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Mass Circuit 9-B

February 29, 2004

To: Br. [REDACTED], District Overseer [REDACTED]

Fr: Br. [REDACTED] - Assembly Overseer [REDACTED]

Br. [REDACTED] Attendant Overseer [REDACTED]

Br. [REDACTED] Watchmen Overseer [REDACTED]

Subject: **Report on problem relative to restraining order against father of Sister [REDACTED] from the W. Springfield (MA) Congregation.**

Saturday, February 28, police were called by Br. [REDACTED] who is an elder in the W. Springfield (MA) Congregation. He called the police because there is a restraining order against his wife's father, who is a disfellowshipped brother from the Palmer (MA) Congregation (however, he was disfellowshipped from Windsor Locks (CT) Cong. where he attended for a short time).

Br. [REDACTED] the presiding overseer of the Palmer Congregation, and also our circuit's watchmen overseer, had spoken to both the [REDACTED] and Sis. [REDACTED]'s father, [REDACTED] prior the this assembly. So the [REDACTED] knew the father was going to be here. The father told Br. [REDACTED] that this was his assigned assembly and that he was going to attend. Br. [REDACTED] informed the [REDACTED] of this fact prior to the assembly. As is evident, this assembly is not the one that the [REDACTED] were assigned to.

Br. [REDACTED] let Br. [REDACTED] know that if he had any concerns about the estranged father's presence, to let him know and he would take care of it by asking the father to leave. Br. [REDACTED] knows that father and says that he has no history of violence, and that he has no doubt that if asked he would have left on his own without having to resort to a police presence and/or arrest.

Three police cars showed up at the front door following the noon break, with large pictures of [REDACTED] and approached the front door with the intention of forcefully removing this man from the building.

Br. [REDACTED] showed good judgment by intercepting the police at the front door and asking them to wait while he arranged from within to have [REDACTED] come out to them. Then Br. [REDACTED] went into the auditorium and asked [REDACTED] to come out which he did without any evidence of unwillingness - completely cooperative. He was then arrested and taken away. Br. [REDACTED] always knew where [REDACTED] was sitting and had been keeping an eye on him.

The background to this situation reveals it was really unnecessary, in the judgment of Br. [REDACTED] for Br. [REDACTED] to make that call. In fact, it was Br. [REDACTED] strong feeling that Br. [REDACTED]'s action, to come to this assembly with his wife and secondly by taking it upon himself to call the police without first letter Br. [REDACTED] know that was his intention, showed poor judgment and was totally unnecessary.

Br. [REDACTED] further feels this could very well be a set back for [REDACTED] who was making excellent progress in restoring himself to good standing with the congregation. He now wonders how the committee, from Windsor Locks, CT, that will be considering his reinstatement, possibly in May 2004, will view this police action and arrest.

Addendum: 3/1/04 Edw. [REDACTED] learned from [REDACTED] that he did not understand that the [REDACTED] were planning to attend that Assembly. Otherwise he would not!

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PS Summary:

1. This is not the circuit assembly of Br. [REDACTED]. He belongs in the MA-3 circuit. He was not attending his own circuit assembly. He just came for Saturday morning to attend and observe the baptism session.
2. This is the circuit assembly for [REDACTED]
3. Br. [REDACTED] acted arbitrarily in calling the police. He did not first consult with the circuit assembly organization, the assembly hall management, nor with the district or circuit overseers about someone being on the premises in a public gathering that he has an aversion too.
4. No doubt [REDACTED] was publicly humiliated by the manner of his arrest.
5. We seriously question Br. [REDACTED]'s arbitrary action of bypassing theocratic organization because of his personal feelings and, considering the above circumstances surrounding this matter, his qualifications as an elder.

cc: Circuit Overseer
Presiding Overseer – W. Springfield (MA) Cong.
Presiding Overseer – Windsor Locks (CT) Cong.
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