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# Pedophile principal out of prison

BEITH, WHO HAD SEX WITH 11-YEAR-OLD GIRL, RELEASED TO MICHIGAN CITY  
HALFWAY HOUSE

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William "Andy" Beith, the former Baptist school principal who seduced an 11-year-old girl into a sexual relationship and a road trip to Las Vegas in 2001, has been released from federal prison into a Michigan City halfway house.

Beith, 37, was listed Tuesday on the federal Bureau of Prison's online inmate locator as being in the custody of the Chicago federal Community Corrections office, the agency that supervises halfway house placements. A staff member in that office said Beith now lives at the PACT Bradley House, a 59-person halfway house for federal convicts in Michigan City. Beith is scheduled for release from federal custody in February, according to the prison bureau's Web site.

Beith was the principal of Liberty Baptist Academy in Lake Station before he and the 11-year-old student disappeared in May 2001, just after the girl's parents alerted police to the relationship. Beith picked the girl up in Portage and drove her to Las Vegas, stopping to have sex with her in motels along the way. The pair was the target of an FBI manhunt before Beith was arrested a few days later outside a Las Vegas hotel and the girl was returned to her parents.

The girl's father, Joseph Marshall, could not be reached for comment Tuesday.

The girl's mother, Sybil Marshall, died a few years after her daughter's cross-country ordeal, said Voyle Glover, a Merrillville lawyer who represented the family. The family considered suing Beith, but Sybil Marshall didn't want to endure additional strain.

"I think all the stress really hurt (Sybil Marshall). I know it did," he said.

Neither federal authorities nor Regina Ruddell, PACT Bradley director, would confirm Beith's residency Tuesday.

Ruddell said residents of PACT Bradley House, 132 E. Sixth St., constantly are supervised. The residents are given job training, psychiatric care and "anything that is going to help them not go back into the system," Ruddell said.

PACT Bradley and other halfway houses are part of federal efforts to reduce recidivism and reincarceration, said Derek Plants, chief probation officer for the Northern District of Indiana federal

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courts. The halfway houses try to move convicts back into society, Plants said. Convicts can leave for mental health care, work and other purposes but they are under curfew and supervision, Plants said.

The pair's 2001 cross-country trip touched off a media firestorm and years of legal wrangling. Beith pleaded guilty to molesting the girl and U.S. Senior Judge Rudy Lozano initially gave Beith a 15-year sentence, enhancing it because Beith abducted the girl, who was particularly vulnerable. She previously told Beith she was molested by another adult.

The 7th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals rejected Lozano's reasoning and sent the case back to him for resentencing in 2005. He sliced five years off the sentence in 2006.

Beith was the principal of Liberty Baptist Academy in Lake Station before he abducted an 11-year-old female student in May 2001 and took her on a cross-country trip to Las Vegas, stopping at motels along the way to have sex with the girl.

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