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Thank you for this opportunity to address the board regarding the Board’s administrative review of Inmate Xavier Ortiz and his suitability for early release.

Inmate Ortiz was recently sentenced under a plea bargain in our county. A review of Inmate Ortiz’s criminal history reveals a continual pattern of violating the law. On July 14, 2002, Inmate Ortiz and several friends went to the victim’s home to threaten him. The group had firearms in their possession and ordered the victim to come out of the home. The group yelled at the victim’s parents that they were going to kill them and their son. The group left after the victim’s parents repeatedly told them that the police were on their way. Inmate Ortiz was apprehended near the victim’s home.

Inmate Ortiz plead guilty to making criminal threats but he continued his violent behavior. On March 20, 2006 he went to his uncle’s home and demanded entry into the residence. His uncle refused and Inmate Ortiz kicked in the back door to gain entry into the house. Once he entered the home he held his uncle down by the throat and repeatedly told him that he would kill him. Less than three months after threatening his uncle he was arrested for participating in a drug trafficking organization. The defendant was sentenced to six years in prison for his involvement in the conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine for the benefit of his gang on February 28, 2007. He did not remain crime free for very long after being released on parole. On October 1, 2014 officers found 13 grams of methamphetamine, packaging for narcotics, 39 tramadol pills, cutting agent which is used to dilute narcotics, and over 1200 dollars in cash inside of Ortiz’s home. The methamphetamine was located in a kitchen drawer which was easily accessible to Inmate Ortiz’s two children. Inmate Ortiz admitted to possessing the narcotics for sale and is currently in custody for this offense.

Inmate Ortiz has a dangerous criminal history. He has been given several opportunities to reform himself and has failed to do. The Sacramento County District Attorney’s Office request that the Board find that Inmate Ortiz is not an appropriate candidate for early release.

Respectfully,

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