

HAROLD WACHTER

Harold Wachter is a Sexually Violent Predator (SVP). In 1986 he was convicted of four counts of lewd or lascivious acts on a child under the age of 14 in violation of Penal Code section 288(a). These convictions stem from his sexual molestation of two boys aged six and eight at the time. Mr. Wachter encountered these victims while they walked home from school. He lured them to his home where he molested each boy. In 2001 he was convicted of two counts of annoying or molesting a child under 18 years of age in violation of Penal Code section 647.6(a). These convictions stem from Mr. Wachter exposing himself to two children, ages 14 and 17, who were in his care at the time.

Prior to Mr. Wachter's release from prison for his most recent conviction, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office sought a civil commitment by filing a Sexually Violent Predator (SVP) petition against Mr. Wachter under the Sexually Violent Predator Act (SVPA), Welfare and Institutions Code section 6600, et seq. In 2008 Mr. Wachter was found by the Los Angeles County Superior Court to be an SVP. He was committed to the custody of the California Department of State Hospitals (DSH) for a period of two years. In 2010 the current SVP petition was filed. In 2018 Mr. Wachter was again found by the Los Angeles County Superior Court to be an SVP. He was committed to DSH for an indeterminate period.

In April 2023 the Los Angeles County Superior Court ordered Harold Wachter conditionally released in Los Angeles County under the supervision of the DSH SVP Conditional Release Program (CONREP). The Los Angeles County Superior court ordered DSH and its agent in charge of CONREP, Liberty Healthcare, to begin a search for suitable housing within Los Angeles County. Following Liberty Healthcare's selection of a property, members of the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office SVP Unit, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, and County Counsel's Office participated in a housing committee meeting. Our office has demanded that public safety be the highest priority. Our office has been formally notified of DSH's recommendation to the court to place Mr. Wachter at 45310 200th St. E., Lancaster, CA, 93535.

The purpose of this notice is to allow members of the public to protect themselves and their children from sex offenders.