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Non-Violent Second Striker Board of Parole Hearings
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RE: Thao, Doua #G-15376

I write in opposition to inmate Thao's early release from prison. Inmate Thao's criminal pattern began at age 21 and has continued to increase in severity and frequency until he committed the current offense for which he is in custody. Over the past 10 years, inmate Thao has committed crimes of violence against his family members, crimes against law enforcement and several theft crimes with multiple victims.

A review of the police and probation reports for the crimes in which inmate Thao has been convicted clearly indicates inmate Thao received opportunities of leniency that he squandered time and time again. Even when supervised inmate Thao will continue to engage in criminal behavior. In fact, inmate Thao has never successfully completed any grant of misdemeanor or felony probation or even parole without committing a new offense.

For example, in 2005 he was convicted of his first strike offense for going over to his girlfriend's house despite a restraining order prohibiting him from even making contact with her. He came up to his girlfriend and yelled "I want to see my baby". He pulled out a retractable box knife, extended the blade and held it to his girlfriend's face. He told his girlfriend that if she called to police he would hurt her and the baby. Inmate Thao was given the opportunity to serve local time and was placed on probation, yet he violated his probation not only by returning to his girlfriend's house and threatening her again but also by committing several acts of theft that resulted in his first prison commitment. And, he was on parole for that commitment when he committed his most recent strike offense.

Although I have not had an opportunity to review his C file in order to determine whether he has conformed his conduct during this most recent incarceration, I have had an opportunity to review his write ups while housed in our local Sacramento County Jail facilities. Most notably in 2013 inmate Thao tampered with the electrical causing a large spark in effort to light a cigarette. Of course the outlet was broken, but more importantly inmate Thao's conduct displayed his willingness to cause a safety risk to the others housed with him for the small, yet immediate gratification of a cigarette. I urge the Board to closely scrutinize inmate Thao's C file, it would be nothing short of miraculous if those records show a sudden turnaround in behavior by a man whose history is one of flaunting the rules and regulations of a law-abiding society in order to gratify his own selfish desires and whims.

For these reasons the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office strongly believes that he is not an appropriate candidate for early parole. It is our hope that inmate Thao will finally realize his full prison

term. Inmate Thao's victims and *all* of society deserve as much from a man whose life continues to show that he is unwilling to follow the rules.

Respectfully,

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