

PALMER CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

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Dear Brothers:

Pursuant to your letter dated October 21, 2004 we present a summary of our investigation in the above matter:

We note that in a letter from the Christian Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses dated February 27, 2000 the Palmer Congregation (Massachusetts) was advised how to proceed in the matter of Brother [REDACTED] and the accusations of sexual misconduct with his two daughters, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

Your letter of March 27, 2000 advises no judicial action can be taken until [REDACTED] the accuser, can be in a position to face her father, either in person or by conference call with two elders present to hear the interchange. Additionally, if [REDACTED] is willing to face her father about the accusation she has against him the congregation can proceed if appropriate.

[REDACTED] has been reluctant to face her father with her accusations of physical and sexual abuse and no action had been taken in the matter until Brother [REDACTED] moved

from the Palmer Massachusetts congregation to the Warehouse Point Congregation (Connecticut) in October 2002. A more detailed report is given to this matter in the transmittal letter from the Palmer Congregation November 14, 1999, which conveyed some information regarding accusations, by [REDACTED]. (Which see enclosed / Doc.- A) Subsequently Brother [REDACTED] admitted his guilt in the accusations brought by [REDACTED] and was disfellowshipped by the Warehouse Point Congregation. On August 7, 2004 the judicial committee in Warehouse Point met to consider the reinstatement of Brother [REDACTED] and he was reinstated. (See their letter dated August 15, 2004 transmitted with the S-77 form. Also see Warehouse Point Congregation letter to Palmer Congregation, dated September 23, 2004, transmitting the Congregation's Publisher Record Card / Doc.-B)

Now comes copy of a letter from the Fort Kent Congregation (Maine), dated August 15, 2004 to the Watchtower Society, 25 Columbia Heights, Brooklyn, NY, detailing an accusation by [REDACTED] of sexual abuse against Brother [REDACTED] (Which see enclosed / Doc. C)

Subsequent to receiving the letter regarding a new accusation against Brother [REDACTED] the body of elders here in Palmer Congregation asked Brothers [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] elders, to investigate these matters to determine whether there was enough evidence to form a judicial committee.

On September 20, 2004 these brothers met with [REDACTED] and her husband, [REDACTED] at the Palmer Kingdom Hall to hear, in person, her accusations. Brother [REDACTED] was not present at this meeting. (See INTERVIEW September 20, 2004 enclosed / Doc.- D)

On October 29, 2004 we received a statement signed by [REDACTED] further accusing her father of sexual abuse. This statement was requested of her by Brother [REDACTED] of the Fort Kent Congregation whose concern, apparently, was that [REDACTED] accusations never "made it to the judicial committee that originally disfellowshipped him." (Note: Although [REDACTED] *printed* her signature Brother [REDACTED] has been assured this is how she signs her name due to health problems.)

On October 31, 2004 Brothers [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] met with Brother [REDACTED] and revealed to him that he had been accused by [REDACTED] of Fort Kent, Maine. He repeatedly and most assuredly declared his innocence, denied the accusation and agreed to a telephone conference meeting.

This meeting was arranged for November 13, 2004 at 7:00 PM. Present in Fort Kent was [REDACTED], the Presiding Overseer, [REDACTED], elder, [REDACTED] the accuser and her father, [REDACTED] Present in Palmer, Massachusetts were Brothers [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] elders as previously noted and the accused, [REDACTED]

Following a prayer and some direction on how the meeting would be conducted and its purpose [REDACTED] was asked to make her statement. She stated that when she was about four (4) years old she was in a trailer home owned by one [REDACTED] at a trailer park. [REDACTED] was there and so was the accused, some money was passed between them and she went into a room, laid on the floor and closed her eyes. She then said, "[REDACTED] was there and had sex with me." Brother [REDACTED] asked some questions:

Q. How often did you go over there to the trailer?

A. Twice a week