

October 2020

Board of Parole Hearings
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Re: Nathan Anthony Sims – CDC #J-32468
Parole Hearing Scheduled for Tuesday, November 10, 2020

Dear Representative,

I am strongly opposed to the early release of inmate Nathan Sims.

On August 6, 1993, Long Beach Police Officer Abel Dominguez was working alone in a marked black and white police vehicle when he made a routine traffic stop. Officer Dominguez sat the unhandcuffed driver in the rear of the police vehicle while he sat in the front seat writing a citation. At this time, Nathan Sims and co-defendant Cashus Ward crept up to the passenger side of the police vehicle. Sims fired gunshots through the closed front passenger side window, striking Officer Dominguez three times. After Sims stopped firing, Ward opened the rear door of the police vehicle, allowing the detained driver to exit. All three subjects fled the area, leaving Officer Dominguez gravely injured.

Officer Dominguez suffered gunshot wounds to his right temple, right cheek, and right arm. He was placed on life support and remained in a coma for more than a week. The bullet that entered Officer Dominguez's head fragmented in his brain. During the initial life-saving operation, the surgeon removed approximately a half-cup of damaged brain and parts of the fragmented bullet. This catastrophic injury disrupted all motor skills on his left side. He lost all peripheral vision and to this day wears a brace on his left leg and cannot use his left arm or hand. He was hospitalized for three months and continued intense rehabilitation for over a year. The shooting also deeply affected his wife and his three children, who were 2, 4 and 11 years old at the time of the shooting. Mrs. Dominguez was forced to leave her job in order to provide fulltime nursing care for her husband.

During interviews with detectives, Nathan Sims admitted he was a Rollin' 20's Crip gang member who had just been released from the California Youth Authority after serving four years for a previous crime. Sims denied shooting Officer Dominguez and lied about his involvement in the crime. He also denied ever having used drugs, owning a gun, or having a gun in his residence. A check of his criminal history showed three arrests as a juvenile: one for burglary; a second for carrying a concealed weapon, carrying a loaded firearm, and commission of a crime while armed; and a third for possession of a controlled substance.

Sims' unprovoked, violent attack on Officer Dominguez was both callous and cruel. He has shown no remorse nor taken any responsibility for his crimes. He has shown blatant disregard for human life and the laws of this state. He must be held accountable. I believe that, based on these reasons, Nathan Sims is not suitable for release as he remains a danger to society and should serve out the term of **life in prison** as prescribed by the sentencing court.

Sincerely,