May 10th, 2016

Non-Violent Second Striker Board of Parole Hearings
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Re: Wells, Cameron, CDC #AM9178

Dear Sir/Madam:

I write in opposition to the early release of Cameron Wells, who is currently pending consideration for Non-Violent Second Striker. Mr. Wells poses a risk to public safety and should be required to serve the full term authorized by law.

On February 23rd 2009, Mr. Wells pled no contest to a misdemeanor violation of P.C. 12020(a) and was given 42 hours in the Alternative Sentencing Program. Instead of taking advantage of the leniency shown to him, 5 months later Mr. Wells committed the violent strike offense that is the basis of his strike conviction.

On April 17th 2009, Victim [REDACTED] Gray walked home from the light rail station when a suspect approached him and asked him if he could use his cell phone. Suddenly Inmate Cameron Wells, [REDACTED] approached the victim and began removing his backpack. Then Mr. Wells pulled out a gun and pressed it into the back of victim, [REDACTED] Gray. The group along with Mr. Wells holding the gun on the victim removed [REDACTED] Gray from the sidewalk to a nearby small parking lot. Once the victim was moved to the parking lot, he was ordered to the ground. The group then pulled off the victim’s backpack and began going through his pockets. The next sound the victim heard was the gun cocked that was once pressed up against his back, and he heard a voice say, “You don’t want to die tonight.” Review of the police reports shows Co-defendant [REDACTED] confirmed it was
Mr. Wells who selected the victim and put the gun to his back and head. Mr. Wells was charged with P.C. 211, 422, and 12022.53(b) crimes that carry a minimum sentence of 12 years 8 months in state prison. Additionally, Prosecutors showed mercy and discretion by not charging a violation of P.C. 209 (a) kidnapping for robbery, which is an offense that carries a sentence of life in prison even though the facts support the charge. Mr. Wells again was given a gift of a deal and was allowed to plea to a P.C. 211 2nd degree robbery for 365 days in county jail with all other counts and enhancements dismissed.

Mr. Wells did not take this opportunity to avoid a life altering prison sentence to turn his life around. On September 5th 2011 he was arrested for 11350 H.S. and suffered a violation of his probation and received 90 days in the county jail.

On January 3rd 2012 Mr. Wells was arrested for P.C. 182 conspiracy to commit fraud and violations of P.C. 496, 530.5, 466, 475(a) and 476. On November 7th 2012 Mr. Wells suffered his second violation of probation and was sentenced to two years state prison. Mr. Wells was paroled on February 12th 2013.

On July 29th 2015 Mr. Wells was contacted by Sacramento Police and a parole search revealed he had six .22 Cal rounds located in his pocket. Mr. Wells admitted possession of live ammunition and was sentenced to Low term of 16 times two for a total of 32 months in state prison pursuant to prior conviction within the meaning of P.C. 667(b)-(i) and 1170.12. Mr. Wells is currently in CDCR on this sentence.

While some may suggest that possession of bullets is not a serious offense, the truth is that where there are bullets there is a firearm not far behind. The truth is also that Mr. Wells has been given chance after chance and time after time, but he refuses to function within the bounds of the law. Mr. Wells’ criminality is vast and far ranging from armed robbery with a gun, fraud, theft, and drug abuse. How in good faith can we say he deserves another break when logic tells us he will do what he has always done-break the law. I submit the time has come to ask Mr. Wells to take some responsibility for his life of crime and violence. The time has come for there to be some accountability for the pain and suffering he has caused others. In the interest of justice, society and public safety, I respectfully implore you to deny Mr. Wells’ request for relief and deny his petition for release.

Respectfully submitted,

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