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Statement of Gloria Allred

This morning convicted murderer Thomas Kokoraleis was released from prison in Canton, Illinois after having served 35 years (less credits) 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 murder or attempted to murder 18 women in DuPage County and Cook County, Illinois.

One of those victims was Lorry Ann Borowski. Lorry Ann was only 21 years old when in May 1982 she became the second victim of Thomas Kokoraleis. Linda Sutton was the first.

Lorry Ann was simply opening the door to the real estate office where she worked when she was kidnapped, raped, tortured and murdered by Thomas Kokoraleis.

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 plea 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 at that time, he was only required to serve half of that time.

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.

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

Neither have any memory of being consulted by prosecutors as to their feelings about 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 fact that this morning Thomas Kokoraleis is walking free in Illinois while their beloved Lorry Ann lies in Mount Emblem cemetery in Elmhurst, Illinois because of the death sentence that Kokoraleis inflicted on this innocent, sweet, young woman.

Since Kokoraleis served his sentence and is no longer on parole nothing could be done to prevent his release this morning.

Lorraine and Mark are here with me today to remember Lorry Ann and also because they are concerned about the safety of their community and the well-being of other young women in Illinois.

They want to alert the community that Thomas Kokoraleis is classified as a sex offender under the Illinois Sex Offender Registration Act, because his murder of Lorry Ann was sexually motivated.

Under the law that means he has 3 days to register and report where he will be residing and where he will be employed.

Whenever he moves he will also have to register his new residence and place of employment. If he fails to comply with the requirements of the Illinois Sex Offender Registration Act he can be convicted of a felony and return to prison.

Recently I contacted DuPage County prosecutor, Bob Berlin, because I wanted to know if there was a "no contact" order in place to prevent Lorry Ann's murderer from contacting her family.

Mr. Berlin was very sympathetic to Lorry's family but he informed me that no such order exists, because the murderer Kokoraleis has served his sentence

and there is no case pending. Further, according to Mr. Berlin there is no mechanism for such an order.

Although this is the law in Illinois, I believe that the law should be changed in Illinois.

The family of Lorry Ann has suffered enough.

It is bad enough that Lorry Ann's murderer is walking free while she will never be able to breathe the air in Illinois again. Now her family has to learn that under Illinois law, that there is no protection afforded to them through the issuance of a no contact order which would require that Mr. Kokoraleis stay away from them and refrain from contacting them or face legal consequences if he fails to do so.

I believe that the law in Illinois should be changed and the Sex Offender Registration Act should be amended to state that whomever is classified as a sex offender is required to have no contact with the victim if this person is alive and no contact with the immediate family of the victim if they request it.

Isn't it enough that Lorry Ann was kidnapped, raped, tortured, had her left breast amputated by this satanic cult, probably while she was still alive and suffered more than 20 ice pick wounds to her body and was murdered.

Now her murderer is set free and the law does not even require that her murderer be ordered to stay away from her family who have suffered and will continue to suffer more than anyone will be able to know and who have been brave enough to alert the community about the release of the man who raped and tortured their precious Lorry Ann. They have spoken out because they care about the safety of their community.

On behalf of Lori Ann and her mother and brother, we call on legislators in Illinois to amend the Sex Offender Registration Act to require sex offenders to stay away from a victim's immediate family if they request such a no contact order, because close family members are and should be considered victims as well.

Lorry Ann must not have died in vain. It is long overdue for Lorry Ann's law and the time for change is now.

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