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Non-Violent Parole Review Process
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Re: Guzman, Joe CDC #BG5710 X-Ref: 3593559
Court Docket: 17FE010207
Report: SSD-17-178945

On May 30, 2018, Inmate Joe Guzman was sentenced to serve 17 – years, 4-months in state prison for possessing with the intent to sell over 5400 grams (nearly 12 pounds) of methamphetamine with a weight enhancement while personally armed with a firearm, being a felon in possession of a firearm, and admitting one of his two prior strikes (residential burglary). It is difficult to comprehend how Inmate Guzman could be so quickly rehabilitated and considered for parole when the circumstances surrounding his current convictions – as well his lengthy past criminal history – demonstrated that he poses a significant, unreasonable risk of danger to the community and any early parole should be denied.

Inmate Guzman's adult criminal history dates to January 24, 2005 when he was convicted of two separate residential burglaries (both strike convictions) in Sacramento County and sentenced to serve 4 years in the state prison. Within a short time of being released from state prison for those offenses, Inmate Guzman returned to Sacramento County and was convicted on January 16, 2008 of misdemeanor resisting arrest/delaying a peace officer. Unable to refrain from the criminal lifestyle, on June 6, 2009, he again found himself facing charges in Sacramento County – this time for driving under the influence. For this offense he was ordered to serve two days in county jail. While on probation for that offense, and failing to show any signs of rehabilitation, on December 15, 2009, he again was convicted of driving under the influence and sentenced to serve an additional 46 days in county jail.

As far as the current case for which Inmate Guzman is serving his prison sentence, detectives served a search warrant at Inmate Guzman's home on May 1, 2017. A search of the residence revealed nearly 12 pounds of methamphetamine in the laundry room and garage, 91.5 grams of cocaine in a box on the shelf in the garage, and two loaded firearms under the mattress in a converted bedroom. One was a Glock 17, the other was a Taurus 38 Special. Neither firearm was registered. Three small children were present – a 10-year-old male, a 6-year-old male, and a 5-year-old female. As a result of this conduct, Inmate Guzman was charged with felony

possession of methamphetamine for sale with weight enhancement while personally armed with a firearm, felony possession of cocaine for sale while personally armed with a firearm, felon in possession of a firearm, and three counts of child endangerment – and his two prior strikes for residential burglary were also alleged. As part of a negotiated plea, Inmate Guzman admitted: (1) possessing 5400 grams (nearly 12 pounds) of methamphetamine for purposes of sale (with a weight enhancement) while personally armed with a firearm, (2) being a felon in possession of a firearm and (3) that he had committed a prior strike for residential burglary in 2005. The court thereafter sentenced him to serve 17-years 4-months in state prison.

It is apparent from Inmate Guzman's most recent offenses that he has a complete lack of regard for the law and the safety of his children and innocent persons in our society. Possessing large amounts of methamphetamine so that it may be ultimately distributed on the streets, in this case in excess of 5400 grams (nearly 12 pounds) and possessing cocaine so that it too may be ultimately distributed on the streets are inherently dangerous crimes that affect everyone including the most vulnerable people in society. In addition, being personally armed with a firearm and being a felon in possession a loaded firearm compound Inmate Guzman's threat to the public at large. It is impossible to imagine how serving less than two years in prison from a 17-year 4-months sentence (which includes admitting a prior residential burglary strike!) is sufficient time to ensure that Inmate Guzman has changed his criminal behavior.

As we are given 30 days to respond, and we are not provided with any disciplinary history or other information aside from the one-page notice of parole review, I cannot comment on Inmate Guzman's current prison conduct since the time he was sentenced. However, from the record that is available, it is clear that he should not be released as he poses a significant, unreasonable risk of danger to the community. Parole should be denied.

Respectfully submitted,



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