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Non-Violent Parole Review Process
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Re: John Lee Mitchell
CDCR#: BM5289
Docket: 19FE017714

Inmate Mitchell is a well-established, violent felon who should not be paroled. The circumstances surrounding his current conviction and his prior criminal record show that he poses an unreasonable risk of violence to the community.

On September 25, 2019, [REDACTED] T., was working at the Dollar General store. While on duty, it was later determined an individual, later identified as [REDACTED] m (not Inmate), entered the store and stole some items. Video surveillance later showed [REDACTED] m walk toward the store's employee break room. After a few moments, he returned to the main portion of the store and exited. Exterior cameras showed the victim's car headlights turn on and the vehicle leaves the area.

When the victim got off her shift and realized her vehicle was gone, she filed a police report. The following day she viewed the security cameras from within the store and its exterior. [REDACTED] m was clearly identified on the interior camera images. Shortly afterwards, the victim drove through the area surrounding the store in hopes of spotting her vehicle. In an apartment complex nearby, she saw her car and recognized it due to flower stickers near the gas cap. She began to phone the police when she saw two individuals, identified as [REDACTED] m and John Mitchell (Inmate), enter the vehicle and drive away. While on the phone with 911 updating officers of her location, she followed her car and maintained a visual.

Officers arrived and conducted an enforcement stop. At this time Inmate Mitchell, who was driving, immediately pulled the vehicle over, jumped from the driver's seat and ran past the police vehicle. He continued running away from officers who gave several verbal directives for him to stop. As Inmate Mitchell continually failed to stop, an officer deployed his Taser and hit Inmate Mitchell with a Taser probe in his arm. Mitchell fell to the ground, was medically seen and treated on scene and was subsequently taken into custody.

During his arrest, the defendant identified himself as "Jay Mitchel" and provided a date of birth making him 10 years older than his true age. Following Miranda advisement Mitchell related [REDACTED] sold him the car for \$600.00. Following Miranda advisement, [REDACTED] claimed Mitchell arrived at his location with the vehicle, and that they were driving to the gas station when they were pulled over. [REDACTED] admitted he and Mitchell have stolen cars in the past, however, stated he had no idea that this vehicle was stolen.

The victim's vehicle was returned to her. She identified [REDACTED] as the individual who was on the video cameras at her work when the keys and car were stolen. Both defendants were transported to jail. Mitchell was later convicted of vehicle theft and sentenced to 4 years in state prison. This was not the Inmates first involvement with law enforcement and is not the full reason why an early release for this Inmate would endanger the public.

Sacramento Docket #18FE013482

On July 12, 2018, Gang detectives were surveilling the residence of a co-defendant P [REDACTED] because he had two outstanding warrants. During surveillance, P [REDACTED] reportedly posted video on Instagram Live that showed him in possession of a firearm. The officers observed P [REDACTED] leaving the residence in a vehicle with his girlfriend and Inmate Mitchell. Officers stopped the vehicle and later searched P [REDACTED]'s bedroom where they found a 9mm Taurus semi-auto handgun. Inmate Mitchell admitted under Miranda that he had handled the firearm a week prior and that there was video of him holding it. Both P [REDACTED] and Mitchell were known to be Strawberry Manor Bloods.

On November 20, 2018, Inmate Mitchell was convicted of a violation of 29800(a)(1) P.C., being a felon in possession of a firearm. He was placed on five years formal probation and was ordered to serve 264 days jail. This matter was documented under Sacramento Police Department report 18-215677.

Sacramento Docket #18FE000530

On October 16, 2017, victim reported that someone entered his home and took several of his belongings. The burglary victim stated that at around 4:00am, he heard the front door close and ran to the front window, where he saw the suspect leaving, wearing his clothes and attempting to start victim's vehicle. Victim confronted the suspect and the suspect ran away, dropping his cell phone. The victim retrieved the phone and turned it over to the Sacramento Sheriff's Department. A subsequent search of the phone revealed that it belonged to Inmate Mitchell.

Inmate Mitchell was later convicted of First-Degree Burglary and served 365 days in the county jail. He served his commitment time in Sacramento and was released on November 20, 2018. Shortly thereafter, on December 19, 2018, Solano County issued a warrant and Inmate Mitchell was taken into custody and transported to Solano County on January 24, 2019.

Solano Docket #VCR233480

On June 9, 2018, CHP officers on patrol, and utilizing department provided software to find stolen vehicles, noted that a stolen Nissan Maxima's GPS was pinging in the area. The officers located the vehicle on Interstate 80 in Solano County and an enforcement stop was conducted. The defendant was the driver and initially provided a false identification. He was subsequently transported to Solano County Jail and taken into custody.

On May 29, 2019, Inmate Mitchell was convicted of a violation of 10851(a) V.C. He was ordered to serve 16 months in state prison. As a result, Inmate Mitchell entered the CDC custody on June 10, 2019, under CDC #BJ5090. He was released on Post-Release Community Supervision on September 22, 2019, to Sacramento County. He committed the instant offense one week later. All while Inmate Mitchell was on probation, being supervised in a gang unit, and having admitted an association with the Manors Blood street gang.

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 Mitchell's prison conduct. However, from the record that is available Inmate Mitchell should not be released as he is a prolific felon, whose record of theft and firearm handling establishes that he poses a significant risk of violence to the community. Parole should be denied.

Respectfully submitted,

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