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Attn: Non-Violent Second Striker  
Board of Parole Hearings  
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RE: Valdes, Michael Jon AT1909

Dear Board of Parole Hearings,

Thank you for the opportunity to address the Board regarding the administrative review of inmate Michael Jon Valdes, AT1909, and his suitability for early release.

Based on my knowledge of the case against Mr. Valdes, I do not believe he should be considered for release 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.

In the instant case, Mr. Valdes was encountered by a police officer at a rest stop and determined to have an outstanding felony warrant. The officer noted that he appeared to be under the influence at the time of said contact and he was found to have methamphetamine smoking paraphernalia on his person. At that time he was detained by the police officer.

A search of Mr. Valdes' vehicle revealed a usable amount of methamphetamine located in a pouch on the front passenger seat and a box in the trunk with "73.52g" and "\$1095" written on it. Inside the box were seventeen individual white wax paper bindles containing concentrated cannabis. Written on the exterior of each bindle was its approximate weight. The combined weight of the bindles was 69.6 grams of concentrated cannabis.

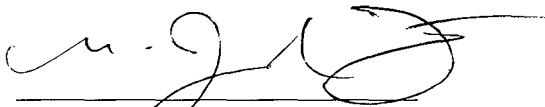
Given the above facts, Mr. Valdes would not be suitable for early release. His crime in the instant case was serious and involved a relatively large quantity of controlled substances. Further, he was using methamphetamine while transporting the concentrated cannabis. For those reasons alone, he should remain in prison. However, Mr. Valdes previous offenses also show that he should remain in custody.

Mr. Valdes has been convicted of Felonies no less than eight times in his life spanning multiple decades and states. While most of his convictions are for drug related offenses he has non drug related felony convictions as well, including a First Degree Burglary conviction from the state of Oregon from December 6, 2001.

As of the time of this letter, Mr. Valdes has not spent a period of more than five years free from prison custody since 2001. His life can only be described as a series of incarcerations interrupted by brief periods of release.

While transporting 69.6 grams of concentrated cannabis is not a “serious” or “violent” offense as defined in the penal code, it is certainly a serious offense, Mr. Valdes has, for the past few decades, lived by his own rules and shown a disregard for the safety and well-being of those around him. 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Jared Favero', written over a horizontal line.

M. Jared Favero  
Deputy District Attorney  
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