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Serial Cat Torturer Released From Prison

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Group alerts public to upcoming release of convicted cat torturer

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By Paul Young

Members of an animal rights group are alerting Canyon Lake residents about the imminent release of a man twice-convicted of mutilating cats.

Timothy Arie Kooyman will be paroled next month from Avenal State Prison, apparently returning to Canyon Lake to live with his parents.

In January 2011, Kooyman was sentenced to two years, eight months behind bars for torturing and killing three cats in a Corona motel room. After serving just more than half of his sentence, the 28-year-old convicted felon is being released based on good time and other credits.

“Many, many house pets and young children live in Canyon Lake. We’re not advocating vigilantism, but people need to be aware that he will be among them,” Contra Costa County-based Voices for Pets founder Leroy Moyer told City News Service.

This week, Moyer and other members of the group began emailing, snail-mailing and hand-distributing more than 500 fliers about the Kooyman case and advising residents to keep their animals secure. Canyon Lake is a gated community with a population of around 11,000.

The flier notes that the majority of serial killers “have a background of cruelty to animals.”

The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation would not disclose exactly what date Kooyman will be released from prison, saying only it would be sometime in the latter part of June.

Kooyman was serving the last few months of a five-year prison term in 2010 for animal cruelty and arson in Rancho Cucamonga when Riverside County prosecutors — after repeated requests from Voices for Pets and other animal rights advocates — filed charges against him in connection with the Corona case.

According to trial testimony, while staying at the National Inn just off the Riverside (91) Freeway, Kooyman took possession of three cats — a calico, a black-and-white tabby and a Siamese — he lured to his motel room with food.

Kooyman bragged about snapping the calico’s legs and running over it with his truck, a detective testified. He said Kooyman became mad when the black-and-white cat “wouldn’t love him” and sliced the feline’s stomach with two hacks from an axe, then decapitated the dying animal.

Kooyman killed the Siamese last, first attempting to drown it by stuffing the cat in a plastic tub full of water and later cutting her open with a scalpel.

“He’s a sociopath. He cannot stop doing this,” Moyer told City News Service. “He is addicted to the power of inflicting suffering. He actually gets off on it. What he did — it’s the worst of the worst.”

In the San Bernardino County case, Kooyman cut off several cats’ tails with scissors and set one ablaze while it was still alive, tossing the animal into a bush, igniting a small brush fire, according to investigators.



2008 Mug Shot



2012 Mug Shot



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Alert to People with Children and Pets

On May 19, 2012 Timothy Arie Kooyman, 28, will be released from state prison, and moving into your neighborhood of Canyon Lake, Riverside County.

In 2007, Kooyman was on probation for making a bomb threat at a grocery store when he was arrested and convicted of torturing a cat over a number of days in his apartment.

In 2008, Kooyman was arrested in San Bernardino County and convicted on 3 counts of cruelty to animals, one count of arson, and one count of using a deadly weapon in the commission of a felony.

Kooyman admitted torturing one cat by breaking her legs and cutting off her tail, dousing her with gasoline, and setting her on fire while she was still alive. When Kooyman was arrested later that day, officers found two cats still alive, covered with blood, and gasping for air in a sealed plastic container.

Kooyman had broken all the legs of both cats and cut off their tails with scissors. For these crimes committed in San Bernardino County, Kooyman was sentenced to state prison.

In 2010, Kooyman was transported from Avenal State Prison to face new charges for crimes he had committed in his motel room in Riverside County.

Kooyman was convicted of 3 counts of cruelty to animals and 2 counts of using a deadly weapon in the commission of a felony.

A maid testified that she found a large amount of blood and fur throughout Kooyman's room, including inside the mini refrigerator. Kooyman tortured 3 cats, one at a time over a period of days. He broke all the legs of each cat by bending them until they snapped. He ran over one with his truck. He decapitated another with an axe. The third he placed in a sealed container of water, when he took her out she was still breathing. He then repeatedly sliced her stomach with an exacto knife.

In a recorded police interview, Kooyman said he stuck his finger up their butts. Kooyman said "I can't get it in the other hole." Kooyman said it gave him a feeling of power. "I must of got pleasure of it."

F.B.I. research into serial killers has determined that the majority have a background of cruelty to animals.

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June 2012 Update



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Dear Pet Lover,

The enclosed alert was mailed to 500 residences surrounding the house in Canyon Lake, Riverside County, that Kooyman was to be paroled too.

At a Canyon Lake City Public Safety committee meeting on April 30, Voices for Pets volunteers handed out the alert.

Other residents began receiving the alert from family and friends via emails, facebook and other social media that caused an uproar in the community.

Volunteers also have distributed the alert throughout neighborhoods in San Bernardino and Riverside County where Kooyman is known to have obtained some of his victims. Kooyman was only able to grab the most friendly and trusting cats. One of which had a microchip and the family was notified.

Kooyman has said that he bought some of his victims at a Petco store. Petco does not sell animals but does allow nonprofit rescue groups to hold adoptions on weekends. One more reason that we need a registry of people convicted of cruelty to animals similar to registered sex offenders.

Voices for Pets has sent the alert to rescue groups in San Bernardino and Riverside County.

On May 16, 2012 state parole officials denied Kooyman's parole to Riverside County, saying it would not be in the best interest for the community or Mr. Kooyman. He was instead paroled on May 19, to San Bernardino County. Kooyman has lived in both counties and is free to move around.

We must not let Kooyman be lost in memory and the past. If we do, he will surely be found in the future with more victims.

Another case that Voices for Pets has been tracking is that of Bud Wally Ruiz in the city of Gilroy in Santa Clara County.

In May 2011, Ruiz was arrested for domestic violence and throwing a 6 week old Chihuahua's puppy, 15 feet across the room into a wall with enough force to kill the puppy. Bud Wally Ruiz has a long criminal history dating back more than 30yrs. He has been in and out of prison. Among his many crimes are 4 separate felony convictions for assault with a deadly weapon. He is also on Megan's list and is a registered Sex Offender.

Santa Clara County District Attorney Jeffrey Rosen has charged Ruiz under the California Three Strikes Law.

If convicted Ruiz faces a sentence of 25yrs. to life.

For the last year Ruiz has been setting in county jail. There has been over 40 scheduled court dates.

This is not unusual with so much at stake. The latest hearing on May 16, had to do with psychological reports and the judge determined that Ruiz is competent to aid in his defense.

As we get closer to a preliminary and trial date Voices for Pets will let you know.