

# California State Senate

SENATOR BRIAN W. JONES  
THIRTY-EIGHTH SENATE DISTRICT



April 5, 2021

Ms. Stephanie Clendenin  
Director, California Department of State Hospitals  
1600 9th Street, Rm. 151  
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**RE: Placement of Sexually Violent Predator Douglas Badger**

Dear Director Clendenin,

I have received a number of concerns from my constituents regarding the placement of a sexually violent predator, Douglas Badger, at 10957 Horizon Hills Drive in El Cajon, CA. I share the concerns expressed by my constituents regarding the threat Mr. Badger poses to the health and safety of our community given his criminal history.

As a designated sexually violent predator in the State of California, Mr. Badger has been diagnosed with both schizoaffective disorder and sexual sadism disorder, making him capable of striking at any time. From 1959 to 1991, Mr. Badger was convicted of child molestation, kidnapping, and forcible oral copulation. He has served five separate prison terms and has had three parole violations between 1975 and 1991.

In addition to his prior offenses, Mr. Badger has a long history of having his petitions for release denied or withdrawn for multiple reasons. The San Diego Union-Tribune has reported that his first petition for release was rescinded in 2005 when it was found that one of his psychologists had an affair with another sexually violent predator. In 2006, Mr. Badger was released and placed in a trailer at the Richard J. Donovan Correctional Facility until he was returned once more to a state hospital in 2007 due to a medical condition. As a result, Mr. Badger was monitored at that state hospital for fourteen more years.

More recently, in 2013, yet another petition for release was rescinded due to unspecified incidents which occurred at the hospital where he was held. This clearly demonstrates a pattern of questionable behavior and raises concerns regarding his fitness to be reintegrated into society. Furthermore, the residential nature of proposed location for Mr. Badger's placement would position him in dangerous proximity to many families with school age children. My constituents deserve better than to have to face the threat of a potential reoffender on a daily basis.

For these reasons, I join with my constituents in opposing the placement of Douglas Badger in El Cajon. It is clear that Douglas Badger has been capable of unspeakable crimes in the past, and the potential for him to recommit these crimes once more is too great. Thank you for considering the safety of my constituents and our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "B. Jones".

Brian W. Jones  
Senator, District 38

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**RE: Placement of Sexually Violent Predator Merle Wakefield**

Dear Director Clendenin,

I have received a number of concerns from my constituents regarding the placement of yet another sexually violent predator, Merle Wakefield, at 10957 Horizon Hills Drive in El Cajon, CA. Just last week, our community was notified of the proposed placement of sexually violent predator Douglas Badger at the same location and now the community faces the prospect of having two predators located in this area.

Because of Mr. Wakefield's criminal history, I also share the concerns expressed by my constituents regarding the threat to the safety of our community. According to the District Attorney's Office, in 1981, Wakefield was convicted with a felony charge for lewd and lascivious acts with a child under the age of 14 and was sentenced to state prison. In 1990, he was convicted once more with a felony charge for the crime of rape by means of force and was again sentenced to a term in prison. Eventually, in 1998, the San Diego Superior Court designated Wakefield as a sexually violent predator and committed him to state hospitals for treatment and confinement since that date.

My constituents deserve better than to be repeatedly faced with the threat of having such violent criminals placed in their communities. The proposed location of his placement is home to many families with school age children, and is in close proximity to several elementary schools, childcare facilities and public parks. If both Mr. Badger and Mr. Wakefield are to be placed at the proposed location, this could lead to a dangerous scenario where these individuals could work in tandem to recommit sexually violent crimes once more.

For these reasons, I join with my constituents in opposing the placement of Merle Wakefield in El Cajon. It is plainly evident that his placement would present a clear and present danger to the community. East San Diego County should not have to endure constant threats of having sexually violent predators placed in our community. Thank you for considering the health and safety of my constituents.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "B. Jones".

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