



RELEASE REPORT

Proposition 66 removes several crimes from the “serious felony” strike list. Because it’s retroactive to 1994, thousands of inmates with long histories of serious and violent crime will have their sentences dramatically reduced and be back on the street. Here’s just one example.

Name: Steven “Cutthroat” Matthews

Criminal history: A member of the Aryan Brotherhood, served time for robbery and kidnapping as a juvenile in the 1960s. Arrested for murder in the late 1970s, acquitted. Two weeks later, arrested for killing a person in a bar. Convicted of murder in 1978, along with three counts of attempted murder. Paroled in 1986. Within days, raped his mother, forced her to perform oral sex and threatened to kill her. Convicted and sentenced to 17 years in prison, where he wrote the judge, threatening to “track him down.” Paroled again in 1996. Parole revoked 24 hours later for failing a drug test and again threatening the judge. Arrested in 2003 for being a felon in possession of two deadly weapons — a two-foot machete and a rock hammer with “Fag Finder Reminder” etched on the head. Now serving 25 years to life.

Proposition 66 release date: Under Proposition 66, Mr. Matthews’ sentence would be reduced to a maximum of three years. Because of time served and “good time” credits, he would be eligible for release in early 2005.



To view mug shots and rap sheets of felons released by Prop 66, or for more information, visit www.noprop66.org or call 916-447-8186.

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