



Sacramento County  
District Attorney's Office

ANNE MARIE SCHUBERT  
District Attorney

Stephen J. Grippi  
Chief Deputy

Michael M. Blazina  
Assistant District Attorney

March 18, 2020

Non Violent Parole Review Process  
Board of Parole Hearings  
Correspondence – NV  
P.O. Box 4036  
Sacramento, CA 95812-4036

**Re: GASAWAY, Ricky CDCR # BK4089 Court Docket # 18FE005724/18FE007174**

Although Inmate Ricky Gasaway is 49 years old [REDACTED] this extensive record and the circumstances underlying his current incarceration leave no doubt that Inmate Gasaway is a violent and dangerous recidivist offender and that granting his early parole would pose an unreasonable risk of violence and danger to the community.

Inmate Gasaway's current term of 3 years and 8 months in state prison was imposed on June 28, 2019, arising from felony convictions for attempted grand theft and attempted second degree burglary as well as misdemeanor vandalism in Sacramento County case numbers 18FE005724 and 18FE007174. On March 23, 2018, Inmate Gasaway and his adult nephew A [REDACTED] drove up to a commercial building. They ripped open a gate and then attempted to enter one of the business suites by prying, kicking, and pounding the door. Unable to breach the door, their efforts damaged it and the surrounding wall. Inmate Gasaway and his nephew then broke the window of an adjoining business suite where one of them went inside and handed boxes and a cabinet to the other who loaded them into a car. The stolen property included more than \$1,000 of recording equipment and video cassettes. For these crimes, Inmate Gasaway was charged in case number 18FE007174 with felonies for second degree burglary and attempted second degree burglary.

Two days later, during the early morning hours of March 25, 2018, Inmate Gasaway and his nephew A [REDACTED] were captured on surveillance video at the Broadway light-rail station. For about 20 minutes, they used bolt cutters and a reciprocating saw to try to open a fare vending machine that contained over \$1000. They were able to remove the rear panel of the machine after cutting two locks and peeling open the metal panel, causing approximately \$200 of damage. When police officers arrived, Inmate Gasaway and his nephew began walking away, leaving the bolt cutters next to the machine. Inmate Gasaway discarded gloves by throwing them into bushes. When detained, Inmate Gasaway had in his pocket a blade for a reciprocating saw. After being *Mirandized*, Inmate Gasaway stated the following: he and his nephew came down here to look for some broads; they saw a couple of kids hanging out and Inmate Gasaway was going to try to sell them some marijuana but then the police arrived. Despite the foregoing events captured on video, Inmate Gasaway lied to the officer and stated that he was not trying to break into the fare machine, that he did not know anything about any bolt cutters, and that he had the sawblade in his pocket because he worked in construction. For these crimes, Inmate Gasaway was charged in case number 18FE005724 with felony attempted grand theft and misdemeanor vandalism.

The misdemeanor and two felony convictions underlying Inmate Gasaway's current imprisonment are the latest chapters in his [REDACTED] long record of violent [REDACTED] and continued recidivism as an adult offender. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Inmate Gasaway was convicted of nine felony and three misdemeanor offenses, which resulted in four prison commitments that were followed at various times by no less than three violations of parole.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] In 1990, he was sentenced to two years in prison for possession of 11 pieces of rock cocaine. In 1994, he was sentenced to an aggregate term of two years in prison for unlawful possession of a firearm and attempted false imprisonment. In 1995, Inmate Gasaway was sentenced to twenty years in prison following convictions with firearm enhancements for kidnapping, robbery, and two counts of assault with a firearm. The victims of these crimes were an 18-year-old male and his 50-year-old father. Four men who were armed, including Inmate Gasaway, beat and kicked the 18-year-old. When the victim's father tried to stop the attack, he was then beaten and threatened with weapons. The victims were forced to lie on the ground. The father's wallet, cash, and ATM card were stolen. Inmate Gasaway forced the father into Gasaway's vehicle at gunpoint and drove to an ATM where he forced the father to lie down. Inmate Gasaway then fired a shot into the ground next to the father's head. They then drove to another bank where the victim was unable to withdraw money. Inmate Gasaway became angry and fired two shots between the father's legs into the ground. In 2009, Inmate Gasaway was sentenced to five years in prison after he stole and drove a bait car that had been deployed by the police department.

Inmate Gasaway's unabated [REDACTED] criminal conduct [REDACTED] demonstrates the high risk of violence he poses to society. Despite having previously been incarcerated for nearly two decades upon convictions for multiple strike offense involving the use of a firearm, Gasaway has continued to demonstrate the substantial risk of danger he poses to the public by continuing to re-offend. Despite multiple opportunities to rehabilitate while [REDACTED] imprisoned [REDACTED], Inmate Gasaway has instead demonstrated a callous disregard to the law and the rights of others by continuing to re-offend, notably with crimes that involve stealing or damaging the property of others. Simply put, Inmate Gasaway has shown no interest living a law-abiding life. Indeed, the limited CDCR records reviewed during the preparation of this letter do not indicate that Inmate Gasaway has undergone programming to address his persistent criminality.

There is no doubt that Inmate Gasaway will reoffend if given the opportunity. There is no doubt that granting his early parole would pose an unreasonable risk of violence and danger to the community. There is no doubt that parole should be denied.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Nicholas M. Honda". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Nicholas M. Honda  
Deputy District Attorney  
Sacramento County District Attorney's Office