inmate Montag was convicted of a violation of PC 459, first degree burglary. In that case, the victim informed officers that her ex-boyfriend owed some people money and that she was threatened by them by being told that if she did not pay, they would get their money their way. Shortly after, Inmate Montag and two other men kicked in the victim’s door, ransacked her home, and stole multiple items including electronics, bedding, and 40 pieces of jewelry. After being arrested, Inmate Montag confessed to the crime but showed no remorse for his actions. The victim was forced to leave her home and relocate out of fear of retaliation. Inmate Montag was convicted of the strike offense in 2010 and sentenced to 270 days and five years of formal probation.

While on probation for his strike offense, Inmate Montag was then convicted of a violation of PC 236 in 2013. This violation stemmed from a domestic violence incident in which he was originally charged with a felony offense but later resolved for a misdemeanor. Inmate Montag was sentenced to 180 days and placed on an additional grant of probation for three years.

Lastly, while still on probation for his PC 459 and PC 236 convictions, Inmate Montag committed his most recent offense. In 2015, Inmate Montag was convicted of a violation of PC 29800. In that case, Inmate Montag became aggravated with another driver on the road and picked up a gun that he had in his car. After giving the other an intimidating look, Inmate Montag was seen with a gun in his hand and was then observed inserting a magazine clip into the gun while driving. Inmate Montag was contacted at a barbershop that the witness observed him drive to. When contacted, he denied having a gun but officers were able to observe the gun in his pocket. Upon confiscation, officers found the gun to be loaded. Inmate Montag was sentenced to 32 months in state prison.

While Inmate Montag’s record may not be extensive, his prior convictions are serious and alarming. [Redacted] his criminality took a significant leap. In 5 years he was convicted of three offenses, one being a strike offense and another becoming a prison commitment. Inmate
Montag has been placed on probation [redacted], and each time he has violated that probation.

All of Inmate Montag’s prior [redacted] convictions involved intimidation and the threat of harm to another individual. His conduct shows that he is a danger to the public. Additionally, his conduct shows a complete lack of respect for authority and the justice system. If released, he will continue on this serious and dangerous path that he has paved for himself. Therefore, the Sacramento County District Attorney’s Office opposes any early release of Inmate Montag.

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