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Board of Parole Hearings
Attn: Lifer Scheduling Analysts
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Re: Penal Code 3550 Parole Hearing for Gerald Youngberg, Inmate Number B50097

Dear Chairman and Members of the Parole Board:

On behalf of the National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO), representing 241,000 rank-and-file law enforcement officers from across the United States, including the Los Angeles Police Protective League, I am writing to urge you **not** to grant Gerald Youngberg a parole date.

We vehemently oppose a parole date for Gerald Youngberg, who was involved in the brutal execution-style murders of San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department Lt. Al Stewart, California Highway Patrol Officer Larry Wetterling, and gas station attendant Robert Jenkins in 1973.

Although Youngberg was sentenced to death, his conviction was overturned when the California Supreme Court declared the state's version of the death penalty unconstitutional. Gerald Youngberg has applied for parole on eleven occasions and been denied each time. In 2010, the California State Assembly enacted SB1399, this legislation allows for Youngberg to apply for medical parole even though he was last denied parole in 2010 and told he would have to wait five years to reapply.

NAPO believes that releasing this killer would depreciate the severity of his crime and diminish respect for the law. Even granting Gerald Youngberg a parole date would have a devastating effect on the victims' families, the police community, and all who are willing to sacrifice their lives to protect a civilized society.

Therefore, NAPO strongly urges the parole board not to grant Gerald Youngberg a parole date. Thank you for your consideration of this important matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at NAPO's Alexandria, Virginia office at (703) 549-0775.

Sincerely,

William J. Johnson
Executive Director

cc: Board of Directors, Los Angeles Police Protective League
The Honorable Jerry Brown, Governor, California