

Several weeks ago, convicted sex offender Michael English testified against the full implementation of the so-called Adam Walsh Act, a federal law that would strengthen Rhode Island's sex offender registry.

"Years ago, unfortunately, which I'm not proud of, I got mixed up in a criminal act which gave me first-degree child molestation," he testified.

It got him more than that. English pleaded no contest to four counts of first-degree child molestation. He had sex with a 13-year-old girl when he was 26.

He was listed as a Level 1 sex offender, but recently a judge said he didn't have to be registered any longer. And he's not.

English said he doesn't deserve to be labeled a sex offender for life because of what he called "one mistake."

"I'm still a decent man, a good father. I'm a good pillar to my community," English testified.

But that's not the whole story.

English left out the fact that nine years after he served 18 months of a 10-year sentence for the sexual assault on the teen, he violated his no contact order that protected her by contacting her again. However this was not a sexual contact.

"Within nine years after release from an 18-month sentence, he's back on this girl's front porch. He's stalking her. The way the case is written, he shows up at her house gets out of his pickup and says, 'Do you know how I am?'" said Carolyn Medeiros of the Alliance for Safe Communities.

Court records said English tried to give his victim, now an adult, his phone number. She was so freaked out by the incident, she moved out of the neighborhood.

English said he just stopped by to express condolences about a recent death in the girls' family, but he did say, "I see you all the time."

Under the bill, the Adam Walsh Act would, "provide for registration and notification of adults and juveniles convicted as adults; place control of sex offender website to a unit in the state police; and provide for retroactive registration for sex offenders not currently required to register."

English told NBC 10 that he has turned his life around. He has two children he lives with and has permission to do so by the parole board.

He said the recent judgment taking him off the sex offender registry indicates that he is not a risk to offend again.

