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Attn: Non-Violent Second Striker
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RE: Hampsmire, Darrell Lee G15398

Dear Board of Parole Hearings,

Thank you for the opportunity to address the Board regarding the administrative review of inmate Darrell Lee Hampsmire, and his suitability for early release.

Based on my knowledge of the case against Mr. Hampsmire and his prior criminal history, he should not be released prior to serving out his sentence. This is based, not only on the facts of the case arising in his current commitment to CDCR, but also based on his prior convictions, which show a history of serious criminal conduct.

On the night of April 16, 2007, Mr. Hampsmire managed to gain access to the back of an ATM located at the Bank of the West in Esparto CA., by prying open a door to the room that housed the ATM. He cut the alarms and used wire cutters and a cutting torch to gain access to the back of the ATM. He then extracted \$113,000.00 in \$20 bills. Crime scene analysts were able to lift a latent finger print from inside the machine.

On May 7, 2007, Mr. Hampsmire again tried to gain access to the back part of an ATM but this time multiple alarms were activated and Woodland Police Department responded and observed Mr. Hampsmire cutting wires and using a torch near and on an ATM. He was apprehended and his collected prints matched one collected from inside the ATM cracking on April 16, 2007.

Given the overwhelming evidence, Mr. Hampsmire plead no contest to PC 464, ("safe cracking"), admitted a prior strike and accepted a stipulated 14 years sentence to CDCR. In exchange for that plea, numerous other crimes were dismissed including attempted PC464 from the event where he was apprehended, and a pending PC136.1, (dissuading a witness which is a strike offense).

Given the above facts, Mr. Hampsmire is not suitable for early release. His crimes were serious and involved for all intent and purposes, Bank Robbery. For those reasons alone, he should remain in prison. In addition, Mr. Hampsmire's previous offenses also show that he should remain in custody.

Mr. Hampsmire has been convicted of:

- 1) Two counts of felony burglary in Minnesota, (1988);
- 2) Felony grand theft in South Dakota, (1990);
- 3) Domestic violence in Stanislaus County, (1994);
- 4) PC 422, (Strike Offense), in Stanislaus County, (1994);
- 5) Stalking in Stanislaus County, (1995);
- 6) Twenty Eight counts of 2nd degree burglary in Stanislaus County, (1996);

Mr. Hampsmire was eventually sent to CDCR in 1996 by a Stanislaus County Court after he failed probation. He was given 7 years and was not free from prison very long before he picked up the offenses that he is currently incarcerated for.

While "safe cracking" is not a "serious" or "violent" offense as defined in the penal code, it is certainly a serious offense, Mr. Hampsmire has, for the past few decades has show a callous disregard for the law and society. Given the seriousness of this offense, the seriousness of some of his past convictions, and his lengthy criminal record, he should not be considered for early release as a "non-violent second striker".

Sincerely,



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