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ATTN: Non-Violent Second Striker
Board of Parole Hearings
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RE: Woods, Jeremiah, CDCR#: AT5413
Court Case#: CRF134941

Dear Board of Parole Hearings:

Thank you for the opportunity to address the Board regarding the administrative review of inmate Jeremiah Woods, #AT5413, and his suitability for early release.

Given the nature of the offense committed in Yolo County, and Mr. Wood's lengthy criminal history, Mr. Woods poses an unreasonable risk to public safety, such that the Yolo County District Attorney's Office opposes the early release of Mr. Woods.

On February 26, 2014, Mr. Woods was convicted in Yolo County of vandalism, in violation of Penal Code section 594(a)(b)(1) with a prior strike and a prison prior. The relevant facts of the 2014 case are as follows:

On November 29, 2013 at approximately 9:38 p.m., Officer Herrera was dispatched to 1501 S. River Road in West Sacramento regarding a suspect trespassing on a boat. The boat owner's video surveillance captured Mr. Woods with a black backpack on the boat. There was a duffel bag filled with wires that were taken from the boat. Officer Herrera noticed cut wires and two bolt cutters lying about.

Employee Robert Turner stated that no one was supposed to be on the boat and officers searched the boat with a K-9. Officers gave several announcements for anyone on the boat to surrender and no one came out. The K-9 located Mr. Woods hiding in the area between the battery room and wheelhouse of the boat. In the area where Mr. Woods concealed himself, officers located wire cutters, a previously stolen flashlight, and the

backpack. The backpack contained two Rustoleum white spray paint cans and burglary tools including two hammers, a lock pick kit, a glass smoking pipe, and a digital scale.

Our office charged Mr. Woods with a violation of Penal Code 459, 148(a)(1), 466, 594(a)(b)(1), with an enhancement for a prior strike and two prison priors. The prior strike was from January 17, 2006 for a violation of Penal Code section 459 burglary in the first degree in Sacramento County. The other prison prior was from a second degree burglary where Defendant was convicted on January 6, 2005.

Pursuant to plea negotiations, Mr. Woods received an offer from the District Attorney's Office to plead to a violation of Penal Code section 594(a)(b)(1) and admit the prior 2006 strike as well as a 2005 prison prior for burglary, which he chose to accept. It was stipulated that Mr. Woods would received 44 months, pursuant to the plea bargain.

Despite going to prison two separate times for burglary, and knowing that he would have the enhanced punishment due to his prior strike, Defendant still committed another offense. Mr. Woods should be required to serve his entire prison commitment given that it was the plea bargain and because he received a benefit of charges and enhancements being dismissed for a stipulated sentence of less than the maximum amount of time that could have been imposed.

Since your analysis and decision for early release is based upon whether the inmate would pose an unreasonable risk to public safety, based upon the facts and circumstances of the crimes, and the impact it had on the victims, it is our belief that Mr. Woods continues to pose an unreasonable risk to public safety, specifically because of the inherent violence associated with burglaries.

Mr. Wood's early release into the community would significantly hinder the legal process. The burglary and vandalism has had a long lasting impact on the victim. It cost the victim thousands of dollars worth of damage and time to repair the cut wires. Mr. Woods was equipped with burglary tools, hammers, lock pick kit, a pipe and spray paint. The evidence shows that Mr. Woods intended to commit a burglary and did so with several dangerous burglary tools.

Furthermore, Mr. Woods has had a prior strike, including a burglary in Sacramento County. Mr. Woods is a risk to the public because of the burglaries and his behavior of resisting arrest, even when the officers gave the Mr. Woods opportunities to come out from hiding. Mr. Woods' resisting arrest and his behavior of hiding in the dark, to the point the K-9 had to bite the Mr. Woods to get him to come out of hiding, goes to show that Mr. Woods is a risk to the public. As such, the Yolo County District Attorney opposes the early release of Mr. Woods.

The burglary would have continued to escalate if it was not for the surveillance video and the victim calling law enforcement. Mr. Woods' crimes are of such a character as to pose a significant danger to others. The Yolo County District Attorney asks this Board to recognize that Mr. Woods continues to pose an unreasonable risk to public safety and to businesses and homeowners that may fall victim to Mr. Woods's dangerous behavior. For

these reasons, the District Attorney asks this Board not to release Mr. Woods before his sentence is concluded.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Davis for.

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