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District Attorney Jackie Lacey Challenges Release of Sexually Violent Predator in Los Angeles County

Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey announced today that her office will file a writ challenging a Santa Clara County Superior Court judge's ruling to release a sexually violent predator in Los Angeles County.

In May, Judge Gilbert Brown granted serial rapist Christopher Hubbart's request for conditional release from custody and determined that Hubbart should be conditionally released to Los Angeles County, where he was born and raised.

Hubbart admitted raping approximately 40 women throughout California between 1971 and 1982, including 26 women in Los Angeles County.

"Our ultimate goal is to seek justice for all residents of Los Angeles County and make sure sexually violent predators remain in custody," Lacey said. "This inmate has a long history of horrific violence against women and we must act to keep our community safe."

"If these crimes were committed today, this inmate's release would not be in question,: Lacey assured residents. "Today's violent sexual predators face life in prison."

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's office vigorously opposed Judge Brown's order to conditionally release Hubbart to Los Angeles County.

District Attorney Lacey will ask the 6th District Court of Appeal in San Jose today to compel the Superior Court to vacate its order granting Hubbart's conditional release to Los Angeles County. She also will ask the court to stop Hubbart's release from state custody until the trial court reconsiders its domicile order.

Earlier this week, Lacey directed her staff to begin notifying victims from Hubbart's earlier Los Angeles County cases about his possible release from custody.

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