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Attn: Non-Violent Parole Review Process
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RE: Alejandro Vargas # AZ9065

Dear Board of Parole Hearings,

Thank you for the opportunity to address the Board regarding the administrative review of inmate Alejandro Vargas # AZ9065, and his suitability for early release. Given the nature of the offenses committed in Yolo County, Felon in Possession of a Firearm, Mr. Vargas poses an unreasonable risk of violence to the public such that the Yolo County District Attorney's Office opposes his early release.

Current Yolo County Commitment Conduct Case

Case 16-1233

On December 17, 2015, the home of disable Iraq War veteran Alejandro Jauregui had been burglarized. The thieves made off with multiple electronic devices, approximately \$18,000 in cash and coins, a prosthetic knee joint (Mr. Jauregui is an amputee as a result of his military service) and a gun safe containing several firearms.

Later that night, inmate Vargas arrived at the home of a friend with the stolen property loaded into his Dodge Durango. An eye-witness was present when Vargas arrived. There, inmate Vargas, the friend, and another person who was present, unloaded and distributed the stolen property. Inmate Vargas took a .45 caliber handgun and pointed it at the eye-witness, asking, "How does that feel?" After all of the guns, cash and electronic items were distributed, Inmate Vargas offered the empty gun safe to the eye-witness, who soon thereafter related all of this to an informant who brought it to the attention of authorities.

Vargas' Criminal History

The inmate's prior criminal history is also riddled with multiple felony convictions, violations of probation and violations of parole. Inmate Vargas was 33 years old at the time of this offense. As an adult, Inmate Vargas garnered the following convictions:

1. Vargas was convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a felony at the time, on March 19, 2004, in Sutter County.
2. Vargas was convicted of possession of a stolen vehicle, a felony, on June 7, 2004, in Sutter County.
3. Vargas was convicted of possession of controlled substance while armed, a felony, on October 18, 2004 in Sutter County. He was sentenced to two years in State Prison for this offense.
4. Vargas was convicted of possession of a dangerous or deadly weapon on December 1, 2008, a felony, in Sutter County. He was again sentenced to State Prison, this time for sixteen months.
5. Vargas was convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a felony at the time, on August 30, 2010, in Sutter County.
6. Vargas was convicted of being a felon in possession of a firearm, a felony, in Sutter County, and was sentenced to two years prison, and resentenced to 8 months consecutive to the four year sentence from Yolo County on August 11, 2016.

As the charges make clear the defendant is not a stranger to possessing dangerous weapons, and firearms in particular. What is also clear is that the defendant clearly has a problem with methamphetamine abuse which is reflected in his numerous convictions for possession of controlled substances. His penchant for drugs and weapons shows that he clearly poses an unreasonable risk of violence to the public and should not be released early.

Conclusion

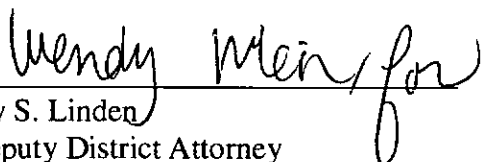
Alejandro Vargas poses a threat to the community. His criminal history, going on for almost 15 years now, shows that he cannot live a law abiding life. He has suffered numerous convictions and multiple violations of probation, parole, and post-release community supervision. In the case which led to his most recent incarceration, he has moved on to pointing a firearm at another person.

We do not have access to Inmate Vargas' central file so I cannot comment as to his institutional behavior or positive programming. However, his behavior outside of the institution demonstrates a clear indifference for the rule of law and not just the possibility, but the probability, that he will offend again. Inmate Vargas is simply not an individual worthy of an early release.

Therefore the Yolo County District Attorney asks this Board to recognize that Mr. Vargas continues to pose an unreasonable risk of violence to the public and asks this Board not to release him before his sentence is concluded.

Thank you for your time in considering this matter.

Sincerely,


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Deputy District Attorney