

**10News.com**

## **Maurice Dubois Endorses New Sex Offender Legislation**

### ***Father Of Slain Teen Amber Dubois Drums Up Support For Children Response Bills***

POSTED: 7:56 am PDT May 25, 2010

UPDATED: 6:39 pm PDT May 25, 2010

**LONG BEACH, Calif.** -- The father of slain Escondido teenager Amber Dubois was in Long Beach Tuesday as part of National Missing Children's Abduction Day to drum up support for legislation aimed at helping law enforcement agencies respond more quickly to child abductions.

[» John Gardner Section](#)

Maurice "Moe" Dubois has been working with Assemblyman Pedro Nava, D-Santa Barbara, to come up with legislation aimed at better coordinating law enforcement efforts when a child is abducted.

"We believe that the time is now to implement thoughtful legislation that will make a real difference in the lives of missing children," Dubois stated. "We want to use our loss to bring about real change so that no family has to go through what we did."

The Dubois spent just over a year looking for their 14-year-old daughter, who disappeared in Feb. 13, 2009 while walking to Escondido High School.

Nava, who is running for state Attorney General, is also working on legislation aimed at keeping tighter reins on sex offenders. One measure in the Children Response Bills would require registered sex offenders to carry distinctive driver's licenses.

"Moe Dubois understands that what was important to him was to better reinforce the system to make sure you recover children and increase the chances they'll be found alive," said Nava.

After his arrest for the Feb. 25 rape and murder of 17-year-old Chelsea King, sex offender John Albert Gardner III led authorities to Amber's remains in Pala.

Gardner, 31, later pleaded guilty to raping and murdering both teens and was sentenced to a pair of life prison terms without the possibility of parole. He also admitted attacking in December another young woman in same park where Chelsea was killed, but that victim managed to get away.

"Did he fall through the cracks? A hundred times. Did he know how to work the system? Most predators do," Dubois said Tuesday.

Authorities say Gardner stalked other girls and young women and are searching for other possible victims in San Diego, Riverside and possibly San Bernardino counties.

Chelsea's family is pushing for legislation in her memory that would toughen penalties on sexually violent predators. Gardner attacked both girls after having served five years of a six-year prison sentence for attacking a 13-year-old neighbor girl in Rancho Bernardo in 2000. He was given a lighter sentence as part of a plea deal despite a court psychiatrist's warning that Gardner showed no remorse and would be a threat to society.

Local defense attorney Michael Crowley said Chelsea's Law and the Children Response Bills are misguided and too broad.

"Someone who committed a misdemeanor 25 or 30 years ago, have not had anything since, led a law abiding life, and yet we're gonna put a scarlet letter on a driver's license. What does that accomplish?" said Crowley.

<http://www.10news.com/news/13809212/detail.html>