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Non Violent Parole Review Process
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Re: Taravella, Anthony CDC # BN3385 Court Docket: 20FE009772; 20FE008593

Inmate Taravella is a well-established violent felon, with multiple theft and vandalism convictions since receiving a strike prior. The circumstances surrounding his current convictions and his prior criminal record show that, despite being given the opportunity to reform, he has no intention of living a crime-free life and thus poses unreasonable risk of violence to the community.

Inmate Taravella is currently committed on two separate commitment cases. In total, he received a four-year state prison sentence. First, on May 27, 2020, Inmate Taravella was seen on surveillance cutting a lock on an electrical box then trying to pry into the rear door of a local department store. He, along with another subject, entered the business and got to the register before fleeing the scene. When contacted by law enforcement, Inmate Taravella was dressed the same way as he was during the burglary and possessed the bolt cutters and pry bar used in the burglary. Just three weeks later, Inmate Taravella was seen on surveillance stealing a vacuum cleaner from a coin-operated car wash. He would eventually admit that he stole the vacuum with the plan to break into it and steal the money within it. Inmate Taravella then stashed the vacuum in the garage of a nearby home. He did not have permission to enter into that garage and the home was reported to have been left locked by the homeowner. The vacuum was eventually recovered but it had been damaged during the theft and subsequent attempts to get into the money drawer. Repeated and sophisticated burglaries like the commitment offenses pose an unreasonable risk of danger to the community.

The current convictions are far from Inmate Taravella's first contact with the criminal justice system. In fact, he has nine prior adult convictions, [REDACTED]. His first adult conviction was a felony conviction for theft from an elder or dependent adult. This conviction was in 2002 when Inmate Taravella was 19 years old. In less than a year, he received two more felony convictions, one for vehicle theft, and the second for residential burglary—a strike offense. Despite the short amount of time for Inmate Taravella to receive three felony convictions, he was given probation. While on probation for his strike offense, he received a misdemeanor conviction in 2004. Then, in 2005, he received another felony conviction for

vehicle theft. His sentence was doubled as a result of his strike and he was sentenced to four years in state prison.

Next, in 2013, Inmate Taravella was convicted for battery and put on informal probation. Just ten months later, he received a conviction for possession of controlled substance. Despite it still being a felony at the time, the decision was made to allow him to serve his sentence on probation. Then in 2019, he was convicted of two more felonies—another vehicle theft and vandalism. Again, despite his strike prior and despite his lengthy criminal history to this point, he was given a chance and put on probation. Inmate Taravella ignored the leniency, and he committed a misdemeanor vandalism one month later, then the commitment offenses within 10 months. Inmate Taravella has refused to rehabilitate despite every grant of leniency from the criminal justice system. There is no reason to think another grant of leniency would lead to any different a result.

As we are only given 30 days to respond, and we are not provided with any recent disciplinary history or any other information aside from the one-page notice of parole review, I cannot comment on Inmate Taravella's prison conduct. However, from the record that is available, it is clear that Inmate Taravella 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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