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Attn: Non-Violent Parole Review Process
Board of Parole Hearings
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RE: Keith Smith CDCR# AN8939

Dear Board of Parole Hearings,

Thank you for the opportunity to address the Board regarding the administrative review of inmate Keith Smith, and his suitability for parole. Based upon his criminal history and the facts of committing cases, the Inmate poses an unreasonable risk of violence to the public and the Yolo County District Attorney's Office is opposing his early release.

COMMITMENT OFFENSE

In the instant case, the defendant acted as a supplier of crack cocaine to a drug dealer in West Sacramento. The defendant would arrange with his co-defendant to meet at a gas station in Sacramento for the purpose of providing him a large quantity of cocaine base. On the date of the defendant's arrest, as law enforcement agents arrived to arrest him, he threw approximately one ounce of cocaine base into the bushes and was going back towards his vehicle. Inside, agents found a loaded firearm, an additional ounce of cocaine base, as well as \$1347 in cash which included money from the law enforcement agents used to purchase the crack cocaine. A later search of the defendant's residence revealed ammunition which matched the gun found in the defendant's vehicle.

CRIMINAL HISTORY

The defendant has a long criminal history consisting of a strike offense and numerous drug sales convictions. In 1988, the defendant was convicted of a violation of Penal Code §245(a)(1), assault with a deadly weapon. Excluding the

instant offense, the defendant has been convicted of no less than eight felonies and served numerous prison sentences.

Of more concerns is that the defendant keeps on engaging in the same behavior. Of his eight prior felony offenses, six have been for violations relating to selling, transporting or possessing for sale cocaine or cocaine base. Further, it appears as if the defendant at one time had three separate felony cases at one time. The threat of one felony prosecution did not deter his criminal conduct. Rather, the defendant appears to be a career drug dealer. Of more concern, the defendant does not appear to be selling drugs simply to support his habit, but rather is supplying larger quantities of drugs to people he knows to be selling themselves. The defendant has made a career out of supplying drugs to those he knows are not just using, but selling themselves.

PRIOR PERFORMANCE WHILE ON PAROLE OR PROBATION

The defendant first served six year four month prison sentence in 1988. This sentence included his strike offense, as well as four violations for sale of cocaine. Within one year of his parole in 1992, he was returned to custody on yet another felony offense. While on parole for selling cocaine, the defendant was again arrested for possession for sale of cocaine base, for which he was ultimately paroled in 1997. In 2001, the defendant was once again arrested for possession for sale of cocaine base.

INSTITUTIONAL BEHAVIOR/REHABILITATION

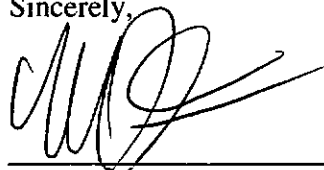
The prosecution does not have access to the Inmate's central file so there is no way for this prosecutor to address the Inmate's behavior while incarcerated.

CONCLUSION

Inmate clearly poses a risk of violence to the community if released. 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.

Thank you for your time in considering this matter.

Sincerely,



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