

Board of Parole Hearings  
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**Re: Devonne Christoph Odell – CDCR #P38550  
Parole Hearing Scheduled for (Wednesday), April 14, 2021**

Dear Representative:

In reference to the parole consideration hearing for inmate Devonne Christoph Odell, I am strongly opposed to an early release for the inmate. Inmate Odell was convicted and subsequently incarcerated for a heinous violent crime against a couple in their home as well as the attempted murder of four police officers.

On June 1, 1997, inmate Odell, along with other suspects, forcibly broke into the residence of a Long Beach couple working as apartment managers in order to steal the monthly rent checks. The couple was bound with duct-tape. After discovering the rent checks were not yet collected, Odell, armed with a gun, raped the woman as her husband sat bound and blindfolded nearby. The suspects fled in the victim's vehicle followed by additional suspects in another vehicle.

Long Beach police officers were dispatched to the emergency call and located the suspects. The suspects initially stopped for the officers at which point Odell fired several rounds from a handgun at the officers. The officers returned fire and the suspects fled in the vehicles. During the subsequent pursuit, Odell continued to fire numerous rounds at the pursuing officers.

The pursuit entered the city of Compton where the suspects stopped in an apartment complex parking lot. While two of the suspects fled on foot, a second officer involved shooting occurred. The suspects continued to flee on foot into the apartment complex. Odell, who had been shot in the leg, and another suspect were located and arrested inside an apartment.

Odell, who was too combative to attend most of his trial, was subsequently convicted of rape (as well as additional felony sexual assault charges), robbery, and burglary involving the couple as well as the attempted murder of Long Beach Police Officers Ronald Burgess, Stephen James, Roque Foster, and Sergeant David Kennison.

At his sentencing, Odell continued to display his complete lack of regard for the victims and the justice system. During his statement to the court, he called one of the bailiffs names and twice spat on him before sitting down. Odell was sentenced to two life terms for the attempted murder of the police officers and 89 years to life for the burglary, robbery, and three counts of sexual assault of the 59-year-old female victim.

Odell has refused to accept responsibility for his crimes and continues to show his inability to follow the laws designed to keep law abiding citizens safe from his violent behavior. Therefore, he is not rehabilitated nor is he suitable for release where he will continue to pose a threat to society. He must be held accountable for his crimes and should serve out the remainder of his prison term as prescribed by the sentencing court.

Sincerely,