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Non Violent Parole Review Process
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Re: Espitia, Ruben CDC # BV0592 Court Docket: 22FE018362

At just thirty-five years old, Inmate Espitia has been convicted of thirteen felonies, one of which is a strike, and has consistently possessed and peddled poison to members of our community. He should not be released a day earlier than his given sentence, as the circumstances surrounding his convictions, coupled with his prior criminal record, show that he poses an unreasonable risk to the community and should not be paroled.

In his commitment offense, the Inmate was the subject of a search warrant by the Sacramento Sheriff's Department. When Deputies entered the Inmate's apartment, there was a large amount of white powdery substance on the floor, which tested presumptive positive for fentanyl.

A search of the apartment revealed located 5 plastic containers, each containing approximately 1,000 M30 fentanyl pills for a reckless and dangerous total of approximately 5,000 fentanyl pills. One fentanyl pill can kill a human being – this quantity could have had catastrophic impact. Additionally, deputies found a Glock 30 .45 pistol, a narcotic press, digital scale, tools with fentanyl residue, parts to a pill press, two cell phones, and paperwork belonging to the Inmate. Almost all of these items were located in the master bedroom, the entryway/living room, or the kitchen.

On Inmate Espitia's person, detectives located three golf ball-sized baggies containing 40-50 M30 fentanyl pills each. In his wallet, Detectives located paperwork for a storage unit. They confirmed that the Inmate was renting the storage space and executed a supplemental search warrant. In the storage unit they located the following –

- (1) pistol
- (2) AR magazine
- (3) Calico 9mm Liberty Carbine and drum magazine
- (4) Springfield pistol and high capacity magazine
- (5) Sig Sauer pistol and high capacity magazine
- (6) two pistol magazines

- (7) SKS Carbine Rifle and banana high capacity magazine
- (8) loose ammunition

Armed with a war style arsenal and enough fentanyl pills to kill thousands of people, this Inmate is the last person on the planet who should be near drugs or alcohol, particularly considering his record. In 2018, he was convicted of a strike offense for violation of Penal Code section 422.

In that case, he was sentenced to 16 months in state prison after he sent pictures of himself holding handguns to his ex-girlfriend. While holding those guns, he threatened to kill her. A search warrant resulted in law enforcement finding live handgun rounds.

These are just the latest installments on his resume, which includes priors for violations of Health and Safety Code sections 11377 in 2011, a felony violation of Penal Code section 12021(D) in 2006, Healthy and Safety Code violation of 11378 in 2006.

Inmate Espitia was already given leniency with this plea deal from the Court, it would be irresponsible and dangerous to the citizens of Sacramento to grant him additional relief.

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 Espitia's prison conduct. However, from the record that is available, it is clear that Inmate Espitia's 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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