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Non Violent Parole Review Process
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Re: Shermer, Raymond CDCR # AS0616
Court Docket: 13F00020
Agency Number: SPD 12-351644

Inmate Raymond Shermer is a habitual and violent career-criminal and should not be paroled. The circumstances surrounding his current conviction and his prior criminal record demonstrate that he poses an unreasonable risk of violence to the community.

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Beginning in September 1990, Inmate Shermer was convicted of a felony violation of Health and Safety Code Section 11378, possession of methamphetamine for sale. In 1998, Inmate Shermer was convicted of a misdemeanor violation of Penal Code Section 484, petty theft. On December 30, 2003, he was convicted of vehicle theft, a misdemeanor violation of Vehicle Code Section 10851(a).

While on probation for that vehicle theft, Inmate Shermer picked up his first felony strike under the California Three Strikes law. On May 23, 2005, Inmate Shermer was convicted of a felony violation of Penal Code Section 459, first degree residential burglary, as well as a violation of Health and Safety Code Section 11377(a), possession of a controlled substance. In this incident, officers responded to the victim's residence regarding a residential burglary that had occurred.

Fortunately, the victim was not home at the time. Not only did Inmate Shermer steal the victim's personal belongings, but he callously ransacked the victim's home and caused more than \$2,000 in damage. Inmate Shermer displayed a complete disregard for the property and safety of another human being. For this offense, Inmate Shermer was sentenced to serve 240 days in jail.

A mere eight (8) months later, on January 27, 2006, Inmate Shermer was convicted of a felony violation of Health and Safety Code Section 11377(a) and was sentenced to serve 3 years in state

prison. In October 2008, Inmate Shermer pled no contest to an increasingly serious felony violation of Health and Safety Code Section 11379(a) (transportation of methamphetamine), resulting in another 6 year state prison sentence due to his underlying strike. Despite these commitments, Inmate Shermer's time spent in prison had no rehabilitative effect on his criminal tendencies. This was made apparent in the instant offenses set forth below.

On December 30, 2012, Inmate Shermer was pulled over for using his cell phone while driving. During the stop, the officer observed Shermer take something out of his pocket and pour the contents into a cup that was located in his center console. Inmate Shermer tried to conceal the cup from the officer, resulting in a struggle and the contents of the cup being spilled. Lab results later confirmed that there was 45.8g of methamphetamine in the cup. When officers searched Shermer's person, they discovered a pipe, digital scale, and text messages on a cell phone that indicated drug sales.

While out on bail for this case, Inmate Shermer was unable to remain free from trouble and picked up yet another felony case. On June 30, 2013, Inmate Shermer was stopped for speeding. Due to the officer recognizing Shermer from the prior December traffic stop, the officer obtained consent from Shermer to search. The search revealed \$1,392 in cash, 1 gram of methamphetamine, a metal spoon, and multiple sandwich bags that were consistent with sales. These two offenses from December 2012 and June 2013 were consolidated into one case. Thereafter, Inmate Shermer pled guilty to felony violations of Health and Safety Code Sections 11378 and 11379(a). As a result of his strike from 2005, he was sentenced to serve 13 years in state prison.

It is abundantly clear that Inmate Shermer is incapable of rehabilitation. While awaiting the resolution of one case, Shermer picked up an entirely new case for the same type of offense. Make no mistake, Inmate Shermer will re-offend as it is a way of life for him. Methamphetamine is an inherently dangerous and addictive drug. Inmate Shermer has been convicted numerous times for transporting and/or possessing methamphetamine for sale. Early release has never served him justice, and allowing inmate Shermer's early release now would only serve as a huge injustice to our entire community.

As we are given 30 days to respond, and we are not provided with any disciplinary history or any other information aside from the one page notice of parole review, I cannot comment on Inmate Shermer's prison conduct. However, from the record that is available, it is clear that Inmate Shermer should not be released as he poses a significant, unreasonable risk of violence to the community. Parole should be denied.

Respectfully submitted,



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