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RE: Powell, John **CDC# AU8350**

John Powell's criminal career got started in 1983 and has not taken a break since. Inmate Powell has amassed 8 felony convictions, 9 misdemeanor convictions, and a litany of arrests too numerous to list. Time and again Inmate Powell has demonstrated that he will victimize whoever he can to ensure that he gets what he wants. He will stop at nothing to achieve his ends.

Inmate Powell's five burglary convictions illuminate his complete disregard for others. In total, Inmate Powell has been sentenced to over 16 years in prison for his burglary convictions. None of this hard time has seemed to facilitate a productive change in Inmate Powell, he continues his criminal enterprising every time he is released. Inmate Powell's criminality does not end simply at thievery and mischief, he has also shown a serious propensity for violence. In June of 2014, just 2 months before the incident he is currently serving time for, police officers responded to a 911 call from the residence of Inmate Powell's girlfriend. When officers arrived, they found Inmate Powell's girlfriend with a swollen head and split lip, the result of repeated punches to the face by the 6'3", 250 pound Powell. In the incident, officers learned, Inmate Powell chased his girlfriend, striking her in the face with his fist as she screamed for help and attempted to call police. Inmate Powell's violence did not end there. The following day, as officers made contact with him regarding the assault on his girlfriend, Inmate Powell violently resisted, trying to prevent officers from arresting him.

It is not just behind the closed doors of his home that Inmate Powell has demonstrated his significant danger to the safety of others. In his most recent conviction, Inmate Powell showed his reckless disregard for the general public. When officers attempted to conduct a traffic stop on Inmate Powell for speeding, he refused to stop. Instead, Inmate Powell attempted to evade officers, driving at a high rate of speed through city streets, nearly hitting pedestrians, and even driving the wrong way down the road into oncoming traffic. In further defiance of the law, Inmate Powell refused to cooperate with officers after they were able to finally restrain him. Inmate Powell was found to be highly intoxicated and in possession of an open bottle of alcohol, methamphetamine and marijuana. Furthermore, Inmate Powell had a suspended driver's license.

Inmate Powell has demonstrated his real and relevant threat to public safety at every stage of his lengthy 32 year tenure as a criminal. He has had innumerable opportunities to change course from his reprehensible ways, but his steadfast refusal to make such changes is evident by his continued criminal behavior. Inmate Powell has earned every day of his sentence, and every day he is behind bars keeps the public safe from his predation. Accordingly, the Sacramento District Attorney opposes any early release opportunity for John Powell.

Respectfully submitted,

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