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Posted by: sonshineonme Feb 12 2007, 01:49 PM

Just got this in my email - I went to get the link off the web so I could just post it here, but I don't see they have it yet (or I can't find it) listed on the website as it is a "newsbreak" and will be there. So, forgive the long post, if I should do this a different way (Calvin, Clay, Di) let me know. It's worth the read.

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ADVENTIST NEWS Round up

Tommy Shelton Retires from 3ABN
Virginia church meets to address allegations of sexual misconduct

By Edwin D. Schwisow, for ATNewsbreak (09 February 2007).

Facing multiple allegations of sexual misconduct, Tommy Shelton, production manager at Three Angels Broadcasting Network (3ABN) and brother of 3ABN President Danny Shelton, announced his retirement in a December 31, 2006 broadcast of 3ABN Live. Although not owned or operated by the Seventh-day Adventist Church, many of 3ABN's employees and volunteers are Adventist Church members. In a telephone interview with a representative of Adventist Today, Danny Shelton confirmed that his brother had left the employ of 3ABN for "health reasons."
Virginia Church Allegations

Tommy Shelton's retirement comes just four weeks after the Community Church of God in Dunn Loring, Virginia, held a December 3, 2006, business meeting to address accusations made by several young men that Tommy had molested them while he was pastor of the church. Following the meeting, church leaders read a carefully-worded statement, apprising the congregation of the accusations against Shelton and how they, as parishioners, should best respond. The church leaders prepared the statement under the advisement of their insurance carrier, Brotherhood Mutual, which had become involved after a young man came to the church with allegations that Tommy, during his pastorate, had molested him. The young was a minor when he says was abused. He is the third in recent months to come forward to Community Church of God leaders, accusing Shelton of making inappropriate sexual advances, according to Glenn Dryden, current pastor of the church.

A History of Allegations

This is not the first time Tommy has been accused of inappropriate sexual activity with underage males. During much of the 1980s, Tommy pastored the Ezra Church of God in his hometown of West Frankfort, Illinois. While there, he worked closely with a 12-grade school, whose property bordered the church. During this time, a teenage boy, who was a student at the school, accused Tommy of soliciting him for a sexual relationship. According to Dryden, who pastored the West Frankfort church in the 1990s, three additional boys also made similar allegations, prompting civil authorities to become involved. Following a police investigation, Tommy was not charged with a crime, but the allegations were serious enough to prompt Church of God officials to intervene. In a letter dated October 25, 1985, the General Assembly of the Church of God in Illinois revoked Tommy's ordination. They listed their reasons for doing so as "improper counseling procedures," "numerous charges of misconduct," a criminal investigation into sexual abuse charges by the local police, and controversy surrounding Tommy's ministry and lifestyle. Ultimately Tommy's lack of cooperation in the disciplinary process, Dryden says, led the Church of God in Illinois to drop the

Ezra Church of God from its roster of affiliated congregations.

In the early 1990s, further allegations of sexual misconduct were brought against Tommy and in 1991 Tommy resigned as pastor of the Ezra Church of God, citing health concerns.

Allegations at 3ABN

Shortly after Tommy resigned his post as pastor, Danny invited him to join 3ABN as production manager. During his time at 3ABN, a member of Tommy's production staff, who was in his early twenties at the time, says Tommy made a sexual advance toward him. Shortly after what he calls his "uncomfortable situation," the former employee says he confronted Danny Shelton with what had happened. In response, Danny assured the young man that he would no longer have to answer to Tommy and that 3ABN administrators would "work things out."

In late 1992, Elder Bj Christensen, then president of the Illinois Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, approached two members of Danny's family, asking them to make a statement in regard to improprieties they had observed in Tommy's behavior. Elder Christiansen transcribed the statement and brought it to the attention of the 3ABN board, on which he then sat.

At a subsequent 3ABN board meeting, Tommy was terminated as production manager. Shortly thereafter, 3ABN outfitted him with a touring bus and sent him as a 3ABN representative, giving gospel concerts and promoting 3ABN to cable companies throughout the United States.

Connections in Virginia

During the time he was promoting 3ABN, he visited the Community Church of God in Dunn Loring. After learning that Tommy had experience with media ministry, the church offered him a position as a media consultant. Later he was hired as assistant pastor for media ministries. When the church's senior pastor left for missionary service in March 1996, Tommy was named as his replacement.

Further allegations of sexual misconduct surfaced during his tenure in Dunn Loring, and in 2000, members of Tommy's own family confronted him about what they saw as inappropriate activities between him and his adopted son. His family also shared their concerns about his relationship with an underage male from the church.

In the face of the new allegations, Tommy once again announced he was having medical problems in 2002 and resigned as pastor of the Community Church of God, moving with his wife and family to Marion, Kentucky, an hour and a half drive from 3ABN. Later that year, Tommy was hired as 3ABN tape and masters archive librarian, without the formal approval of the 3ABN board of directors, a group that had fired him just 10 years before.

Pastor Contacts 3ABN

In the spring of 2003, Dryden, then pastor of the Ezra Church of God in West Frankfort, penned a letter outlining his concerns about Tommy Shelton. He distributed it to a handful of leaders of Church of God camp meeting associations, whom he knew, in the past, had invited Tommy to speak at their church meetings.

He later sent the letter to Dr. Walter Thompson, 3ABN board chairman, advising him that "at least six boys in our community were sexually abused" by Tommy. He told Thompson that Tommy's ordination was not in good standing with either the Church of God in Illinois or Virginia and offered to give Thompson the phone numbers of the family members of Tommy's purported victims so that 3ABN could follow up on the situation.

Thompson spoke with Dryden and then brought the letter to the attention of Danny Shelton. Danny brushed the letter off as 30-year old news, attributing it to a long-standing feud between Dryden and Tommy. After meeting with Danny, Thompson brought the letter to the full 3ABN board at its June 2003 meeting. The board, due to its belief that the events had happened many

years before; Tommy's assurance that he had attempted to make things right; and the fact that no legal action had been taken against Tommy, voted to allow Tommy's relationship with 3ABN to continue.

Further Allegations

In the Spring of 2004, Roger W. Clem, a 32 year-old man who had attended the Ezra Church of God during his teenage years, released a letter he had written to Tommy, accusing him of sexual abuse. In his letter, which he later posted on the Internet, Clem claims Tommy had ruined 15 years of his life. He says that he is sick of Tommy's manipulative behavior, including his claims of illness to divert attention away from allegations of sexual misconduct.

On June 4, 2004, Linda Shelton signed a Separation Agreement with 3ABN, ending her employment with the ministry. Later that year, Tommy moved into her old office at 3ABN and assumed her role as programming director. During his time at 3ABN he traveled with his brother to 3ABN gatherings around the world, many times playing the piano as Danny sang. He also began playing the piano for the Kids Time show on 3ABN.

Late in 2006, Duane Klem, Roger's brother, shared with close associates that Tommy had molested him, as well. In a statement released in January 2007, Klem accused Tommy of initiating a sexual relationship with him when he was 19, at times using 3ABN buildings for their assignations. Klem says the growing number of allegations against Tommy prompted him to come forward with his claims.

Adventist Investigators

Much of the pressure that Tommy Shelton now faces has come from the efforts of a small, informal network of Seventh-day Adventist individuals. Many in the group categorize themselves as conservative Adventists, a constituency 3ABN has long relied on for key support. For the past five months, this unpaid volunteer group has investigated a number of allegations against Danny Shelton and 3ABN. Some they have found to be true, while others have proved to be false. Doing their work primarily via telephone and e-mail, the group has interviewed dozens of people who have had connections with 3ABN and the Shelton family over the last 20 years.

Two members of the network—Gailon Arthur Joy, a loan officer trainer from Sterling, Massachusetts, and Bob Pickle, a webmaster and Adventist apologist from Halstad, Minnesota—have posted the findings of their investigation on the Internet. Both men espouse belief in a historical, conservative Adventist theology, including the traditional church teachings about 1844 and Ellen G. White, and say that before starting their investigation, they had positive feelings toward 3ABN and its ministry.

"3ABN was an integral part of our home TV viewing for more than a decade. My family members have contributed heavily to 3ABN (financially)," says Joy. Joy spearheaded an effort as late as May 2006 to pass out over 6,000 copies of Danny Shelton's book *Ten Commandments Twice Removed*.

Joy and Pickle say they only began investigating when concerned Adventist friends urged them to help them verify or dismiss rumors of misconduct at the 3ABN. As they conducted their initial investigation, both men became impressed that what was happening behind the scenes at 3ABN didn't mesh with the rosy picture they had seen on their television screens.

In late 2006, Joy, who has experience as a legal clerk, was asked by Linda Shelton to represent her as she negotiated the ground rules for an inquiry by Adventist-laymen's Services and Industries (ASI) into the propriety of her divorce from Danny Shelton. Harold Lance, a retired attorney and former president of the self-supporting organization, Outpost Centers Incorporated, led the inquiry. In early 2007, the ASI-brokered negotiations fell apart early, due in part to the inability of the two parties to reach an understanding on the manner or scope of the inquiry. Lance, who had been asked to head up the inquiry by the ASI Executive Committee in October,

summarized the dissolution of the inquiry in an e-mail statement on January 5.

"For approximately three months ASI has deeply considered its' involvement in issues involving 3ABN in three special Executive Committee meetings called for that purpose and multiple other contacts." Lance wrote. "It now appears that it is not appropriate for ASI to be involved."

Joy has registered a website at www.save3abn.com that contains documents and statements from various sources involved in the group's investigation of Tommy Shelton. As of press time, the site had received more than 1,900 hits.

Joy and Pickle have a growing list of e-mail contacts, many in church leadership, to whom they plan to send periodic communication, chronicling what they see as areas in which 3ABN must be held to higher accountability.

Adventist Today offered Dr. Thompson, in his capacity as 3ABN Board Chairman, an opportunity to confirm, disconfirm, or provide additional information concerning the accuracy of the parts of this report that cover areas about which he had direct, personal knowledge.

In an e-mail to the Executive Editor of Adventist Today, he stated that in view of a conversation that he had had with Danny Shelton, he would "withhold further comment at present." [To comment or inquire about this story, e-mail AToday]

Southern Illinois Hometown City Leaders Laud Danny Shelton's Support

By Edwin D. Schwisow, for ATNewsbreak (09 February 2007).

Danny Shelton, 3ABN president, is very willing to lend a helping hand financially to the civic needs of his boyhood town of West Frankfort, Illinois, say several prominent people there. "If our city had a meaningful project we needed to have a joint relationship financially with Three Angels, I anticipate that wouldn't be a problem," says Larry Warren, mayor of West Frankfort.

Warren goes on to describe how Shelton used 3ABN to promote the Roan Center, a home for abused women and children. On a November 24, 2006, broadcast of 3ABN Today, Shelton interviewed Sara Bond, one of the Center's founders about mission of the organization and asked his viewers to send in donations to help Bond accomplish her goals. Shelton also pledged \$5,000 from 3ABN to help Bond with her project. Bond recently thanked 3ABN in an article published in the February 1 edition of the West Frankfort Press American. In the article, she said that the broadcast had raised \$4,490 so far and that she continued to receive consistent donations from 3ABN viewers. "We have had donations from Oregon, California, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Kentucky, Tennessee, Arizona," Bond said in the article.


Franklin Community High School (FCHS) in West Frankfort has received thousands of dollars from Shelton as well according to Richard Glodich, athletic director at the school. "Danny Shelton and 3ABN are an asset to our school. There's no doubt about it," says Glodich. "Any time we're in need of help, Mr. Shelton is always willing to help." Glodich estimates 3ABN has donated \$30,000 to the athletic department of FCHS alone during the 10 years he's been athletic director. He says that Shelton donated several thousand dollars to the school to help modernize their weight room and donated money towards athletic fields at the local junior high school. 3ABN donated close to \$10,000 in prizes for the school's Red Ribbon Week, Glodich says. He says they brought cameramen out to videotape the event so it could be publicized locally.

According to Glodich, it was a donation by 3ABN and Shelton that was the catalyst for a peer-mentoring program to begin on campus. Dubbed Alpha groups, the program enables juniors and seniors at the school to spend an hour each Thursday visiting with students in the freshman and sophomore classes, building friendships and urging them to stay clear of alcohol and drugs.

Danny Shelton is also a regular at FCHS Cardinal athletic events, especially men's' varsity basketball games Glodich says. "Oh yeah, we see him all the time, probably at least 10 times a year, he's here for games."

For many in West Frankfort, Danny Shelton is a man to admire. His philanthropy and personal "rags to riches" story of establishing 3ABN has endeared him to many admirers in the town his hometown. Interestingly many in the small city of Thompsonville have very different sentiments. Their viewpoints will be explored in an upcoming edition of Adventist Today.

Posted by: Clay Feb 12 2007, 01:54 PM


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Posted by: erik Feb 12 2007, 02:04 PM

[Looks like the church is starting to move to provide some leadership on this topic.

Praise the lord.

erik

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I was wondering the same thing

Posted by: Grace Feb 12 2007, 02:13 PM

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Posted by: Observer Feb 12 2007, 02:15 PM

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Well thank you for that information, maybe the leadership will still act while there is time to act.

Erik

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Posted by: lurker Feb 12 2007, 03:11 PM

That was my first thought too. The **widow's mite** going for atheletic equipment and to provide good p.r. for Danny Shelton and for 3ABN! I know he is a sports fan but that is not what people think ABN is going to with their offerings, some even send tithe money and it goes for this? And they know some of the money they get is tithe money. I think it is a very fair article though and better to come out there than evening news.

Posted by: Grace Feb 12 2007, 03:17 PM

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Oh! I didn't know. So the waking up has not happened yet. But it has to come. And I'm glad for the article.

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I consider myself to be a middle of the road SDA. Some of my views may seem to be conservative, and some may seem to be liberal. But, I think I am a moderate.

In my opinion, many people consider Adventist Today and Spectrum to be liberal. I do not think that they consider AT to be "left" of Spectrum.

Over a period of time both, in my opinon, Adventist Today, and Spectrum have take a complementary role that is not in conflict with each other. AT focuses more on current news. Spectrum focuses more on a scholarly discussion of issues within Adventistm.

NOTE: I subscribe to AT and Spectrum. I have subscribed for years to Perspective Digest, and am now subscribing to the Journal of the Adventist Theological Society. If you recognize those, you know that they go from conservative to liberal. But, again, I consider myself to be a moderate.

Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Feb 12 2007, 05:09 PM

QUOTE(Clay @ Feb 12 2007, 12:54 PM)

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Or at least they may receive the warning letter from the Minnesota Fourteen.

Posted by: gardener Feb 12 2007, 05:44 PM

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"WIDOW'S' Mites" indeed! Truly sickening to think of how they are used. It has been long known that Danny can get by with anything in that county, because he has the sheriff just where he wants him.

About the donations: Anyone who has been to a 3ABN rally and who has watched Danny has seen him be approached by individuals who hand Danny an envelope. Danny usually asks, "Do you need a receipt for this?" and if the answer is "NO" it goes into Danny's pants pocket. If the answer is "Yes, please, .. thank you". he refers them to someone who will make out a receipt. 3ABN has been saying that the "Receipts are more than ever no that Linda is gone" because of the need to write more receipts to keep records looking better now that so many eyes are asking to look. Maybe the dollar amount is getting smaller but the number of recorded contributions is going up.

I know of no one who was giving to 3ABN and is still giving. I know of many who have moved their contributions to "The HOPE Channel" instead.

Danny has been ultra-upset at both Adventist Today and BSDA for what is reported about 3ABN. Danny has openly attacked AT on his platforms across the country.

(Liberal? / conservative? Which would apply to Jesus during His ministry. (Please, Don't get into it here but think about that He was accused of both, it depends on whether they were Pharisees or Gentiles.)

AT is composed largely of students and other in Southern California according to one conversation I had with them. They answer to no one, but try to offer a view that you probably wont find anywhere else. And yes they are fussy about their sources. That's probably why it has taken so long to hear about 3ABN again since the firing of Linda.

Keep on asking questions? lots of them? Let Danny and Mollie and Hal know that they are under the microscope. It still looks like Danny is the "Buffoon" along the way. It would appear that Hal and Mollie have been pushing the buttons and Danny sings the tunes. Danny actually believes what Hal and Mollie and Shellie and Kuzma tell him, "You're the chosen one". Chosen to be the "fall guy" for all the rest of the stuff. Danny actually thought he could cover up for Tommy by putting him "on the road for 3ABN" and then hiring and rehiring Tommy behind everybody's back. It's tempting to be "loyal" to family, but the family is unhappy with Tommy as well as with Danny.

"Run, Brandy, run!"(Too late).

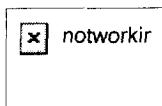
Danny believes that Christians are not supposed to sue each other, until it's someone HE wants to sue. Think of how much discovery and documentation would come out of the woodwork in these lawsuits. Support would drop like a rock if the public saw this in the open.

The church leaders, as did ASI, will take a step back from this. They will neither support nor condemn 3ABN. They will, however side against child abuse as an issue, but they will steer clear from condemning Danny and 3ABN. I dare say the church leaders know all that we know and more. They, too have their "snoops" and tricks.

Let's remember that every one of these individuals in question is a soul that Jesus died for and they need our prayers. They need to listen to God's spirit and humble their hearts and repent.

Pray without ceasing, OK!?

Posted by: Whtz Happenin Feb 13 2007, 07:07 AM



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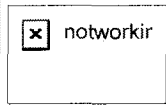
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Posted by: Noahswife Feb 13 2007, 10:28 AM

QUOTE(Whtz Happenin @ Feb 13 2007, 08:07 AM)



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Too many hits overloading their bandwidth?

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Posted by: awesumtenor Feb 13 2007, 11:56 AM

It's back up now.

In His service,
Mr. J

Posted by: watchbird Feb 16 2007, 01:59 PM

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Posted by: no_cults Feb 19 2007, 11:18 PM

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Posted by: ida Feb 20 2007, 02:28 AM

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Danny Shelton said, on the Behind the Scenes program aired Thursday, February 15, 2007 and as transcribed by Ralph:

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Danny For crying out loud what are we supposed to do as Christians? Right? That is what we are supposed to do. Help those who can't help themselves, but they want to put a twist on things so it looks like....people will say, well I'm sending money for the three angels messages but they are giving it to local sports or athletes or what have you. **Our board members alone have given tremendous amounts of money. At one time one board member gave \$60,000 for me to distribute in the community to help these causes.** And they are all non-profit causes so everything is legal that we did but see they don't look at the other side.

You can see the rest of what Ralph has transcribed of the second hour here:
<http://mypage.direct.ca/r/rseland/private/second.html>

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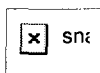
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Pot. Kettle. Mad Black.



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I just wanted to point out that in my answer to ida's concern about her mother's money and the sports donations, I quoted Danny Shelton's explanation about the donations specified for the community from the live program. I also provided her with a link to the transcription of the 2nd hour so she could see the full quote for herself.

Posted by: IMM Feb 20 2007, 02:51 PM

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Uhhh, BS, I'm sure the 3ABN Board wouldn't like to hear you talking about them that way. You've been so loyal up to now...

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pastoral sexual assault + pastoral sexual assault = pastoral sexual assault

Posted by: erik Feb 20 2007, 03:28 PM

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Also am I understand you correctly that you Linda(if she is the only source of Dryden name) should have said nothing and let a pastor that preys on young men have plenty of face time on global TV, I personally have a great problem with that idea.

Tommy is not a moot point in this whole thing, if nothing else it shows a HUGE, HUGE double standard at 3abn, that being female sexual sin is punished, and male sexual sin is not.

Try and find a text in the bible that backs that one up.

fully Agree that Linda "sins" that are said to have been why she was released from 3abn, Are in fact totally different then the "sins" of Tommy. but that does not make Tommy's actions moot.

would have thought you could see that.

Erik

Posted by: ida Feb 20 2007, 05:21 PM

QUOTE(Bystander @ Feb 20 2007, 06:34 PM)

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Posted by: Johann Feb 25 2007, 03:32 PM

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Posted by: sonshineonme Feb 25 2007, 06:52 PM

QUOTE(Johann @ Feb 25 2007, 01:32 PM)

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Probably a changing of the guard.. or
 Reloading of crapola to spew and spin...or
 you get the idea...

I'm sure that wwjd/bystander sure wish they had gagged Linda for many more years...they seem awful worried about what she might say given the chance. If they could, they would put tape over her mouth, bribe and convince all her "friends" to go away, because she shouldn't have any friends, and cut off all the "leaders" in the church from her fully to keep her pinned down and out of the public eye all together. Ever wonder WHY???? But, they can't do that, so they come here and work their evil from here. Can you spell t r a n s p a r a n c y??? As from the beginning, they seek to crush her to keep the attention off THEM. Yep...NOT WORKING. Didnt' work then, not working now (especially).

Posted by: Richard Sherwin Feb 25 2007, 07:08 PM

Maybe he's off on the jet somewhere. More likely the Dannynites and Dannyscribes finally figured out what some of us have been saying, that they are doing more harm than good by defending themselves here.

Richard

QUOTE(Johann @ Feb 25 2007, 04:32 PM)

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If the Dannyscribes think they gain more credibility by blaming Linda for being behind all the

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Posted by: Bystander Feb 26 2007, 12:02 AM

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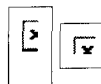
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Posted by: sister Feb 26 2007, 07:10 AM

QUOTE(sonshineonme @ Feb 12 2007, 02:49 PM)

Just got this in my email - I went to get the link off the web so I could just post it here, but I don't see they have it yet (or I can't find it) listed on the website as it is a "newsbreak" and will be there. So, forgive the long post, if I should do this a different way (Calvin, Clay, Di) let me know. It's worth the read.

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ADVENTIST NEWS Round up

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Virginia church meets to address allegations of sexual misconduct

By Edwin D. Schwisow, for ATNewsbreak (09 February 2007).

Facing multiple allegations of sexual misconduct, Tommy Shelton, production manager at Three Angels Broadcasting Network (3ABN) and brother of 3ABN President Danny Shelton, announced his retirement in a December 31, 2006 broadcast of 3ABN Live. Although not owned or operated by the Seventh-day Adventist Church, many of 3ABN's employees and volunteers are Adventist Church members. In a telephone interview with a representative of Adventist Today, Danny Shelton confirmed that his brother had left the employ of 3ABN for "health reasons."
Virginia Church Allegations

Tommy Shelton's retirement comes just four weeks after the Community Church of God in Dunn Loring, Virginia, held a December 3, 2006, business meeting to address accusations made by several young men that Tommy had molested them while he was pastor of the church. Following the meeting, church leaders read a carefully-worded statement, apprising the congregation of the accusations against Shelton and how they, as parishioners, should best respond. The church leaders prepared the statement under the advisement of their insurance carrier, Brotherhood Mutual, which had become involved after a young man came to the church with allegations that Tommy, during his pastorate, had molested him. The young man was a minor when he says was abused. He is the third in recent months to come forward to Community Church of God leaders, accusing Shelton of making inappropriate sexual advances, according to Glenn Dryden, current pastor of the church.

A History of Allegations

This is not the first time Tommy has been accused of inappropriate sexual activity with underage males. During much of the 1980s, Tommy pastored the Ezra Church of God in his hometown of West Frankfort, Illinois. While there, he worked closely with a 12-grade school, whose property bordered the church. During this time, a teenage boy, who was a student at the school, accused Tommy of soliciting him for a sexual relationship. According to Dryden, who pastored the West Frankfort church in the 1990s, three additional boys also made similar allegations, prompting civil authorities to become involved. Following a police investigation, Tommy was not charged with a crime, but the allegations were serious enough to prompt Church of God officials to intervene. In a letter dated October 25, 1985, the General Assembly of the Church of God in Illinois revoked Tommy's ordination. They listed their reasons for doing so as "improper counseling procedures," "numerous charges of misconduct," a criminal investigation into sexual abuse charges by the local police, and controversy surrounding Tommy's ministry and lifestyle. Ultimately Tommy's lack of cooperation in the disciplinary process, Dryden says, led the Church of God in Illinois to drop the Ezra Church of God from its roster of affiliated congregations.

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Pastor Contacts 3ABN

In the spring of 2003, Dryden, then pastor of the Ezra Church of God in West Frankfort, penned a letter outlining his concerns about Tommy Shelton. He distributed it to a handful of leaders of Church of God camp meeting associations, whom he knew, in the past, had invited Tommy to speak at their church meetings.

He later sent the letter to Dr. Walter Thompson, 3ABN board chairman, advising him that "at least six boys in our community were sexually abused" by Tommy. He told Thompson that Tommy's ordination was not in good standing with either the Church of God in Illinois or Virginia and offered to give Thompson the phone numbers of the family members of Tommy's purported victims so that 3ABN could follow up on the situation.

Thompson spoke with Dryden and then brought the letter to the attention of Danny Shelton. Danny brushed the letter off as 30-year old news, attributing it to a long-standing feud between Dryden and Tommy. After meeting with Danny, Thompson brought the letter to the full 3ABN board at its June 2003 meeting. *The board, due to its belief that the events had happened many years before; Tommy's assurance that he had attempted to make things right; and the fact that no legal action had been taken against Tommy, voted to allow Tommy's relationship with 3ABN to continue.*

Further Allegations

In the Spring of 2004, Roger W. Clem, a 32 year-old man who had attended the Ezra Church of God during his teenage years, released a letter he had written to Tommy, accusing him of sexual abuse. In his letter, which he later posted on the Internet, Clem claims Tommy had ruined 15 years of his life. He says that he is sick of Tommy's manipulative behavior, including his claims of illness to divert attention away from allegations of sexual misconduct.

On June 4, 2004, Linda Shelton signed a Separation Agreement with 3ABN, ending her employment with the ministry. Later that year, Tommy moved into her old office at 3ABN and assumed her role as programming director. During his time at 3ABN he traveled with his brother to 3ABN gatherings around the world, many times playing the piano as Danny sang. He also began playing the piano for the Kids Time show on 3ABN.

Late in 2006, Duane Klem, Roger's brother, shared with close associates that Tommy had molested him, as well. In a statement released in January 2007, Klem accused Tommy of initiating a sexual relationship with him when he was 19, at times using 3ABN buildings for their assignations. Klem says the growing number of allegations against Tommy prompted him to come forward with his claims.

I have bolded a passage above, in red, pertaining to an issue that no one has commented upon. Both Danny and Tommy have been accused of "inappropriate activities" toward individuals that were raised in their own homes, as their own children. Linda's daughter was raised in Danny's home and Tommy's adopted son was raised in his home, in both cases there are allegations of "inappropriate activities". Two brothers, Danny and Tommy, share the same behavior; the only difference is the gender of the victims. Is a pattern developing before us? Why do both Danny and Tommy find this behavior acceptable within their families? Is it still incest when the child has no blood connection with the father figure, but has been raised within the same home as his child? Ethically, I believe the answer is a resounding, "YES!".

Sister

Posted by: Lee Feb 26 2007, 09:25 AM

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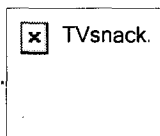
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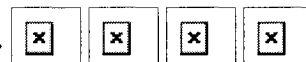
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
all together now... let's hear it for the announcer and supporting cast.....





Sorry Lee... the mirror trick ain't workin no mo.....

We know who the words apply to... so trying to project them onto Johann and this board.....

Not working.... the spin mechanism done broke down.....  

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
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Yes that is interesting since Lee is thousands of miles away from southern Illinois. Maybe it was the Lord impressing her.

Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Feb 26 2007, 02:09 PM

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Posted by: Bystander Feb 26 2007, 02:12 PM

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Posted by: Ralph Feb 26 2007, 02:14 PM

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Posted by: princessdi Feb 26 2007, 02:41 PM

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Posted by: princessdi Feb 26 2007, 03:00 PM

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Posted by: LaurenceD Feb 26 2007, 04:30 PM

QUOTE(Bystander)

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Posted by: Bystander Feb 26 2007, 11:57 PM

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Posted by: sister Feb 27 2007, 12:38 AM

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Posted by: erik Feb 27 2007, 12:25 PM

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Posted by: Noahswife Feb 27 2007, 12:36 PM

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Posted by: sister Feb 27 2007, 01:02 PM

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SoulEspresso, that appears to be a correct evaluation of the situation. Unfortunately, given the choice of option number one or option number two, Bystander's answer will probably be option number

three: ignore the question. For him it is a lose/lose situation, which is an inconceivable option.

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Posted by: Noahswife Feb 27 2007, 01:05 PM

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in the court room it self, yes 3abn lawyers will try and frame the case in such a manner that they will only discuss very limited subject matter, but look at all the stuff that came out of the last court case about the tax's, In fact if you want my humble option that was God's wake up call to 3abn one that to his point they have not listened to.

if 3abn only goes after the copyright issue then they might be able to control the court room but if they go after slander then they are really opening up the whole ball of wax.

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I agree that both you and sister would make the whole process easier for the outsiders if you would print your names. But out side of that happening, and i am not calling for that. i can very well understand why you and her do not.

the question applied to you would also apply to her, although i am not sure she has made the same claims of closeness to the people involved.

I will say this you bring this up a lo, like you really need and want to know who she is, other then linda, which i think at this point is pretty much know that sister and Linda are not the same person.

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YOU can do that by selling my idea of 12 Sdas jury to 3abn and danny

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Not quite, Bystander. A number of us recognize most of what Sister says from our own experiences and that gives her credibility. As a contrast some of us know from our own experiences in this matter that what you are saying is a thoroughly thwarted image of reality. It could be that you are just too close to see those issues, or you have too much at stake personally to face the facts.

Posted by: SoulEspresso Feb 27 2007, 02:32 PM

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Posted by: Laurenced Feb 27 2007, 02:49 PM

I think I'd rather not know who this character Bystander admittedly is. I would hate to think he is who he appears to be. This character likes to leave people to guess. By contrast, Christ didn't. And, that speaks as much for itself as does, "by their fruits shall ye know them."

Posted by: sonshineonme Feb 27 2007, 03:38 PM

QUOTE(Bystander @ Feb 27 2007, 01:17 PM) □

Until you apply your statement about Christ to the others on this board who say they have first hand evidence, you only show your partiality to that side. Have you applied your statement to sister who has given a large percentage of the information that has been posted. Certainly down through the months, everyone else has carried on with it but we are talking origination. Sonshineonme and watchbird also speak (by their own admission) for Linda. Have you applied your statement to them also?
Sorry, criticism just for my identity doesn't fly here, when there are so many others. Just happens, I am on the wrong side, so receive all the flak. That's ok I can take it.

No, you can't take it. That is why you keep at what you are keeping at. No one buys it. You know this, but you keep at it anyway...

And I beg your pardon....to say that by my own admission I speak for Linda? What are you trying to say again? I have a brain. I don't "speak" for anyone. I speak. I tell my opinons and I tell what I know. The fact that Linda has friends that won't keep quiet is what eats at you, period. Stop trying to make that a bad thing. My origination didn't come from Sister. Many of us has personal expiriences that neither you or DS (and you being whoever you are at this moment) can take away from us. We arne't talking heads - mouth pieces for Linda. We speak what we know, get over it. If you don't like it, too bad. You only understand being a robot/slave/pawn for someone else, and so you assume that's all anyone can do with their mouth or brain. Maybe one day you will find liberty to be yourself and think for yourself. You clearly have a lot to learn in this area.

Posted by: Rosyroi Feb 27 2007, 04:13 PM

QUOTE(Bystander @ Feb 20 2007, 10:34 AM) □

The giving to the community was explained on the live. Maybe I can make it clearer. Because their is many astute business people on the 3abn board, they believe it is very important to have community support. For this reason certain ones that can afford to have given donations specifically earmarked for community projects. These donations are in addition to, what they give to support 3abn. *Ida, if you are seeking truth with an open mind, you will find that most talk about finances are always twisted to insinuate that the hard earned money that someone gives is going to pay for all sorts of things it shouldn't.* Not true. The accountability factor is higher than usual for a non profit organization. There are 7 financial workers, accountants, a chief financial officer with a very impressive resume, there are outside auditors and the 3abn board goes over the financial statements at every meeting.

This board takes anything and everything said and puts the "I heard", I think, It appears, and It seems spin on it with no facts to back it up. Also, if you will notice, sonshineonme, watchbird, johann, beartrap, sister, pickle, joy and observer and probably several I don't know about, get

their information directly from Linda or others who use her as the source, while at the same time, they say she is humbly going about her own life and not trashing anyone. A child could see the discrepancies here.

'ou claim to be very very close to the 3ABN compound and innerworkings, I was wondering if you and Linda had some sort of falling out while she was there. Care to comment? I must have missed the kind remarks you made about Linda in this forum.

Posted by: Johann Feb 27 2007, 04:39 PM

QUOTE(Bystander @ Feb 27 2007, 11:17 PM) □

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Another point I wanted to make to you is a suit for slander is a suit for slander. You are not allowed to bring in all kinds of other things. If a person is charged with murder, evidence of a possible robbery that he may have done that has absolutely no bearing on the murder trial, cannot be brought up. that would be a separate case altogether.

Another important thing to think about is, that whoever is charged with slander and served papers, will not only have to pay their own transportation fees to whatever state or city, they will have to pay an attorney to defend them unless they want to be their own defense. Many attorneys, now days, charge 500.00 an hour. In my opinion, there is no way I would want to involve myself and others in something so serious just to be able to "air" my opinions in a chat room. It is one thing to say He might have, or she may have it is quite another to refer to specific individuals as Pedophiles, embezzlers, child molesters, adulterers, liars ...that is where it gets serious, especially, if you are wrong and making these judgments and statements on the heresay of others and can be proven that what you are involved in has caused harm to the organization and public figures involved.

So we should live in fear and trembling??? Does that remind of one or more texts from the Bible?

How many millions through the centuries have had to suffer from the hands of those who forced their truth" on others? Claimed to be Christian?

Time is short. Satan knows that he might be able to get us away from what is right by having people who claim to be preaching the Advent message threaten us like this. How else can he reach us who belong to Christ? He knows that infidels would not have any influence on us or intimidate us. He is very clever!

Posted by: calvin Feb 27 2007, 04:41 PM

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Posted by: sonshineonme Feb 27 2007, 05:39 PM

QUOTE(Richard Sherwin @ Feb 27 2007, 03:15 PM)

The ONLY reason for 3abn and Danny taking anyone to court is so that their lawyers can speak for them on their terms in a tightly controlled venue. **If they really wanted the truth to be known they could just state it on here or on their web site.** If Danny really wanted the truth to get out there would not be any need for the courts. They are just so sad and pitiful. It's all about the money IMO.

Richard

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Posted by: husbandoftheyear Feb 27 2007, 05:44 PM

QUOTE(Lee @ Feb 26 2007, 10:25 AM)

Bystander cruel? You must have the wrong person Pastor Johann. I know him personally and he is not cruel. I'm afraid you and your wife have been duped by Linda as well as others by her willingness to alledgedly play the part of the victim--you know, the "poor me" syndrome and "pity party" method. But then many on this board have been rude and condescending towards Bystander, making fun of him, using his forum name as a means of ridicule--it would seem your wife might feel sorry for Bystander because of this.

Bystander lies with distain? Nope--wrong again! Could you list his lies here for me? I happen to know that if any of his information posted was incorrect, Bystander would be the first to correct it.

So there you have it folks--the truth of the matter. Just remember when you read accusations against a brother--remember who the "accuser of the brethren" is.

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Posted by: SoulEspresso Feb 27 2007, 07:22 PM

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
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Posted by: Richard Sherwin Feb 27 2007, 08:26 PM

Because just like you and I he is a sinner. God has the ability, with Danny's help, to extract him from this mess but it will take a soul seaching humbleness before God on Danny's part. I think that is only with the Holy Spirit's leading that Danny will agree to have an unbiased party look at all the goings on at 3abn. And Danny will also need to be contrite enough, if anything unfavorable is found, to step down from the day to day operations of 3abn. The ball is really in Danny's court, but going to court will only make matters worse, win or lose.

Richard

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WWJD,

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himself.

the truth is never scared of being reveled, it never runs and hides behind lawyers and the bible. it stands as th judge of all, even God is judged by the TRUTH. Why is danny unwilling to be Judged by the same standard that god is judged??????????????

Erik

I just read the whole 46 page discussion by the judge.

the following points jump out at me.

1. danny appears to run the show, with some input from linda, and less from the board. (linda gone folks guess tha means danny runs the show?)
2. 3abn has had poor legal and accounting controls to help it mantian its various tax status.
3. 3abn gives the appearence of being a private company staking on the edge of the law.
4. danny hurt his own case from the judges statements.
5. this was not a real court but a administrative court, there is a difference.
6. Based on a lack of clarity to the records of 3abn, i would now join the camp of people who think linda got the short end of the stick when she left with the 250,000.00 seems to me that much more then that is due her.
7. Folks danny could leave tomorrow sell everything pay the bills, and walk way with a nice check in his pockets(" i am not saying that he will, but he could.)
8. the board that is made to appear to run 3abn is really a rubber stamp for 3abn and has no real control.
9. I would strongly encourage every one to read this report.

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Posted by: Johann Feb 27 2007, 11:27 PM

QUOTE(husbandoftheyear @ Feb 28 2007, 01:44 AM)

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Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Feb 28 2007, 01:30 PM

QUOTE(Johann @ Feb 27 2007, 10:27 PM)

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Me too! I was a little worried you had been "found out".

PB

Posted by: husbandoftheyear Feb 28 2007, 07:21 PM

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PB

Nope, still hanging around.

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Posted by: Bystander Feb 28 2007, 07:50 PM

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Posted by: husbandoftheyear Feb 28 2007, 08:06 PM

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Oh, and you would be wrong. Just plain wrong. Did I say wrong? Yes, you are wrong.



Posted by: Richard Sherwin Feb 28 2007, 08:12 PM

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I don't think so.

Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Mar 1 2007, 12:38 AM

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Posted by: LadyTenor Mar 3 2007, 11:24 PM

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Posted by: wwjd Mar 4 2007, 02:45 AM

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Posted by: sister Mar 4 2007, 08:14 AM

QUOTE(wwjd @ Mar 4 2007, 03:45 AM) □

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Posted by: wwjd Mar 4 2007, 08:24 AM

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Just as ludicrous either way.

Posted by: Johann Mar 4 2007, 04:28 PM

QUOTE(Bystander @ Mar 1 2007, 03:50 AM) □

We can only hope. Fasting and prayer can only be good. Where you been hoty? Trying to get your internet service changed? (you know, to throw em off track) Or maybe some of those appy's you sent paid off and you had go for some interviews. My bet would be on the interview.

You still have that jet plane a while longer from where you can grab your assumptions in mid air!

Posted by: Johann Mar 4 2007, 04:38 PM

QUOTE(wwjd @ Mar 4 2007, 10:45 AM)

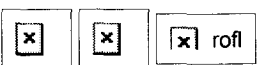
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Posted by: Bystander Mar 4 2007, 08:53 PM

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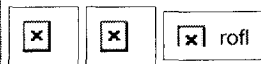
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Posted by: Johann Mar 4 2007, 09:56 PM

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That is exactly what I am saying. Thanks for admitting it. 

Posted by: Panama_Pete Mar 4 2007, 09:57 PM

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If you carry these people around in your back pocket like poker cards to be played the cards will resent being so close to your fanny.

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