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Non Violent Parole Review Process
Board of Parole Hearings
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Re: Privett, Eugene    CDCR # BU2551  Court Docket: 19FE018233

Inmate Eugene Privett is a well-established repeat offender and violent felon who should not be paroled. The circumstances surrounding his current convictions and his prior criminal record demonstrate that he poses an unreasonable risk of violence to the community.

From 1993 to 1996, Inmate Privett was convicted of two misdemeanor offenses and five felony offenses.

In 1993, Inmate Privett was convicted of a felony violation of Penal Code section 496(a), Receiving Stolen Property, and sentenced to county jail. However, after several violations of probation, probation was revoked, and Inmate Privett was sentenced to state prison. One of those violations was for the commitment of his first violent offense in August of 1994. In that case, Inmate Privett participated in a kidnap and sexual assault where he threatened to cut the fingers off the victim and told her she was going to die while holding her down so that one of the co-defendants could sodomize her. Inmate Privett pled to a felony violation of Penal Code section 245(a)(1) as a non-strike and was initially sentenced to county jail. However, Inmate Privett again proved that he could not successfully complete probation and was sentenced to prison after multiple violations of probation.

In 1995, Inmate Privett was convicted of another theft offense, a felony violation of Vehicle Code section 10851(a), Vehicle Theft. The following year, Inmate Privett committed his strike offense. On October 21, 1996, Inmate Privett broke into a victim’s home and ransacked the residence, stealing a camera, multiple credit cards, some miscellaneous change, and other personal items. Inmate Privett was later caught using the stolen credit card and a fingerprint that was collected from the scene was a positive match to him. Inmate Privett was convicted of a felony violation of Penal Code section 459, First Degree Burglary, and sentenced to 2 years state
Inmate Privett was also sentenced for a separate felony theft offense, violation of Penal Code section 484f(2), and sentenced to 16 months concurrent to his strike offense sentence.

Following his strike offense, Inmate Privett appeared to remain crime free for approximately nine years. In 2007, he was convicted of a misdemeanor violation of Penal Code section 529.3 and also convicted of a felony violation of Penal Code section 1320(b), Failure to Appear, and sentenced to two years state prison. Inmate Privett then again stayed off the radar before committing the instant offense in 2019 and a misdemeanor domestic battery in 2020.

In the instant offense, on October 17, 2019, officers observed a parked truck with disabled plates. Officers ran the license plate through their computer system, which returned to a different vehicle. A check on the registered owner of the license plates was conducted and revealed that there was an outstanding felony arrest warrant out of Placer County for Inmate Privett. The Sacramento County Auto Theft Suppression Task Force assisted CHP and set up surveillance on the truck. After a short period of time, the truck became occupied and began moving and an enforcement stop was made. The VIN on the vehicle returned as an outstanding stolen vehicle and Inmate Privett was the driver. Inmate Privett denied stealing the vehicle, however, further investigation revealed jail calls that Inmate Privett made to a friend, directing that individual to create a fake bill of sale for the purchase of the vehicle. Inmate Privett directed his friend to use a particular California Identification Card that he had in his drawer, which was determined to belong to an individual who had passed away. Inmate Privett was convicted by a jury of Vehicle Code section 667.5, Vehicle Theft with a prior, and sentenced to six years state prison.

Not only does Inmate Privett blatantly disregard the law and conditions imposed upon him by probation, but he has a complete disregard for the property and belongings of citizens who make up this community. Inmate Privett has proven multiple times that he is incapable of successfully completing community supervision, as well as incapable of leading a law-abiding life. Despite several years where he seemingly remained crime free, Inmate Privett always returns to his life of crime and goes to great lengths to avoid prosecution for them. The only thing more dangerous than a willingness to ignore the law is the ability to do so without regard for the damage and safety of those you leave in your wake.

It is abundantly clear that Inmate Privett is incapable of rehabilitation. It appears that Inmate Privett has no interest in becoming a law-abiding citizen and allowing his early release will serve as an injustice to our entire 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 Privett’s prison conduct. However, from the record that is available, it is clear that Inmate Privett 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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