

Residents Angry Over Sex Offender In Local Neighborhood

Conklin's Parents Support Their Son

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WEST COVINA, Calif. -- A sex offender has been released from jail and now resides in a West Covina neighborhood -- and residents want him out.

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Steven Michael Conklin (pictured, left), 39, served 10 years for sexually assaulting a 6-year-old Long Beach girl who was later found alive in a cardboard box, according to NBC4.

Conklin was released to his parents' custody in a West Covina neighborhood close to a private country club. Last October, he was sent back to prison on a parole violation and will be released Friday to his parents.

The city's mayor has called an emergency meeting for Thursday night.

"We're concerned that the state of California loses 50 percent of all their child molesters and sex offenders once they're released from prison. They don't know where they are," West Covina Mayor Mike Touhey said.

"They're not reporting like they're supposed to do and I'm concerned our residents are at risk. In a day, this man will be lost in the system. Half of the people released are lost and we're concerned with that. Our kids are in danger and we're putting an end to it (Thursday) night. We're suing the state of California," Touhey said.



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Conklin's stepfather and mother said that they support their son.

"He's our son. He's come to the Lord. We are going to give all the help and support he needs to come back to society. He won't be out of our sight," Roy Snelson, Conklin's stepfather, said.

"Put yourself in my shoes. Would you love your children? Would you support them in any other situation?" Conklin's mother, Vivian Snelson, said.