Convicted Murderer Celebrates the New Policies of Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascón

March 9, 2021—“Recent footage of convicted murderer Phillip Dorsett celebrating George Gascón is compelling proof that violent criminals, not victims, will be the biggest beneficiaries of his radical policies,” said Greg Totten, Chief Executive Officer of the California District Attorneys Association (CDAA).

In the video released today by CDAA, Dorsett and his cellmate at New Folsom State Prison are seen toasting Gascón with prison moonshine known as “white lightning.” Dorsett states in the footage that they are “celebrating us going home on this Gascón directive,” referring to Los Angeles District Attorney George Gascón’s new policies that release murderers like Dorsett early.

“No one is celebrating George Gascón more than violent criminals,” Totten noted.

On June 17, 2005, Dorsett executed Jesse Fujino by shooting him in the head at close range. A jury convicted Dorsett of second-degree murder and found that he used a gun in the commission of the crime. The court sentenced him to 40 years to life in prison. But now, under Gascón’s new policies, Dorsett is immediately eligible to be considered for release from prison. CDAA calls on Gascón to abandon his reckless policies that put violent criminals like Dorsett back on the streets.

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