

Toney campaign: “Josh Kaul, he was not there for me at all.” - Lisa French’s mom

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“Josh Kaul, he was not there for me at all.” — **Lisa French’s Mom**

“Halloween Killer” victim’s mom slams Kaul.

“You want some help to find out what’s going on and he (Kaul) doesn’t help. He [doesn’t] care about the victims.” — Maryann Gehring, mother of Lisa French



FOND DU LAC, Wis. —The mother of 9-year-old murder victim Lisa French is [speaking out in a new ad](#) against Josh Kaul regarding the sexual assault and murder of her daughter at the hands of Gerald Turner — also known as the “Halloween Killer.” Lisa’s murder changed Halloween for many across America.

Working with Fond du Lac County District Attorney Eric Toney, former Attorney General Brad Schimel began the Chapter 980 civil commitment process with a petition in 2018 to keep Turner locked up – *a process that is still ongoing.*

Regarding her experience reaching out to Josh Kaul, Maryann Gehring, Lisa’s mother, said:

“This time of year is very hard for me and my family because of Lisa’s murder. It’s difficult to see Josh Kaul lying about his record on crime. When you have a child that is brutally murdered you simply want answers and justice. Josh Kaul failed me and he’s failed Wisconsin.”

Lisa French was just 9 years old when she was trick or treating in Fond du Lac County in 1973 and Gerald Turner sexually assaulted and murdered her on Halloween. Her body was found in a garbage bag. The shocking murder changed the way families engage in trick-or-treating in the state and nationally. **Fond du Lac County District Attorney and law enforcement's choice for Attorney General, Eric Toney, said:**

"Helping Lisa's mom, Maryann, and other crime victims seek justice is one of the most important aspects of my career as a district attorney. Kaul has repeatedly demonstrated his lack of concern for public safety and victims. He also turned his back on law enforcement to appease his far left political base. Josh Kaul lived in Fond du Lac County, and Lisa's tragic murder was known throughout the state and country, yet Kaul couldn't provide Maryann the assistance she needed.

"Maryann is showing the courage to stand up and join other victims across the state in stepping forward to share their stories in the wake of more than 200 murderers and over 40 rapists released into the public by Tony Evers and his Parole Commission. Josh Kaul has remained silent and refuses to condemn the appalling release of these murders and rapists.

"Based on Kaul's silence while Evers released murderers and rapists back onto our streets, I'm confident he would never had filed the 980 petition to keep Turner locked up. Gerald Turner might be a free man today if it was up to Josh Kaul."

District Attorney Toney has a lengthy history of fighting Chapter 980 violent sex offender placements and helped change the CH 980 law in Wisconsin. More information can be found on those efforts below:

<https://www.fdlreporter.com/story/news/2018/04/10/fdl-county-files-motions-stop-violent-sex-offender-placement/502601002/>

<https://www.cbs58.com/news/wisconsin-loop-hole-allows-violent-sex-offenders-from-across-the-state-to-move-in-next-door>

<https://fox11online.com/news/crime/court-racine-co-sex-offender-cant-be-placed-in-fond-du-lac-co>

<https://fox11online.com/news/local/fox-cities/dhs-convicted-sex-offender-will-not-be-placed-in-fond-du-lac-county>

<https://www.kfiz.com/washington-county-judge-temporarily-halts-placement-of-sex-offender-on-nitschke-road/>

<https://archive.jsonline.com/news/milwaukee/latest-sex-offender-placement-rift-pits-milwaukee-vs-small-rural-town-b99630761z1-361216231.html/>

<https://www.fox6now.com/news/growing-concern-more-violent-sex-offenders-ready-to-come-out-of-confinement>

District Attorney Eric Toney has endorsements of over 100 Republican and Democrat Sheriffs, District Attorneys, and Police Chiefs, and has been unanimously endorsed by the Wisconsin Fraternal Order of Police State Lodge, the Milwaukee Police Association, the Kenosha Professional Police Association, Waukesha County Chiefs of Police Association, the West Allis Professional Police Association, the Racine Police Association, the Wisconsin Troopers Association, the Racine Deputy Sheriffs' Association, and the Milwaukee Police Supervisors Organization.