Non-Violent Second Striker Board of Parole Hearings
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RE: Pace, Willie #AM5069

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first conviction for vehicle theft as a teenager and shortly thereafter he sustained his first ‘strike’ conviction for residential burglary where he was initially given an opportunity to rehabilitate himself on probation. When that failed, he was sent to prison in 1992.

Shortly after his first release on parole, he was arrested for attempted murder and robbery. He was convicted of robbery with the use of a firearm with prison priors and sentenced to 152 months in prison. His behavior while in prison was no more law-abiding than it was when he had his freedom. He was repeatedly arrested for criminal offenses while in prison: in 1996 in Coalinga for assault by a prisoner, in 19967 for possession for a weapon in Salinas Valley. He was released on parole in about 2002 and then began racking up his repeated parole violations. While back in prison on a parole violation, he picked up another in-custody arrest for possession of a controlled substance in New Folsom in 2005. Later in 2005 he regained his freedom and promptly forfeited it with more revolving-door parole violations.

He appeared to have a lull in his criminal escapades from about 2007 to 2012. Although he was arrested a couple of times in that period, he sustained no convictions until the conviction for second degree burglary with a prior strike which he is now serving. The facts of that offense are that he burglarized a pizza parlor after it was closed and stole huge flat screen TVs. Upon his arrest, he told officers that he was forced into breaking into the pizza place because he stole approximately 25 marijuana plants from some Sacramaniacs [a Sacramento area white supremacist gang] who discovered what he had done and who told him he had to do 6 burglaries for them as pay-back for the $15,000 worth of marijuana he stole.

Given his long criminal career, we are opposed to Inmate Pace’s release flaunting the laws of our land and will continue to do so.

Respectfully submitted,

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