



COUNTY OF YOLO
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Attn: Nonviolent Parole Review Process
Board of Parole Hearings
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RE: Donnal Aaron Williams # AZ9359

Dear Board of Parole Hearings,

Thank you for the opportunity to address the Board regarding the administrative review of inmate Donnal Aaron Williams # AZ9359, and his suitability for early release. Given the nature of the offenses committed in Yolo County, Transportation of a Controlled Substance, Methamphetamine, for Sale, Mr. Williams poses a current, unreasonable risk of significant criminal activity such that the Yolo County District Attorney's Office opposes his early release.

Current Yolo County Commitment Conduct Case

Case 15-6139

On October 22, 2015, West Sacramento Police Detectives were working undercover at the Dyno Mart in West Sacramento. They observed Inmate Williams and two other subjects talking in a parking lot. Detectives spoke to Inmate Williams and the other subjects and said they had \$100 to spend and wanted to buy an "eight ball" or 3.5 grams of methamphetamine. Inmate Williams said he could get the methamphetamine, and took Detectives' \$40, saying he had to talk to "the girl" to get it. After approximately 20 minutes, Inmate Williams walked around the corner, and came back with two plastic baggies of methamphetamine; the bags weighed 0.5 grams and 0.7 grams. Inmate Williams told Detectives one bag cost \$40 and the other cost \$60. Detectives then gave Inmate Williams pre-recorded money for the additional \$60 bag, and then arrested him. While officers transported Inmate Williams to jail, he spontaneously stated, "all I did was sell dope to some guy."

Williams' Criminal History

The inmate's prior criminal history is also riddled with multiple felony convictions, misdemeanor convictions, including some committed while still on probation for other offenses. Inmate Williams was 53 years old at the time of this offense. As an adult, Inmate Williams garnered the following convictions:

1. Conviction for Robbery, a felony strike, on March 24, 1981, in Santa Clara County. He was given 3 years at CYA.
2. Conviction for Grant Theft from Person, a felony, on August 2, 1984 in Santa Clara County. He received 3 years probation.
3. Conviction for Assault with a Deadly Weapon, a felony, on July 3, 1985 in Sacramento County. He was sentenced to 3 years prison.
4. Conviction for Possession of a Controlled Substance, a felony, on December 11, 1987 in Alameda County. He received 1 year probation, 90 days jail.
5. Conviction for Possession of a Controlled Substance, a felony, on January 20, 1991 in Sacramento County. He received 16 months prison.
6. Conviction for Robbery, a felony strike, on May 5, 1993 in Sacramento County. He was sentenced to 3 years prison.
7. Conviction for Felon in Possession of Firearm, a felony, on August 5, 1996 in Sacramento County. He was sentenced to 32 months prison.
8. Conviction for Grand Theft from Person, a felony, on November 29, 2011 in Sacramento County. He was sentenced to 16 months prison.
9. Conviction for Exhibiting a Deadly Weapon, Not Firearm, a misdemeanor, on January 29, 2015 in Sacramento County. He received 3 years probation, 138 days jail.

Conclusion

As the charges make clear the inmate has multiple convictions involving theft and violence, including robbery. Including the commitment offense, Inmate Williams has eight prior felony convictions. Moreover, including the current commitment to prison, Inmate Williams has been to prison six times as an adult.

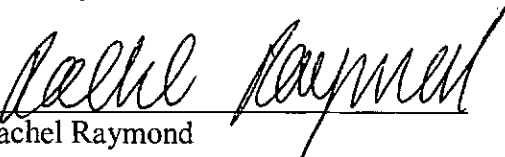
Inmate Williams poses a threat to the community. His criminal history, which began when he was a juvenile, shows that he cannot live a law abiding life. He has suffered numerous convictions and multiple new convictions while on probation or parole for other offenses. In the case which led to his most recent incarceration, he sold methamphetamine to an undercover police officer. Moreover, Inmate Williams's most recent conviction before the instant offense involved weapons.

We do not have access to Inmate Williams' central file so I cannot comment as to his institutional behavior or positive programming. Inmate Williams was sentenced to 6 years prison for the current offense. Given how Inmate Williams has only served half of his sentence, it is unlikely that he's had the opportunity to complete successful programs to ensure he no longer poses an unreasonable risk of significant criminal activity to the community. 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 Williams is simply not an individual worthy of an early release.

Therefore the Yolo County District Attorney asks this Board to recognize that inmate Donnal Aaron Williams continues to pose an unreasonable risk of significant criminal activity 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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Rachel Raymond", is written over a horizontal line.

Rachel Raymond
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