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RE: **Young, Joseph**

CDC#: **AL5665**

Docket #: **16FE002515**

Inmate Young [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was arrested [REDACTED] in August 2011 [REDACTED] for evading an officer and generously received 120 days on the Sheriff's Work Project. However, on October 27, 2011, Inmate Young was arrested for the possession of marijuana, felon in possession of a firearm, and actively participating in the KZT Gang, for which he received two years and four months in state prison. This time for reflection was wasted on him, as he was arrested three months after his release for being a felon in possession of ammunition.

In 2014, a judge listened to Inmate Young as he was being charged as a felon in possession of ammunition, and gave him a second chance. Despite being charged with a felony offence and having his prior strike alleged, the judge reduced the charge to a misdemeanor and Inmate Young was given merely three years of probation instead of prison time. In thanks, less than year later, Inmate Young broke into victim [REDACTED]'s home and stole \$33,484 worth of property, including precious diamond rings and Buddhist prayer beads. Inmate Young already received his second chance, and he learned nothing from it. He proved himself incapable of remorse or reform. He has failed to be a productive citizen. To give him yet another chance now would be an insult and a danger to our entire community.

In combination with all of his probation violations, Inmate Young's record showcases a man who is safest for his community when he is behind bars. He has burned every second chance he has been given to the ground, and proven himself as nothing more than a recidivist felon. If anything, his time in custody has only afforded him the opportunity to connect with other members of the KZT Gang, deepening his ties in an already-lifelong commitment. To release him now only affords him more time to bring pain to others. With his gang connections and history, he will without a doubt commit a felony toward another innocent victim. As such, the District Attorney's Office is opposed to his early release.

Respectfully submitted,

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