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Attn: Non-Violent Parole Review Process
Board of Parole Hearings
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RE: INMATE SAMARO, ARTHUR; CDC #AT3160

Dear Board of Parole Hearings,

Thank you for the opportunity to address the Board regarding the administrative review of inmate Arthur Samaro, and his suitability for parole. Based upon his criminal history, his history of failing on prior grants of probation and PRCS, the facts of the committing cases, and the terror imposed on his victims, the Inmate poses an unreasonable risk of violence to the public and the Yolo County District Attorney's Office is opposing his early release.

Inmate Samaro is in custody for inflicting corporal injury on his then girlfriend in 2013. Additionally, he admitted enhancements including a "strike" prior. At the time of his plea agreement in his committing offense he was facing multiple other charges relating to the violence he unleashed on the victim over the course of four months. In September, 2013, he beat her with closed fists and used fear and force to prevent her from calling for help. In November, 2013, he punched her in the right eye repeatedly leaving a large bruise and swelling around her eye. In January, 2014, when the victim advised Inmate Samaro that she was ending their relationship, he started punching her in the arms, stomach, and chest and kicked her in the shins leaving bruises.

Not only did the defendant physically batter the victim, he imposed terror on her to prohibit her from calling the police to report the violence. She believed him when he said, "you won't have a chance to call the cops on me!" as he strangled her. It was this terror that allowed him to feel empowered to strike her on multiple occasions before he was arrested and sent to prison.

A 10 page victim impact statement was read to the Inmate and the court at his sentencing hearing. In this statement the victim stated, "You get way out of control when you get violent, you literally have no limits. You pull my hair, you throw things at me, and you even bite me. I still have the last bruises you gave me, it's been three months already and the bruises on my legs are still there. You fractured one of

my fingers and my pinky toes till' this day, they still hurt sometimes." This victim has insight into how violent this inmate is. This is a victim that will be in danger if you chose to release this Inmate.

Inmate Samaro does not discriminate in who he unleashes his violent temper on. In 2004, he was convicted of Assault by Means of Force Likely to Produce Great Bodily Injury with a criminal street gang enhancement. In March, 2004, the Inmate and his fellow gang members attacked the boyfriend of the mother of their deceased friend. They hunted him down at a local hotel, punched him in the face causing him to fall to the ground. Once lying on the ground, they kicked him on both sides of the head. The Inmate was on three grants of probation at the time of this crime.

Inmate Samaro has demonstrated the inability to be successful on supervision. He was out of custody on Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS) for only 17 months before committing his current crimes. In 2004, while on one grant of Felony Probation for Assault by Means of Force Likely to Produce Great Bodily Injury with a gang enhancement, he was arrested for another crime of Assault by Means of Force Likely to Produce Great Bodily Injury, along with Battery Against a Person with Dating Relationship on a separate victim. This was after he punched his then girlfriend (different victim from his 2014 arrest) in the face and head approximately six times immediately after throwing her to the ground. He pled to a Domestic Violence Battery charge in that case. His grant of Felony Probation was terminated as unsuccessful and he was sentenced to prison.

Although, in the past, the inmate has been ordered to complete anger management, batterer's treatment program, addiction intervention programs, and other programs meant to assist him in refraining from criminal activity, he has failed to successfully do so. He has failed to be successful on any grants of Felony Probation or PRCS. He has simply ignored the orders of prior probation officers which is indicative of someone that is not willing comply in the future. In addition to a strike offense, Inmate Samaro has a significant criminal history involving crimes of violence. His criminal record dates back to 1999 and includes crimes against multiple victims.

The prosecution does not have access to the Inmate's central file so there is no way for this prosecutor to address the Inmate's behavior while incarcerated.

Conclusion

Inmate Samaro clearly poses a risk of violence to the community if released. He demonstrated that he did not learn from his prior prison terms. In fact, upon release he quickly found a new victim to impose his terror and violence on. It is hard to imagine any amount of progress while in prison that could demonstrate to the board that he is not a threat to society. Absent anything of that nature, the Yolo County District Attorney's Office urges the board to deny parole for Inmate Samaro.

Thank you for your time in considering this matter.

Sincerely,



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