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Re: Decoster, Anthony CDC # BH4807 Court Docket: 18FE007803

To say that Inmate Decoster is a well-established felon, and should not be paroled, is an understatement. The circumstances surrounding his current conviction and his prior criminal record show that he poses an unreasonable risk of violence to the community, as well as a complete disregard for the law.

On April 16, 2018, Sacramento Police Department officers were dispatched to [REDACTED] in Sacramento regarding a burglary that had taken place the previous night. The location was loft style apartments and the call box out front had been broken into to gain access to the lobby. Surveillance footage showed two subjects both in the ally next to the apartments and near the lobby the previous night. Shortly after, footage shows a subject walking from the back end of the apartments, where the stairwell and exit door is located, pushing a bicycle. One of the tenants had left his bicycle, worth roughly \$400, in the indoor locked common hallway on his floor, right outside his door. He noticed the next morning that it had been taken. The co-defendant returned the next morning because during the commission of the burglary, his tool bag and cell phone had gotten locked inside of the elevator. He was unable to recover it, as maintenance workers were trying to repair the damage caused when the defendants were trying to gain access to the building.

Officers recovered the bag and opened the Facebook application on the cell phone they found. The maintenance worker identified the profile photo to be the same man that had come looking for his things. He was identified as [REDACTED]. During questioning, [REDACTED] stated that the man with him was his friend, Anthony Decoster. Inmate Decoster was in custody by that time, due to a PC 290 violation. Inmate Decoster admitted to being inside of the apartment complex, but stated a bike was never taken. Based on the clothing of the man in the video pushing the bicycle, it was Inmate Decoster who had left down the stairwell and exited the apartments pushing the bike.

Inmate Decoster has a series of consistent misdemeanor convictions from 1996 to 1999. The convictions are as follows: PC 484 and PC 148.9 in 1996; PC 496(a) in 1996; PC 496(a) in 1996;

VC 10851(a) in 1996; PC 12020(a) in 1997; PC 484(a) in 1998; PC 12020(a) in 1998; HS 11377(a) in 1998; HS 11377(a) in 1998; and HS 11364 in 1999.

His more notable convictions are as follows:

Violation of Penal Code section 261.5(c) in Sonoma County in 1998. On September 5, 1998, victim [REDACTED] DOE reported to the Stockton Police Department that she had been raped by Inmate Decoster. DOE was 13 years old and Inmate Decoster was 20 years old. DOE stated she had told Inmate Decoster she was 13 years old and he replied, "I'll pretend I didn't hear that." The two walked around together at a Native American festival they were attending at the fairgrounds. Inmate Decoster began to touch and kiss DOE and she stopped him. He then suggested they go into the public restroom where he locked the door and DOE became frightened. He had her lay on the ground on her back and spread her legs and took off her shorts. DOE did not give consent or any indication she wanted to have intercourse with Inmate Decoster, but she was afraid he was a gang member and for what may happen if she did not do what she was told. After the intercourse, DOE was bleeding from her vaginal area and told her friend what had happened. Inmate Decoster admitted to knowing DOE was 13 years old and that they had intercourse.

In 2001, Inmate Decoster violated Penal Code section 290(g)(2) for failing to update his registration as a sex offender.

In 2002, Inmate Decoster was convicted of four separate counts of violations of Penal Code section 261.5(d), four separate counts of Health and Safety code 11353(c), two separate counts of Penal Code section 298(i), three separate counts of Penal code section 288(a)(b)(2), one count of Penal Code section 288a(b)(1), and one count of Penal Code section 261.5(c) in Yolo County. The victim, [REDACTED] DOE, met Inmate Decoster through her cousin in June of 2000. DOE's mother had just passed away and she moved in with her cousin, at 14 years old. Inmate Decoster was aware of DOE's age, as she told him how old she was, and he replied that he did not care. He told her he had just gotten out of jail for a statutory rape charge. Inmate Decoster introduced DOE to "crank" methamphetamine and the two of them would use together. Starting in July of 2000, they began to have sexual intercourse about twice a day and would also use methamphetamine daily. Inmate Decoster would physically abuse DOE when he came down from his highs. In February 2001, DOE found out she was pregnant with Inmate Decoster's child. He continued to give her crank and marijuana while she was pregnant. DOE stated that Inmate Decoster would often physically abuse her by pulling her hair, punching her in the face, and choking her. On one occasion, Inmate Decoster called her a "fucking bitch" and burned her leg with a lit meth pipe. DOE stated she did not report right away because she was a runaway. On two occasions, Inmate Decoster physically abused DOE while she was holding their infant daughter. DOE reported the abuse finally in 2002. A total of 35 counts were initially presented to the jury and Inmate Decoster was found guilty on the counts listed above and received a total sentence of 19 years and 8 months in state prison.

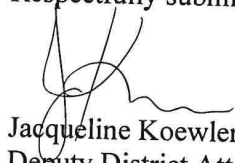
After being paroled, the Defendant had 5 parole violations and several misdemeanor convictions. He also sustained two felony convictions for Health and Safety code section 11377(a) landing him back in prison for 16 months. He then sustained a conviction for PC 459 2nd where he stole

an iPad mounted to a desk at a Holiday Inn. He was on probation for this offense at the time he committed the PC 459 1st for which he is currently in prison for.

Inmate Decoster has proven on multiple occasions that he is a danger to the community. Inmate Decoster has a lengthy history of possession of illegal narcotics, theft, and violent crime. He has been given multiple chances and has never reformed his behavior. When these crimes were committed, he was on felony probation in Sacramento County. He has made a mockery of the criminal justice system and continues to reoffend, despite lengthy prison sentences and supervision of probation and parole. His continued criminal behavior makes it clear that if he were released from custody early he would continue to endanger the community.

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 Decoster's prison conduct. However, from the record that is available, it is apparent that Inmate Decoster 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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