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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: PALMATIER, ROBERT CDC BA7141

Dear Board of Parole Hearings,

Thank you for the opportunity to address the Board regarding the administrative review of inmate Palmatier, and his suitability for parole. Based upon his criminal history and the facts of his recent cases, the inmate poses an unreasonable risk to the community and should not be considered for parole. Inmate Palmatier was sentenced to a CDCR commitment of 4 years after being convicted of a felony violation of Penal Code § 530.5 and admitted a strike. The inmate has served just over 2 years of this sentence.

The facts of the committing offense are as follows. On January 19, 2016, the victim left her wallet in a gas station where it was promptly stolen. The next day, she was told that some of her checks were attempting to be cashed at a Woodland check cashing store. It was learned that Inmate Palmatier and his co-defendant had each attempted to cash one check, with a total value of \$275. When he was contacted by police, Inmate Palmatier admitting to getting the checks and writing out the checks and forging the victim's signature for both checks, the one he used and the one his co-defendant used.

According to his Department of Justice criminal history record, Inmate Palmatier has repeatedly violated the law for the last 20 years. Among those adult convictions inmate Palmatier has suffered two separate convictions which involved some sort of assault or serious danger to others. These are actual convictions and do not include the arrests and charges that were settled by dismissals or lesser charges during plea agreements. Nor does this reflect the inmate's juvenile record.

In the past, Inmate Palmatier has been convicted of assaulting an individual with a semi-automatic firearm, in violation of Penal Code § 245(b). Further, upon that release from prison, he was convicted of domestic violence, in violation of Penal Code § 273.5.

Further, crimes such as the one Inmate Palmatier is currently incarcerated for are particularly damaging to victims. By gaining access to the victim's checks, Inmate Palmatier was in possession of her name, address, and bank account number, all of which can be used to cause serious and sometimes irreparable financial harm to the victim. Additionally, by committing the crime in the manner he did, Inmate Palmatier could have potentially drained the victim's bank account before she was even aware that anything had been stolen. Lastly, Inmate Palmatier not only committed this crime, but brought a second person into his criminal enterprise.

Finally, we do not have access to the inmate Palmatier's central file so I can not comment on his institutional behavior during his current commitment. Inmate Palmatier's prior pattern of criminal behavior is indicative of someone who is simply not willing to comply with terms of supervision and demonstrative of an individual that lacks respect for the law. His criminal history and facts of the current case are evidence that the inmate poses a clear and unreasonable risk of violence to the community if released. Inmate Palmatier is a danger to society and should not be granted parole.

Thank you for your time in considering our opposition to his parole. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

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