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Board of Parole Hearings  
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Re: Nonviolent Parole Release Review; Inmate Eric J. Taylor (AV4117)  
CRF13-3334

As the prosecuting attorney for Mr. Taylor's most recent case and an advocate for the People, I write to respond to your written request for input regarding parole for Mr. Taylor. Based on the nature of the convictions—and only if Mr. Taylor has meaningfully participated in rehabilitative programming and not participated in crimes of violence in prison—we would not oppose the early parole for Mr. Taylor.

Current Offenses:

Mr. Taylor is convicted of two First Degree Burglaries; each is described below.

On July 14, 2013, at approximately 11:48 p.m., an officer was dispatched to an apartment complex in Woodland for a report of a burglary. The victim stated that he and his family had been away from the residence all day. When they returned, they discovered that the front door was unlocked and multiple items, including a laptop computer and jewelry (total value of approximately \$1,800), were missing. The screen from the master bedroom window had been removed and was on the ground.

On August 1, 2013, at approximately 12:00 p.m., an officer was dispatched to the same apartment complex for a report of a different burglary. The victim of that burglary stated she left the residence with her husband earlier that morning and was not sure whether the front sliding glass door was locked. When she returned two hours later, the door was open and multiple items, including electronics and jewelry (total approximate value of \$2,750), were missing.

Mr. Taylor pled to both burglaries on October 20, 2014, and admitted a prior "strike" offense, and was sentenced to 14 years in prison. Mr. Taylor's criminal history is significant, but also has some periods with no criminality. Moreover, the only "violent" crime Mr. Taylor has was a misdemeanor domestic violence incident from 2007 and Mr. Taylor has no history of sex offenses. Mr. Taylor's complete history is below.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>OFFENSE</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
08-13-94	Alameda #123184	459 PC (1 <sup>st</sup> ) (F)	03-16-95: 3 yrs prob, 8 mos jl 02-19-98: VOP, jail
10-10-98	Alameda #134124	10851(a) VC (F)	11-25-98: 5 yrs prob, 180 ds jl, restn 09-23-99: VOP, 3 yrs CDC
07-19-99	Alameda #136595	10851(a) VC (F)	09-23-99: 5 yrs prob, 101 ds jl, restn 04-15-02: VOP, 16 mos CDC 04-22-02: VOP, retrn CDC 01-07-03: VOP, retrn CDC 03-08-04: VOP, retrn CDC
02-01-02	Alameda #142643	10851(a) VC (F)	04-15-02: 5 yrs prob, 111 ds jl 02-11-04: VOP, 16 mos CDC 03-08-04: VOP, retrn CDC
11-18-03	Alameda #H355555	459 PC (1 <sup>st</sup> ) (F)	02-11-04: 5 yrs prob, 1 d jl 11-13-04: Prob mod, restn 04-08-05: VOP, 2 yrs CDC
01-17-05	Alameda #H38504	666 PC (F)	04-08-05: 5 yrs prob, 1 d jl
03-08-07	Yolo #07-2193	243(e) (1) PC (M)	10-10-07: 90 ds jl
03-20-07	Solano #FCR240915	496(a) PC (F)	09-25-07: 16 mos CDCR 06-27-08: VOP, retrn CDC 11-21-08: VOP, retrn CDC 02-09-09: VOP, retrn CDC 07-22-09: VOP, retrn CDC 10-28-09: VOP, retrn CDC 04-05-10: VOP, retrn CDC 12-13-10: VOP, retrn CDC 07-11-11: VOP, retrn CDC
12-05-10	Yolo #10-5927	23153(b) VC (M)	08-04-14: 3 yrs prob, 5 ds jl, fine

One of the reasons for Mr. Taylor's lengthy sentence is the fact that he has two prior First Degree Burglaries. It is worthy to note that the last burglary predated the crimes here by ten (10) years and the burglary before that (i.e., the first burglary) was in 1994. Mr. Taylor has now spent nearly five years in custody for these burglaries (including pretrial detention). I believe that that amount of time could make room for significant life changes. For example, Mr. Taylor reported at sentencing that he plans to earn his high school diploma or GED while in prison. However, without access to the inmate's Central File, we have no ability to fully assess Mr. Taylor's rehabilitative programming and his level of participation in that programming.

All of that considered, on balance, we believe that only if Mr. Taylor has meaningfully participated in rehabilitative programming and not participated in crimes of violence in prison, would we conclude that Mr. Taylor does not pose an unreasonable risk of violence or a current, unreasonable risk of significant criminal activity if released from prison.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R.J. Cowzens", written over a horizontal line.

Ryan J. Cowzens  
Assistant Chief Deputy  
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