



**SEXUALLY VIOLENT PREDATOR HEARING FOR POSSIBLE RESIDENCE IN LANCASTER**  
**PUBLIC COMMENT HEARING – NOVEMBER 5, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.**  
**LAWTIS DONALD RHODEN**

Lawtis Donald Rhoden has a long history of sexual offenses involving children dating back to 1969. He has been prosecuted in Los Angeles and Orange counties and several states. For more information on his past convictions, visit <http://da.lacounty.gov/sexually-violent-predators>.

On Oct. 25, 2019, Orange County Superior Court Judge Megan L. Wagner, ordered the conditional release of Mr. Rhoden into the community under the supervision of Liberty Healthcare. On Feb. 5, 2021, the Court found “extraordinary circumstances” existed to place Mr. Rhoden outside of Orange County. On Sept. 28, 2021, the Los Angeles County District Attorney’s Office was notified of the California Department of State Hospitals’ (DSH) recommendation to place Mr. Rhoden at 48040 25th Street E., Lancaster, CA 93535. Additional information is contained on the Megan’s law website at <https://www.meganslaw.ca.gov>.

**NEITHER THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY’S OFFICE NOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SELECTION OF THE PROPOSED SITE.**

**The Los Angeles County District Attorney’s Office strongly objects to this sexually violent predator being ordered to live in Lancaster. District Attorney George Gascón has ordered prosecutors in his Sexually Violent Predator Unit to appear in Orange County Superior Court at a scheduled hearing on Nov. 5 and oppose Mr. Rhoden’s release into our community.**

The Nov. 5 hearing is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. in Department N10 of the Orange County Superior Court, North Justice Center, 1275 North Berkeley Avenue, Fullerton, CA 92832.

Virtual Info: <https://occourts.webex.com/meet/n10>

Courtroom N10

Meeting number: 781 111 242

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Members of the public may attend in person and speak to the court or may speak remotely. Additionally, members of the public will be subject to a three-minute time limit when providing comments to the court in person or remotely.

You may e-mail concerns and opinions to the Los Angeles County District Attorney’s Office at [Rhoden.Comments@da.lacounty.gov](mailto:Rhoden.Comments@da.lacounty.gov) or send a letter to:

Los Angeles County District Attorney’s Office  
Attn: Jay S. Grobeson, Deputy District Attorney  
Deputy-In-Charge Sexually Violent Predator Unit  
9425 Penfield Ave., #3210  
Chatsworth, CA 91311

Comments will be accepted until Oct. 19, 2021.

All comments will be shared with the court, counsel for Mr. Rhoden, and DSH.

For more information about the sexually violent predator conditional release program, you can visit the Department of State Hospitals website: [https://www.dsh.ca.gov/Treatment/docs/SVP\\_CONREP\\_Fact\\_Sheet.pdf](https://www.dsh.ca.gov/Treatment/docs/SVP_CONREP_Fact_Sheet.pdf)