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Non Violent Parole Review Process
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**Re: Steele, Frederick IV
CDCR No. BG3202
Court Docket Nos. 13F01818, 15F05196**

Inmate Steele is a violent recidivist felon who should not be paroled. His criminal record spans more than two decades and includes his entire adult life. Inmate Steele has suffered four felony convictions involving firearms and in 2008 shot a person during a dispute. He has suffered numerous narcotics convictions, has a history of endangering children, is gang involved, has consistently violated prior grants of parole, and has had no break in his record of criminality. Indeed, even while incarcerated inmate Steele has continued to engage in new criminal offenses. The circumstances surrounding his current convictions and his prior criminal record show he poses an unreasonable risk of violence to the community.

Inmate Steele's criminal record demonstrates that the threat of criminal sanction will not deter him from seeking out and using firearms. On February 3, 2008, following an argument over the phone with an ex-girlfriend, inmate Steele drove to her house with an accomplice. When he arrived outside, he began arguing with his ex-girlfriend's cousin. Inmate Steele pulled out a handgun, shot the cousin in the leg, and then fled the scene. Inmate Steele chose to arm himself with a firearm notwithstanding his multiple prior felony convictions and he committed the act of shooting another human being while on both parole and probation for other felony offences involving firearms.

On July 31, 2000, inmate Steele and a member of the Norteño criminal street gang confronted a group of people outside of a home. The pair brandished handguns and began threatening the group, most of whom fled. However, one young woman, who would later explain that she was too scared to run from her home, remained. Inmate Steele pointed his firearm at her and threatened to kill her. She begged him not to shoot her, telling inmate Steele her child was still in her home. Inmate Steele replied ***"I don't give a fuck! I'll kill you and your babies!"***

Inmate Steele's criminal history demonstrates a complete disregard for the law and for the value of human life. On February 27, 2008, inmate Steele was a passenger in a vehicle fleeing police in a high-speed chase. At the time, both inmate Steele and the driver were wanted by police. Inmate Steele's young children were with him in the vehicle as it reached speeds of over 90 miles per hour and when they collided into another vehicle. After the collision, inmate Steele got out and fled on foot, leaving his wife and children in the vehicle with the dangerous driver who continued to try and evade the police. Inmate Steele's children were extremely vulnerable as they were not wearing seatbelts during the chase and collision and were only six and two years old at the time.

Inmate Steele's commitment offenses demonstrate that he will continue to endanger society as soon as he is released. On January 18, 2014, inmate Steele was engaging in the sale of illegal narcotics when he was shot during what appeared to be a drug deal gone bad. When police arrived, they found 7 grams of methamphetamine, 15 Xanax pills, and \$1218 in cash. At the time, inmate Steele was out on bail pending trial for another narcotics sale case that took place on March 19, 2013. In that case, a traffic stop of inmate Steele's vehicle was conducted while he was on parole. When inmate Steele pulled over, one of his passengers immediately fled on foot. The passenger was caught, and officers discovered a handgun on him. Thereafter, a search of inmate Steele's home was conducted which revealed 414 grams of marijuana, 223 grams of methamphetamine, and a loaded, unsecured handgun on inmate Steele's nightstand. Based on this event inmate Steele was convicted of multiple narcotics and firearms related felony offences as well as felony child endangerment because his narcotics and loaded firearm were all easily accessible to his young children.

As we are given 30 days to respond and 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 Steele's most recent prison conduct. However, it should be noted that while in-custody pending trial for his commitment offence, on August 23, 2015, inmate Steele was convicted of attempting to escape from custody. Furthermore, in denying inmate Steele release in March of 2020, Deputy Commissioner Nancy Wong specifically noted that that inmate Steele's institutional behavior is aggravating, and that he has been found guilty of a rule violation for inflicting or threatening to inflict physical injury since his last admission to prison. In November of 2020, Deputy Commissioner Kyros Chakur echoed the same concerns in a subsequent denial of early release, additionally noting that inmate Steele "has not meaningfully participated in rehabilitative or self-help programming, vocational, educational, or work assignments." From the record that is available it is abundantly clear that inmate Steele 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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