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Inmate Newton has been committing crimes for his entire adult life. He has previously been given chances at rehabilitation, but continues to leave a trail of victims in his path. The circumstances surrounding both his current conviction and prior criminal record show that to release him now would pose an unreasonable risk to the community.

Inmate Newton began his life of crime at the age of 19. Inmate Newton's first conviction was for first degree burglary. After becoming an adult, Inmate Newton has been convicted of 6 felony offenses and 4 misdemeanor offenses, including one strike offense. Inmate Newton has been sent to prison five times and has had multiple violations of probation and parole. His convictions include first degree burglary, vehicle theft, possession of stolen vehicles, illegal weapon possession, and drug possession.

In 2003, Inmate Newton received his first adult felony conviction for first degree burglary, a strike offense. Inmate Newton was sentenced to 2 years state prison for this offense. In 2004, Inmate Newton was convicted of grand theft and vehicle theft, and sentenced to 64 months in prison. In 2009, Inmate Newton committed yet another theft related offense, and was sentenced to 32 months in state prison for possession of stolen property.

At the end of 2013, Inmate Newton was stopped in a vehicle that had been reported stolen the day prior. The victim reported that she was staying at a motel because she was homeless on the night that her vehicle was stolen. Inmate Newton was an acquaintance at the time and visited the victim at the motel. Inmate Newton stayed with the victim at the motel, but when the victim woke up she saw that Inmate Newton and her vehicle were both gone. The victim reported the vehicle stolen, and in a follow-up investigation told investigators that at the time Inmate Newton stole from her that she had "nothing". The case was dismissed as part of a resolution for Inmate Newton's 2016 possession of a stolen vehicle case. This is just one example of how Inmate Newton preys on the most vulnerable victims that he encounters.

Just a few months later in 2014, Inmate Newton was convicted of possession of methamphetamine. At the time, he was given the opportunity to complete the Drug Court program in Sacramento County. Instead, at his first out-of-custody drug court appearance, Inmate Newton failed to appear and was subsequently terminated from the program. Even when

given the opportunity to utilize programming for rehabilitation, Inmate Newton turns towards a life of crime.

While on probation in 2016, Inmate Newton was stopped again driving a stolen vehicle. In that case, the vehicle had been stolen approximately four months prior. The vehicle had been altered, repainted, and was missing parts. When officers stopped Inmate Newton, he had a no bail warrant for his arrest.

In 2018 while on probation and Post-Release Community Supervision for drug possession and felony possession of a stolen vehicle, Inmate Newton committed the crimes that he is currently incarcerated for. In that case, Inmate Newton lived with the 79-year-old victim. While moving out, Inmate Newton swapped the victim's vehicle key with a fake key. Inmate Newton came back later to retrieve the rest of his belongings. At that time, Inmate Newton took advantage of the elderly victim and stole his vehicle with the key he had taken earlier. At the time, Inmate Newton had an arrest warrant for a violation of parole. Inmate Newton's latest crime shows planning, criminal sophistication, and his willingness and ability to prey on the most vulnerable in our society. Further, this crime shows Inmate Newton's willingness to prey on those who offer him help on a path to rehabilitation. This crime is yet another example of Inmate Newton's character and willingness to recidivate if he is released.

Inmate Newton has consistently violated probation or parole and committed a multitude of crimes throughout his entire adult life. 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 Newton's prison conduct other than the new conviction. However, based on Inmate Newton's criminal record, failed opportunities for rehabilitation, and demonstrated recidivism, I can only believe that he has not and will not change. If released, he will continue to put our community at risk. As such, the District Attorney of Sacramento is opposed to his early release.

Respectfully submitted,

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