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Today, September 29, 2017 is the day that Thomas Kokoraleis was scheduled to be released from prison. He had been convicted of murdering 21 year old Lorry Ann Borowski and was sentenced to prison for 70 years.

At the time of his sentencing that really meant that he could be released after 35 years, followed by 3 years of parole.

Convicted murderer Kokoraleis may have been looking forward to enjoying his first day of freedom today after 35 years of incarceration. I can assure you, however, that Lorry Ann's family and close friends have been dreading the day that Thomas Kokoraleis would be free to walk the streets in Illinois.

They have been hoping and praying that State's Attorney and the Illinois Attorney General will conclude that there is sufficient evidence to file a petition to civilly commit inmate Kokoraleis. Unfortunately, however, it appears to me that at this point, they must not have confidence that based on the evidence that they would be able to prove that this convicted killer is a sexually violent person at this time.

In short, it is not enough for them to prove that this convicted killer was sexually violent when he murdered Lorry Ann. Instead, they must prove that he is a sexually violent person now.

Although the petition to seek civil commitment has not been filed yet, the law does allow the State's Attorney to file it within 30 days of the murderer's release date. That means that they could still file the petition, but we do not know if they will conclude that there will be a basis to file given the evidence that they have.

This means that inmate Kokoraleis is not entitled to be released, but since he will be on parole, and must register as a sex offender, he must submit the location where he will live and that location must be approved by the authorities. That has not yet happened and that is why he will not be released today.

If he finds a home that meets the legal requirements for a sex offender, however, then he could be released very soon.

We understand that there are some people who may argue that this murderer deserves a second chance; but for Lorry Ann, his victim, there is no second chance.

Lorry Ann was abducted, raped, tortured, had her left breast amputated by a Satanic killer probably while she was still alive, and 60 wounds from an ice pick were inflicted on her body either before, during or after she was finally murdered.

Lorry Ann was Mark Borowski's sister, Lorraine Borowski's daughter and Cindy Arndt's close friend. What Lorry Ann had to endure will never be forgotten by them.

We will continue to monitor the status of this murderer's release and hope and pray that if and when he is released there will be adequate monitoring requirements to keep Illinois' daughters, mothers and sisters safe from any risk that they may ever have of being subjected to the horrific torture, rape and murder on Lorry Ann Borowski.

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