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Subject: NONVIOLENT PAROLE REVIEW DECISION

Inmate's Name : DODD, CHRISTOPHER, MICHAEL
CDCR# : AP1888
Location : California State Prison, Corcoran
Court Case# : 2019721, 20191589

The above inmate was referred to the Board of Parole Hearings under the Nonviolent Offender Parole Review Process. The board has denied the inmate for release. Enclosed is a copy of the board's decision.

If you believe the board's decision contains an error of law or error of fact, or you have new information you believe would have materially impacted the board's decision had it been known at the time of the decision, please submit a written statement to:

Board of Parole Hearings
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Please direct any inquiries concerning the inmate's release to the institution where the inmate is housed.

Respectfully,

BOARD OF PAROLE HEARINGS
NV Processing Unit

NONVIOLENT DECISION FORM

NONVIOLENT INFORMATION

Inmate Name: DODD, CHRISTOPHER, MICHAEL
CDCR Number: AP1888
Institution: California State Prison, Corcoran

BPH DECISION

JURISDICTIONAL REVIEW

BPH does not have jurisdiction, no further review.

BPH has jurisdiction.

REVIEW ON THE MERITS

Recommendation to release approved.

Recommendation to release denied.

Decision for Dodd, Christopher, AP1888: When considering together the findings on each of the inmate's four case factors, the inmate poses a current, unreasonable risk of violence or a current, unreasonable risk of significant criminal activity to the community. Release is denied.

Statement of Reasons:

Case Factor #1 - Current Commitment Offense

The circumstances of the inmate's current commitment offense(s) mitigate the inmate's current risk of violence or significant criminal activity. The inmate was sentenced to a total term of 6 years on the current commitment offense(s). The commitment offense(s) is/are

2019-721, PC 4573.6 possession of controlled substance (3 yrs doubled to 6 yrs), convicted on 8/27/19

On 4/29/18, the inmate was in possession of heroin and drug paraphernalia in a county jail.

2019-1589, PC 530.5(a) identity theft (concurrent 3 yrs), convicted on 8/27/19

On or about 6/15/19, the inmate and his accomplice made purchases using the victim's credit card.

After careful review and consideration of the aggravating and mitigating circumstances in all of the current crimes, there are no aggravating circumstances and the following mitigating circumstances make this a mitigating factor in the case:

1. The inmate did not personally use a deadly weapon.
2. No victims suffered physical injury or threat of physical injury.

Therefore, the current crimes are found to be a mitigating risk factor in the case.

Case Factor #2 - Prior Criminal Record

The inmate's prior criminal history began in 2008 and continued until the commitment offense(s) in 2019. The inmate's prior criminal record is a factor aggravating the inmate's current risk of violence or significant criminal activity. The inmate has the following adult criminal convictions:

7/7/08 VC 23103.5 misdemeanor wet reckless driving

6/11/10 VC 23152(a) misdemeanor DUI

8/5/10 PC 243(e)(1) misdemeanor battery on spouse; PC 148(a)(1) misdemeanor obstruction

1/22/13 PC 451(b) arson of dwelling; PC 452(c) causing fire (x 2)

The circumstances of the inmate's prior criminal record that mitigate the inmate's current risk of violence or

significant criminal activity are:

None of the mitigating circumstances enumerated under 15 CCR 2249.5(e) is applicable.

The circumstances of the inmate's prior criminal record that aggravate the inmate's current risk of violence or significant criminal activity are:

1. The inmate has a violent felony conviction as defined in subdivision (c) of section 667.5 of the Penal Code in the past 15 years. The inmate was convicted of PC 451(b) arson of dwelling on 1/22/13.
2. The inmate was incarcerated for felony convictions within five years prior to the inmate's current convictions. Within five years of the current offense of 8/27/19, the inmate served his 5 year prison term (from 5/6/13 to 8/24/16) for 2013 offenses.

Analysis: When balancing the aggravating circumstances against the mitigating circumstances, they tend to show that the circumstances of the inmate's prior criminal record aggravate the inmate's current risk of violence or significant criminal activity because no mitigating circumstance is applicable. The inmate was convicted of arson of dwelling and causing fire and was sentenced to 5 years in prison in 2013. The inmate was last released on 8/24/16. The inmate sustained the current convictions approximately three years later.

Case Factor #3 - Institutional Adjustment

The inmate was received into the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation on the current commitment offense(s) since October 1, 2019, a period of approximately 22 months.

The inmate has been involved in the following activities:

Serious rules and violations reports:

Possession of cell phone 11/17/19
Fighting 3/5/20; 9/20/20
Obstruction 6/5/20; 7/13/20
Loaning personal property 10/6/20
Disobey order 11/8/20; 11/22/20
Possession of alcohol 11/11/20; 3/21/21, 4/12/21
Fermentation 11/30/20; 1/7/21
Possession of controlled substance 6/22/21

Work/vocational assignments:

Dining room worker 8/14/20-10/1/20, 97.75 hrs

Educational assignments:

None

Self-help or rehabilitative programs:

Dads against Drug 3/5/20-8/13/20, 2 hrs
CBI 4/30/21-5/4/21, 18 hrs; 6/15/21-present, 18 hrs
CGA 7/8/21-presnet, 0 hrs recorded
NA 7/9/21-presnet, 0 hrs recorded

The inmate received 5 hrs of treatment through MHSDS.

The following circumstances of the inmate's institutional behavior, work history, and rehabilitative programming mitigate the inmate's current risk of violence or significant criminal activity:

1. There is no reliable information in the confidential section of the inmate's central file indicating the inmate has engaged in criminal activity since the inmate's last admission to prison.

The following circumstances of the inmate's institutional behavior, work history, and rehabilitative programming aggravate the inmate's current risk of violence or significant criminal activity:

1. The inmate has been found guilty of institutional Rules Violations Reports resulting in physical injury or threat of physical injury since the inmate's last admission to prison and has one or more recent serious institutional Rules Violation Reports. The inmate has numerous serious rules violations as listed above.
2. The inmate has limited participation in available vocational, educational, or work assignments. The inmate worked less than 100 hrs so far.
3. The inmate has limited participation in available rehabilitative or self-help programming to address the circumstances that contributed to the inmate's criminal behavior, such as substance abuse. The inmate has been assigned to several rehabilitative programs. However, the number of hours of participation is minimal as noted above.

Analysis: When balancing the aggravating circumstances against the mitigating circumstances, they tend to show that the inmate's institutional behavior, work history, and rehabilitative programming aggravate the inmate's current risk of violence or significant criminal activity because the inmate has not addressed the

circumstances of his offences. The inmate's program participations are found limited at this time as more fully described above. The inmate has numerous serious rules violations, including fighting on 3/5/20 and 9/20/20 and four in 2021.

Case Factor #4 - Response to Legal Notice

There were no responses to Legal Notices.

SUMMARY: When reviewing all of the case factors as documented above, and taking into account the totality of the circumstances, including the passage of time, the inmate's age (32), the inmate's physical and cognitive limitations, the factors aggravating the inmate's current risk of violence outweigh the factors mitigating the inmate's current risk of violence or significant criminal activity.

To prepare for this review, the author reviewed the Disability and Effective Communications System as well as the inmate's record to determine all physical and cognitive disabilities documented for this inmate. In reaching the decision articulated below, the author fully considered any mitigating impact of each documented disability on all the factors considered all the factors considered.

While the inmate's prior criminal history may not be too extensive, the inmate was convicted of arson of dwelling, a violent felony, in 2013. The inmate served his first prison term from 5/6/13 to 8/24/16. The inmate was apparently not deterred from engaging in further criminality. The inmate was in jail when he committed the current offence 2019-721. Once released from jail, the inmate went to commit another felony (of identity theft). The inmate's frequent illegal activities continue in prison as seen through numerous rules violations. The inmate has done little programming to address the circumstances of his offences.

The inmate poses a current unreasonable risk of violence or a current unreasonable risk of significant criminal activity. The inmate is denied for release.



July 27, 2021

SIGNATURE

REVIEW DATE

IWANAMI, KATE - Deputy Commissioner

If you believe this decision is not correct, you may send a written request to :

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Your request must be post marked within 30 calendar days from the date you were served this decision and your request must include a brief written statement explaining why you believe the decision is not correct. You may include additional information to support your request.