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Non Violent Parole Review Process Board of Parole Hearings Correspondence – NV P.O. Box 4036 Sacramento, CA 95812-4036

Re: Ward, Anthony CDC # BG1837

Court Docket: 18FE007095 Reporting Agency: SPD-18-170185

Inmate Anthony Ward is a well-established violent felon and should not be paroled. The circumstances surrounding his conviction and his prior criminal records show that he poses an unreasonable risk of violence to the community.

Inmate Ward has a lengthy criminal history.

he's been convicted of two separate felony strikes. In 2012, Inmate Ward burglarized a home. He was convicted of PC 459 1st and was sentenced to 4 years. Inmate Ward then suffered another conviction for home burglary (PC 459 1st) in 2013, this time receiving 2 years. In one of the burglaries, Ward entered the victim's home through a window, ransacked the home, and took property. Ward left a piggybank on the kitchen table. Police were able to recover latent prints off the piggybank. Four latent prints from the piggybank were a match to Ward.

Additionally, Inmate Ward has a poor history on parole. For example, when he was paroled in 2014 he quickly got a violation of parole for 'absconding from parole supervision' on March 28, 2014. Each time he is paroled he is quick to re-offend. He is the exact sort of inmate who should not be paroled early and who poses a substantial danger and risk of violence to the community.

This risk of violence was further demonstrated by Inmate Ward in the current case. On April 9, 2018, Inmate Ward walked up to the female victim, withdrew a gun, pointed it directly at her, and asked "do you like black people?" The victim was fearful that Ward would shoot her. She responded to Ward that says she does and she has black people in her family. Ward then put the gun down and walked away. The victim called 911 and reported the incident. Police arrived soon thereafter and found Inmate Ward. Police located a .38 caliber handgun on Ward. The victim performed a field show-up, where she identified Ward as the person that had assaulted her.

Inmate Ward has demonstrated time and again that he poses a threat of violence and risk to public safety. Inmate Ward's actions, particularly his possession and use of a weapon while being prohibited from such weapons use and possession, shows that he is a continuing danger to the public and continues to pose an unreasonable risk of violence to the community. Consequently, he should not be paroled.

As we are given 30 days to respond, and we are not provided with any disciplinary history or any other information aside from the one-page notice of parole review, I cannot comment on inmate Ward's prison conduct. However, from the record that is available it is clear that inmate Ward should not be released as he poses a significant, unreasonable risk of violence to the community. Parole should be denied.

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