



AB 1844: Chelsea's Law
Chelsea King Child Predator Prevention Act of 2010

Purpose

AB 1844 is a disciplined legislative proposal aimed at the worst sex offenders in our society, violent sexual predators who attack children.

Background

Chelsea King was a 17-year old Poway High School student who will always be remembered by her community for her compassionate heart and positive spirit. Whether she was helping plan a prom for developmentally disabled youth, packing relief boxes for those in need in Africa or serving as a peer counselor at her school, there was very little Chelsea wouldn't do to be helpful and kind to others.

On Thursday February 25th 2010, Chelsea disappeared after going for a run in a Rancho Bernardo Park. Law enforcement and thousands of volunteers searched for days, until they finally found her by Lake Hodges in San Diego. She was the victim of a terrible crime.

A man who was convicted of violently molesting a 13 year old in 2000, but was freed after only 5 years in prison, has admitted to the crime.

Specifics

AB 1844, Chelsea's Law, is a proposal that targets the worst of the worst sex offenders – sexually violent predators who prey on Children. The changes include:

1. Providing a new one-strike life without parole penalty for those sexual predators who commit the most heinous violent sex crimes against a child, along with appropriate increases in penalties for certain other forcible sex crimes against children.
2. Lifetime parole with active GPS monitoring for those convicted of felony sex crimes involving physical contact with children.
3. A new misdemeanor charge which will disallow felony sex offenders from loitering in parks where children congregate, where they can easily target new victims.

The violent sexual predator that goes after a child is a particular kind of evil and should be treated as such. AB 1844 ensures that those who commit a crime of this nature are effectively kept from engaging in even more atrocious crimes upon release, and that those who commit the worst violent sexual crimes against children are put away for life.