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Attn: Non-Violent Parole Review Process Board of Parole Hearings Correspondence-NV P.O. Box 4036 Sacramento, CA 95812-4036

RE: Patrick Nevelle Reed, AW1103

Dear Board of Parole Hearings,

Thank you for the opportunity to address the Board regarding the administrative review of inmate Patrick Reed and his suitability for parole. Based upon his criminal history and the facts of his recent case, a conviction for false imprisonment, the Inmate poses an unreasonable risk of violence to the community and the Yolo County District Attorney's Office opposes his early release.

### **Yolo County case 14-1124**

On November 5, 2012, after finishing work, the victim walked to her vehicle parked on the second floor of a parking structure. She noticed the inmate just north of her vehicle. After placing items into the hatch of the vehicle, she got into the driver's seat. Seconds after getting into her vehicle, the inmate opened the rear passenger door and entered her vehicle telling her "you need to drive." When she asked him what he was doing he told her to drive to the next floor. She pulled out of her parking spot and proceeded to drive up the ramp when she saw another vehicle. As she slowed her car down, the inmate starting poking her in the right bicep saying "don't stop, don't stop." She thought it was a cell phone poking her in the arm because he was holding one when she first noticed him. She stopped her car and told the driver to call the police. Inmate Reed exited the vehicle and walked down the ramp towards the exit. The victim was afraid for her safety as she did not know the inmate's intentions in getting into her car. Furthermore, she told the officer that had she not tried to stop and flag down the other driver she feared the inmate would harm her. The witness described the victim's voice being panicked.

The inmate was originally charged with kidnapping and false imprisonment. Through plea negotiations, the inmate was allowed to enter a plea to the false imprisonment and admit a prior strike conviction for a total of six years in state prison. The defendant was interviewed by the probation department after his plea and he stated that he was very drunk at the time.

The inmate was not arrested immediately after the incident but within just a couple of hours the inmate was arrested for robbery in Sacramento County. The inmate was convicted of grand theft from person and sentenced to prison before ever appearing in Yolo County for the instant offense.

# **Inmate Reed's Prior History**

Inmate Reed has a criminal history that spans more than twenty years. He has been convicted of 14 misdemeanors including multiple DUI's, multiple hit and runs, multiple burglaries, and multiple vandalisms. Inmate Reed has been convicted of four felonies excluding the present offense. His felonies include violence and threats of violence. In 2010, he was convicted of felony assault. He was given a grant of probation and then in 2012, was convicted of his strike offense, criminal threats. In the span of three years, Inmate Reed committed four of his five felony convictions and was on probation for his strike offense at the time of this offense.

### **Inmate Reed's Prior Strike Offense**

In 2011 inmate Reed was in an argument with his step-mother. He poured a small amount of gasoline on the rear trunk lid of her vehicle. He asked for a lighter and threatened to burn the place down. She saw Inmate Reed's father unconscious on the ground next to the vehicle and she believed that the inmate must have knocked out his father. She told the officer that the inmate was out of control.

# Conclusion

We are not able to comment on Inmate Reed's conduct while he has been incarcerated in state prison as we currently are not granted access to the inmate's state prison central file. What is notable from his prior criminal history, besides his violence, is his abuse of alcohol. Inmate Reed should not be considered for early parole unless and until he has completed substance abuse programming.

Given that the inmate has a criminal history spanning more than 20 years, his repeated failures while on grants of probation, and the frequency with which he has been most recently convicted of felonies he should not be considered for early parole. Absent a display of sustained progress while in prison and demonstration to the board that he is not a threat to society, the inmate should not be granted paroled.

Thank you for your time in considering this matter.

Melinda Aiello

Sincerely,

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Yolo County District Attorney's Office

Re: Patrick Reed CDC # AW1103