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Non-Violent Second Striker Board of Parole Hearings Correspondence-NVSS Post Box 4036 Sacramento, CA 95812-4036

RE: Forte, Demetrius CDC # AT8252

Mr. Demetrius Forte is a violent, career criminal who needs to spend every single day of his current sentence behind bars before being released onto an unsuspecting public. At only 33 years of age Forte has already been convicted of felony offenses, two of which are strike offenses under the California Three Strikes Law. Forte is currently serving a 4 year state prison sentence on his most recent strike conviction for violating Penal Code § 459, 1st degree residential burglary.

The facts underlying the above offense involve an innocent victim coming home to find her home ransacked and burglarized by Forte. The victim left her house around 7:15 a.m. When she arrived home later that evening at 7:00 p.m. she saw Forte walking down her driveway carrying a large green bag in his hands. The naïve victim thought Forte was a salesman and continued speaking with a neighbor for half an hour before going into her house. When she walked into her house she was shocked and horrified to find her house had been ransacked with shoe boxes strewn about the floor, her jewelry boxed rummaged through with several missing pieces of jewelry and a computer monitor, router and printer missing from her office. Forte had pried his way into the victim's house through a locked, rear sliding glass door. Forte was ultimately arrested on the offense when a latent finger print from a computer screen inside of the victim's house came back as a match to Forte.



Forte continued his violent streak when in 2007 he was convicted of a misdemeanor violation of Penal Code § 273.5, domestic violence, involving his ex-wife. In that case, Forte forced his way into the victim's apartment, told her she could not leave and that if she tried he would do whatever necessary, including killing her, to stop her from leaving. Forte grabbed the victim by the shoulders and kept pushing her.

None of these prior violent convictions curbed Forte's violent crime spree, instead he continued his violent ways in 2009 when he was convicted of a felony violation of Penal Code § 245(a)(1), assault with a deadly weapon, a strike, when he hit the 46 year old victim over the head with a baseball bat during an argument. Forte hit the victim so hard the baseball handle broke and the victim was transported to the hospital by ambulance. At the time of this offense, Forte had just been released from prison.

In addition to Forte's many convictions, his criminal history is peppered with several parole and probation violations. Forte has not had a single successful probation or parole term.

Mr. Forte is a very poor candidate for early parole and should absolutely serve his full prison term. His history has proven that his early release would immediately place the citizens of California in harm's way. Accordingly, the Sacramento District Attorney strongly opposes Forte's early release.

Respectfully,

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