

Girl Who Turned In Her Parents Returned to Them

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Deanna Young, the Tustin girl who turned in her parents to police for allegedly using drugs, has been returned to their custody, the Youngs' attorney said Friday.

The 13-year-old girl was ordered released to Bobby and Judith Young after a Juvenile Court hearing Thursday, said Gary Proctor, a Santa Ana lawyer.

"The parents' whole position right now is to resolve their difficulties and get their lives put back together," he said. "They're not interested in any additional publicity or movies or anything like that."

The Youngs have been so besieged by the news media and movie producers that they have not returned to their rented house on a quiet cul-de-sac in Tustin, Proctor said. He would not say where they are. The Youngs have also not returned to their jobs.

Deanna was taken to Orange-wood, Orange County's shelter for abused or abandoned children

shortly after she walked into the police station Aug. 13 carrying a trash bag reportedly containing \$2,800 worth of cocaine, a small amount of marijuana and some pills.

Bobby Young, 49, a bartender at a Santa Ana tavern who also runs a construction company out of the family home, and his 37-year-old wife, a court clerk, were arrested and charged with possession of cocaine. They are scheduled to enter pleas Sept. 23.

Proctor said he has told the Youngs not to talk with their daughter about the criminal charges they face because she is the chief witness against them

and "the integrity of criminal justice would not work" under such circumstances.

Proctor said arrangements have been made for the family to enter into counseling between now the next scheduled custody hearing Sept. 8.



Deanna Young

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