

To: San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office
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Re: Sexually Violent Predator Lawtis Donald Rhoden placement in San Bernardino County

We are residents of San Bernardino County and live in the Newberry Springs area where this placement is proposed. As residents of the area, we deserve protection from sexually violent predators such as Lawtis Donald Rhoden. The placement of Lawtis Donald Rhoden, who has a history of violent sexual acts against children, into our community places our children at an undue risk of being victimized. This offender has repeatedly proven he has no desire to change his violent actions.

Lawtis Donald Rhoden has no previous connection to San Bernardino County, the Newberry Springs area, nor to the high desert areas surrounding Barstow. Rhoden did not commit his crimes within our community, nor was he convicted of his crimes in our county. It is not just to subject our innocent children to the threat this sexually violent predator poses. The proposed placement location of 47998 Lake Irene Drive in Newberry Springs is in a neighborhood, with working-class families and children. Interstate 40 is a highly traveled corridor between California and Arizona. There is a convenience store with a truck stop across the street from the proposed location. The families living in this neighborhood deserve the right to live a life, free of fear.

Rhoden should be released into the communities where he was convicted, namely Orange County or Los Angeles County, where he previously lived, and unfortunately committed his horrendous crimes. There is no guarantee he will not offend again. Your placement of Lawtis Donald Rhoden into our community and neighborhoods places all of our citizens in a dangerous situation.

Additional Comments:

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