

Contact: Gloria Allred
(323) 653-6530
E-mail: gallred@amglaw.com

Statement of Gloria Allred

Today we are here at Mount Emblem cemetery in Elmhurst, Illinois where Lorry Ann Borowski is buried.

Lorry Ann was only 21 years old when in May 1982 she was kidnapped, raped, tortured and murdered by Thomas Kokoraleis.

Lorry Ann was a beautiful, kind and much loved daughter of Lorraine Borowski, and she was the older sister of Mark Borowski. Both Lorraine and Mark are here with me today.

Mark contacted me because he and his mother were shocked to learn that the man who murdered Lorry Ann is scheduled to be released from prison on parole on September 29, 2017 after having served only 35 years of a 70 year prison sentence.

Thomas Kokoraleis was one of four men who were part of a satanic cult. The group is alleged to have abducted, raped, brutally tortured, beaten and murdered or attempted to murder 18 women in DuPage County and Cook County, Illinois.

Lorry Ann was simply opening the door to the real estate office where she worked when she became the second victim of this satanic cult. Linda Sutton was the first.

Thomas Kokoraleis was tried and convicted of both the rape and murder of both Lorry Ann and Linda Sutton. However, those convictions were reversed.

Facing a second trial Kokoraleis entered a pleas of guilty to the murder of Lorry Ann and in return the other charges were dismissed.

Kokoraleis was sentenced to 70 years in state prison, but under Illinois sentencing laws he was only required to served half of that time.

As a result, he is scheduled to be released on parole September 29, 2017. The news of his release came as a shock to both Lorraine and Mark.

They had thought there was truth in sentencing and that Thomas Kokoraleis would be in prison for 70 years.

Neither of them have any memory of being consulted by prosecutors as to their feelings to a plea deal. Neither remembers anyone from law enforcement advising them that Lorry's murderer would be able to get out of prison early after serving only half of his sentence.

Now, however, they are faced with the news that Thomas Kokoraleis may be walking free in Illinois while their beloved Lorry Ann lies here in the cemetery because of the death sentence that Kokoraleis inflicted on this innocent, sweet young woman.

The question now is what if anything can be done about this murderer's impending release.

The only legal path open at this time appears to be possible civil commitment of this convicted murderer. For that to happen, however, the state's attorney would need to file a petition seeking a hearing in which the prosecutor would need to prove that the murder Kokoraleis committed was sexually motivated and that he is currently a sexually violent person. It will be the prosecution's burden to prove his allegations beyond a reasonable doubt. Once the petition is filed, then within 72 hours or sooner a court hearing will be held. If the court finds in favor of the prosecution at that hearing then the court could keep Kokoraleis in custody until a full blown hearing is held. That second hearing would need to take place within 120 days. This morning I spoke to the State's Attorney Robert Berlin. My feeling is that he and the attorney general are doing everything possible to determine whether there is sufficient evidence to file a petition for a civil commitment hearing.

Thomas Kokoraleis is scheduled to be released from prison in slightly more than 3 weeks from today. We are glad that the state's attorney Mr. Berlin has established clear communication with us about what Lorry Ann's mother and brother can expect to happen. Lorraine and Mark are committed to continuing to be a voice for Lorry Ann. They still want justice for her and will not stop until they have done everything possible to keep her memory alive.

They are also concerned about the safety of their community and about the well-being of other young women in Illinois. They fear that others may be at risk of harm if Kokoraleis is released. We look forward to a just result in this case.

September 6, 2017