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Non Violent Parole Review Process
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Re: Gordon, Albert CDC # BG0542 Court Docket: 16FE009146

Inmate Gordon is a dangerous, recidivist narcotics dealer with a proclivity for arming himself with multiple loaded firearms. He should not be paroled. His commitment offense and criminal history show that in pursuit of profit he will introduce large quantities of methamphetamine and cocaine base into Sacramento communities while armed with multiple stolen firearms and high capacity magazines. The circumstances surrounding his current conviction and his prior criminal record show he poses an unreasonable risk of violence to the community.

On May 7, 2016, narcotics detectives and a SWAT team executed a search warrant at Gordon's residence where he lived with his girlfriend and **two of his children, ages 11 and 13**, who were all present when detectives found the following:

- In the garage: 50 rounds of 45 caliber ammunition.
- In the kitchen: approximately 250 grams of cocaine base packaged into 3.5-gram baggies.
- In the living room: approximately 150 grams of cocaine base packaged into 3.5-gram baggies in the coffee table.
- In the master bedroom: 3 semi-automatic firearms in a black satchel at the foot of the bed and 2 more firearms in the TV nightstand. Of the 5 firearms, 3 had previously been reported stolen, 4 of them were loaded, and one was found next to compatible high capacity magazine loaded with 27 rounds of 9mm ammunition. Officers also found approximately 1 ounce of methamphetamine in a night stand.
- In total, spread through living quarters which the children had access to, officers found: 4 digital scales, pay-owe sheets, narcotics packaging, 8 cell phones, 64 pre-packaged 3.5-gram baggies of cocaine base, 1.4 ounces of crystal methamphetamine, 21 grams of powder cocaine, 11.6 ounces of marijuana, over one hundred rounds of live ammunition, 5 firearms and over \$12,000 in United States currency.

Gordon's commitment offense was not his first contact with the criminal justice system. His criminal history [REDACTED] includes four prior narcotics sales convictions, four separate prison commitments, as well as prior firearm and domestic violence convictions. Gordon was thus well aware of the potential punishment he could receive for obtaining and arming himself with firearms given his criminal history -- yet the threat of criminal sanction did

not deter him. Clearly, as many similarly well-established narcotics dealers do, Gordon simply decided the serious risk of violence inherent in his decades long profession justified the risk of increased criminal sanctions.

After being convicted at trial for his commitment offense, an offense strikingly similar to his prior narcotics sales cases, Gordon gave a statement to probation. Remarkably, Gordon continued to insist the firearms and narcotics found were not his but rather, were his now deceased girlfriend's property [REDACTED]. In his statement he also continued to insist that the search warrant was invalid and that the officers lied throughout their reports. Simply put, Gordon has demonstrated absolutely no remorse and has taken no responsibility for his actions which endangered his children and the public at large. Given his complete lack of remorse and failure to take any personal responsibility for his actions it is hard to see how he could possibly be reformed so early into his current commitment – especially considering his prior 13-year prison commitment in 2007 did not deter him from obtaining stolen firearms and illegally selling narcotics.

Regarding the 2007 conviction, in that case officers were surveilling Gordon after obtaining information from a confidential informant that Gordon was regularly using juveniles to transport and sell narcotics for him. As officers approached Gordon in a parking lot, they activated their overhead flashing lights at which point Gordon abruptly put his vehicle in reverse and backed up at a high rate of speed. As the first set of officers pursued him another unit cut off his path of flight and Gordon put his hands up. As they approached him, Gordon started reaching for the right side of his pants. He was ordered at gun point to put his hands in the air and he complied. When detained officers searched the area Gordon had been reaching for and they found approximately a half ounce of cocaine base and \$598 in United States currency. Gordon's passenger was identified as a 16-year-old juvenile. Gordon was convicted at trial of H&S 11352(a) (transportation of cocaine base) and three prior sales convictions were found true. He was sentenced to 13 years state prison.

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 Gordon's prison conduct. However, from the record that is available it is clear that inmate Gordon should not be released as he poses a significant, unreasonable risk of violence to the community. Parole should be denied.

Respectfully submitted,

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