

**Washington State for Public Safety (WSPS) is a volunteer community organization committed to stopping the unsafe placement of civilly committed sexually violent predators (SVPs) in residential neighborhoods. Findings:**

- SVPs have served their criminal sentences but are deemed too dangerous to return to the community. These sexually violent predators generally have personality disorders and/or mental abnormalities which are unamenable to existing treatment modalities and those conditions render them likely to engage in sexually violent behavior.

After being civilly committed they were housed at the Special Commitment Center on McNeil Island. State legislative changes have made it possible for these offenders to petition for housing in residential neighborhoods.

- There is a residence currently housing four SVPs on the 17300 block of Viking Way NW, outside of the city limits of Poulsbo. The house is privately owned and has been selected as a residential home to be managed by the private company Westsound Support Services, which is contracted with the Department of Health and Human Services.

- The SVPs residing at this residence are supervised through a GPS ankle bracelet, window and door chimes, and have an unarmed supervisor in the home whose only recourse in the event of an emergency, or violation of residency, is to notify law enforcement.

- A school bus stop is within close proximity to the home and it is close to daycares, parks, and schools.

- The SVPs have the ability to visit over 50 businesses with a chaperone; the chaperone's only defense in an emergency is to notify law enforcement who may not be readily available. The businesses are not notified that they are on an approved list for visitation, which potentially puts employees and customers at risk.

- The close proximity of multiple SVPs, with proven predatory behaviors, will have a detrimental effect on neighboring homeowners' property values.

- Releasing SVPs poses an unwarranted risk to the population, and unnecessarily stresses and further traumatizes victims of sexual assault.

- Rehabilitation and corrections for convicted criminals should remain a function of state government instead of being contracted to private for-profit companies.

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**Disclaimer:** This petition is not legally-binding. The intent of this petition is to demonstrate that the citizens of Washington State, in the county of Kitsap, have a valid concern for public safety on this issue. The information provided to WSPS by the signatories of this petition are for internal use only, and will not be shared with any third party.

Please return this petition to your local Washington State for Public Safety representative, or mail to: 19689 7th Ave, Ste. 183, PMB 188, Poulsbo, WA 98370.

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