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**Gerald Duffy to Gailon Joy: "Cease & Desist!"**

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In desperation at the growing crisis, not wanting to consider stepping aside, unwilling to explain the growing number of allegations, wishing to silence any and all opposition, and resistant to the idea of apologizing for his many alleged lies, Danny Shelton secured a cease and desist letter from a Minneapolis law firm. This letter was sent to Gailon Arthur Joy on January 30, 2007.

Why a Minneapolis law firm when D. Michael Riva of West Frankfort is usually the one who handles such things? Perhaps Gailon Joy is not quite as bumbling and fumbling as Danny Shelton would have us believe, and thus Danny has to resort to a firm with greater expertise.

Yet the fact that the law firm was out of Minneapolis and has been used in the past by Garwin McNeilus, a long-time supporter of 3ABN, is troubling. We trust that McNeilus is not involved in any way in the cover up of the various allegations of the Danny Shelton Corruption Scandal.

One thing that is definitely certain is that the cease and desist letter below makes no threat whatsoever of litigation, suggesting that there probably is no legal basis for its demands.

Comments will follow.

**"Cease & Desist!"**

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federal copyright and trademark laws. Additionally, use of the phrase "3ABN" in your domain name is likely to cause confusion among the public as to the source,

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Yours very truly,



Gerald S. Duffy

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## Comments

### Common Law Copyright

Duffy seeks to prohibit the publication of his letter through the invoking of "common law copyright." Besides giving credence to the accusation that there is a cover up going on, his invoking of common law copyright is really the invoking of a "legal doctrine" that was "repudiated" by the United States in 1834:

**Common law copyright** is the legal doctrine which contends that copyright is a natural right and creators are therefore entitled

to the same protections anyone would be in regard to tangible and real property. The doctrine was repudiated by the courts in the United Kingdom (*Donaldson v. Beckett*, 1784) and the United States (*Wheaton v. Peters*, 1834). (["Common law copyright"](#))

### 3ABN's Trademarked Name Used in Domain Name

#### "Confusion ... As to the Source, Sponsorship or Affiliation of Your Website"

On February 7, 2003, a rather famous case as far as the internet is concerned was decided by the U.S. Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals, *The Taubman Company v. Webfeats, et al.* Here is a quote from that Appeals Court decision which directly addresses one of Duffy's stated concerns:

"Under Lanham Act jurisprudence, it is irrelevant whether customers would be confused as to the origin of the websites, unless there is confusion as to the origin of the respective products."

The questions is, which holds sway? First Amendment free speech rights or the Lanham Act which governs trademark issues in the U.S.? The Court quoted the following from the Lanham Act:

Any person who shall, without the consent of the registrant

a) use in commerce any reproduction, counterfeit, copy, or colorable imitation of a registered mark in connection with the sale, offering for sale, distribution, or advertising of any goods or services on or in connection with which such use is likely to cause confusion, or to cause mistake, or to deceive . . . .

The court then noted:

- If the use of the trademark is not commercial speech, then the Lanham Act does not apply.
  - The Lanham Act has jurisdiction if there is advertising on the site, such as links that go to commercial sites.
  - The Lanham Act applies if there has been a habit of reselling at high prices domain names that contain trademarks.
- The presence of a disclaimer and the use of "sucks" in the domain name reduces the likelihood of confusion.

- Even if a website is intended to cause economic harm, it must also create confusion as to the origin of respective goods.
- The defendant in the case was not peddling competing goods.

As far as [Save3ABN.com](http://Save3ABN.com) goes:

- There is no advertising on this website, and we are not selling anything.
- We do not buy such domain names and sell them at a high profit margin.
- There is a [disclaimer](#) on our home page, and the domain name is prefixed by the word "Save."
- This site is not intended to cause economic harm, and everyone can plainly see that we are not 3ABN.

### Is the "Save" Really Necessary in [Save3ABN.com](http://Save3ABN.com)?

On April 4, 2005, a decision by the U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in the case of *Bosley Medical v. Michael Steven Kremer* was filed. We quote from that opinion:

Defendant Michael Kremer was dissatisfied with the hair restoration services provided to him by the Bosley Medical Institute, Inc. In a bald-faced effort to get even, Kremer started a website at [www.BosleyMedical.com](http://www.BosleyMedical.com), which, to put it mildly, was uncomplimentary of the Bosley Medical Institute. The problem is that "Bosley Medical" is the registered trademark of the Bosley Medical Institute, Inc., which brought suit against Kremer for trademark infringement and like claims. Kremer argues that noncommercial use of the mark is not actionable as infringement under the Lanham Act. Bosley responds that Kremer is splitting hairs.

Like the district court, we agree with Kremer. We hold today that the noncommercial use of a trademark as the domain name of a website — the subject of which is consumer commentary about the products and services represented by the mark — does not constitute infringement under the Lanham Act. (*Bosley Medical v. Michael Steven Kremer*)

Perhaps, our domain name wouldn't even have to be prefixed with the word "Save," and it would still be all right.

### Excerpts of Broadcasts Posted on Website

Duffy's assertions conflict with 3ABN's own, posted copyright notice:



**Copyright Statement and Acceptable Use Policy**

Except where otherwise noted, all content within the domain of [www.3abn.org](http://www.3abn.org) is owned by and under the copyright of Three Angels Broadcasting Network, Inc. (3ABN).

Use of any content on this site — including use of online media, logos, graphics, names, or information — to impersonate 3ABN or act as an unauthorized representative of 3ABN is prohibited. Use of the 3ABN logo without express permission from 3ABN is prohibited. Any slanderous, obscene, or immoral use of any content on this site is prohibited.

3ABN permits the not-for-profit recording and distribution of television and radio programs produced by 3ABN, provided such distribution meets the criteria specified in the preceding paragraph. (However, not all programs aired on 3ABN are produced by 3ABN; some programs produced by other organizations may be protected by additional copyright restrictions.) (<http://www.3abn.org/copyright.cfm>, accessed Feb. 4, 2007)

The only possibility for problems appears to be if the [posted video](#) itself is "slanderous." But then, why would 3ABN broadcast programs that are slanderous?

**The Judgment of God**

Duffy wrote, "... we proudly withstand the ongoing judgment of God and the continuing examination by our supporters and viewers." Doesn't "withstand" mean to "defy" or "resist"? Did Duffy really want to say a thing like that?

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***"Truth invites examination & needs no defense.  
Lies hide in darkness & blame everyone else."***





**HUSBAND**

Name: Danny L. Shelton  
 Address: 2954 New Lake Rd.  
 West Frankfort, IL 62896  
 Soc. Sec. #: xxx-xx-xxxx  
 Date of Birth: xx/xx/51 Age: 55  
 Employer: Three Angels Broadcasting  
 Occupation: Television

**WIFE**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Soc. Sec. #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Employer: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

**CHILDREN**

NAME	Date of Birth	Age	With Whom Residing
N/A			
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

**IMPORTANT-** **Attach most recent of last three months' pay stubs showing your year-to-date earnings and deductions. Also attach all pages & W-2 Forms of your last filed Federal and State Income Tax Returns. For those individuals who receive any income from self-employment sources, attach Federal and State Income Tax Returns for the last two years and supporting documentation for year-to-date earnings.**

**III. STATEMENT OF INCOME**

	<b><u>HUSBAND</u></b>	<b><u>WIFE</u></b>
<b><u>GROSS MONTHLY INCOME</u></b> from: Salary, wages, commissions, bonuses, allowances & overtime (NOTE: To arrive at gross monthly income multiply weekly gross by 52 and divide by 12, or multiply bi-weekly income by 26 and divide by 12)	\$5,991.00	\$ _____

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**III. STATEMENT OF INCOME (CONT.)**

Pension or retirement	\$ _____	\$ _____
Social Security benefits	\$ _____	\$ _____
Disability or unemployment benefits	\$ _____	\$ _____
Public aid (ADC-Welfare)	\$ _____	\$ _____
Child support from prior marriage (alimony)	\$ _____	\$ _____
Rents	\$ _____	\$ _____
Other Income (specify):		
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____
<b>TOTAL GROSS MONTHLY INCOME</b>	<b>\$5,991.00</b>	\$ _____

**DEDUCTIONS:**

Federal income tax withheld	\$1,035.00	\$ _____
State income tax withheld	\$175.00	\$ _____
Social Security and Medicare withheld	\$458.00	\$ _____
Medical or other health-related insurance	\$ _____	\$ _____
Union dues/mandatory retirement contributions	\$ _____	\$ _____
Dependent and individual health/hospital insurance premiums	\$ _____	\$ _____
Prior Court ordered support and/or maintenance, actually paid pursuant to a Court Order	\$ _____	\$ _____
Other deductions permitted by 750 ILCS §505(a)(3)(h) – (specify):		
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____
<b>TOTAL NET MONTHLY INCOME</b>	<b><u>\$4,323.00</u></b>	\$ _____

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**IV. ESTIMATED MONTHLY EXPENSES**



Repair and upkeep	\$150.00
Housekeeper and yard work	\$50.00
Homeowners insurance	\$70.83
Real estate taxes (not included in house payment)	\$450.00
Other (specify):	
	\$
	\$
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$720.83</u></b>

**UTILITIES:**

Electricity	\$175.00
Gas/Heating oil	\$25.00
Water and sewer	\$25.00
Telephone	\$65.00
Trash removal	\$50.00
Cable TV	-
Other (specify):	
Internet	\$20.00
	\$
	\$
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$360.00</u></b>

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**IV. ESTIMATED MONTHLY EXPENSES (CONT.)**

Food, milk, household supplies	\$550.00
School lunches	\$ _____
Meals outside home	\$150.00
Other (specify):	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$700.00</u></b>

**CLOTHING:**

Clothing (self)	\$150.00
Clothing (children)	\$ _____
Laundry & dry cleaning	\$50.00
Other (specify):	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$200.00</u></b>

**MEDICAL CARE (after insurance reimbursement):**

Doctor & dentist (self)	\$ _____
Drugs & medical supplies (self)	\$ _____
Doctor & dentist (children)	\$ _____
Drugs & medical supplies (children)	\$ _____
Medical and dental insurance	\$ _____
(Do not list if already listed in III on page 3 as a deduction from gross income)	
Other (specify):	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____

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**IV. ESTIMATED MONTHLY EXPENSES (CONT.)**

Truck payment	\$463.00
Repair & maintenance	\$25.00
Gas & oil	\$150.00
Insurance	\$100.00
License and registration	\$8.00
Bus fare/parking	\$ _____
Other (specify):	\$ _____
	\$ _____

**SUBTOTAL     \$746.00**

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

	<u>CHILD</u>	<u>YOURS</u>
Child care/babysitter		\$ _____
School & school supplies	\$ _____	\$ _____
Church/charitable contributions		\$500.00
Newspapers, magazines & books		\$ _____
Barber/beauty shop	\$ _____	\$ _____
Life insurance premiums		\$ _____
Disability insurance premiums		\$ _____
Professional dues		\$ _____
Voluntary retirement contributions		\$ _____
Allowance (children's)	\$ _____	
Recreation/entertainment	\$ _____	\$ _____
Family pets (horses and dogs)		\$612.47
Family gifts		\$200.00
Toiletries	\$ _____	\$ _____
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>	<b><u>\$1,312.47</u></b>

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**IV. ESTIMATED MONTHLY EXPENSES (CONT.)**



<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>PRESENT VALUE</u>	<u>HOW TITLE HELD</u>
Checking account	Mid-Country	\$1,500.00	Danny
Saving account	Mid-Country	\$1,000.00	Danny
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

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**VI. ASSETS (CONT.)**

**INVESTMENTS:** (Stocks, bonds and other securities)

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>PRESENT VALUE</u>	<u>HOW TITLE HELD</u>
None			
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

**RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS:**

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>COMPANY</u>	<u>CONTRIBUTORY/ NON-CONTRIBUTORY</u>	<u>PRESENT VALUE</u>
None			
_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	_____	\$ _____

**LIFE INSURANCE:**

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>COMPANY</u>	<u>AMOUNT COVERAGE</u>	<u>BENEFICIARY</u>	<u>CASH SURR. VALUE</u>
None				
_____	_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	_____	_____	\$ _____

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**VI. ASSETS (CONT.)**

**HOUSEHOLD GOODS, APPLIANCES AND ALL OTHER  
PROPERTY NOT PREVIOUSLY LISTED:**

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>PRESENT VALUE</u>	<u>HOW TITLE HELD</u>
Marital property Denny received:			
Bowflex exercise machine			
Stove			
2 Refrigerators			
Dishwasher			
2 Freezers			
Master bedroom set			
Downstairs bedroom set			
Old outside lawn furniture			
10 Horses + 2 horses sold	West Frankfort, IL	\$17,750.00	(\$4,500.00)
1 Martin guitar	Same	\$9,000.00	
1 Dog	Same	\$600.00	

**VII. DEBTS** (Designate each non-marital debt as "NM")


<u>NAME OF CREDITOR</u>	<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>	<u>MONTHLY PAYMENT</u>
Merlin Fharli	Mortgage loan	\$200,000.00	ann. interest
Citizen's Bank	Truck loan	~ \$10,000.00	\$463.00
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DATED: 7/13, 2006.

  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Danny L. Shelton



**II. PARTIES AND CHILDREN**

**HUSBAND**

Name: Danny L. Shelton  
Address: 2954 New Lake Rd.  
West Frankfort, IL 62896  
Soc. Sec. #: xxx-xx-  
Date of Birth: 1/1/51 Age: 55  
Employer: Three Angels Broadcasting  
Occupation: Television

**WIFE**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Soc. Sec. #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_  
Employer: \_\_\_\_\_  
Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

**CHILDREN**

NAME	Date of Birth	Age	With Whom Residing
N/A			

**IMPORTANT -** Attach most recent of last three months' pay stubs showing your year-to-date earnings and deductions. Also attach all pages & W-2 Forms of your last filed Federal and State Income Tax Returns. For those individuals who receive any income from self-employment sources, attach Federal and State Income Tax Returns for the last two years and supporting documentation for year-to-date earnings.

**III. STATEMENT OF INCOME**

**GROSS MONTHLY INCOME** from:  
Salary, wages, commissions, bonuses,  
allowances & overtime (NOTE: To  
arrive at gross monthly income multiply  
weekly gross by 52 and divide by 12, or  
multiply bi-weekly income by 26 and  
divide by 12)

**HUSBAND      WIFE**

\$5,991.00      \$ \_\_\_\_\_



**III. STATEMENT OF INCOME (CONT.)**

Pension or retirement	\$ _____	\$ _____
Social Security benefits	\$ _____	\$ _____
Disability or unemployment benefits	\$ _____	\$ _____
Public aid (ADC-Welfare)	\$ _____	\$ _____
Child support from prior marriage (alimony)	\$ _____	\$ _____
Rents	\$ _____	\$ _____
Other Income (specify):		
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____
<b>TOTAL GROSS MONTHLY INCOME</b>	<b>\$5,991.00</b>	\$ _____
<b>DEDUCTIONS:</b>		
Federal income tax withheld	\$1,035.00	\$ _____
State income tax withheld	\$175.00	\$ _____
Social Security and Medicare withheld	\$458.00	\$ _____
Medical or other health-related insurance	\$ _____	\$ _____
Union dues/mandatory retirement contributions	\$ _____	\$ _____
Dependent and individual health/hospital insurance premiums	\$ _____	\$ _____
Prior Court ordered support and/or maintenance, actually paid pursuant to a Court Order	\$ _____	\$ _____
Other deductions permitted by 750 ILCS §505(a)(3)(h) - (specify):		
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____
<b>TOTAL NET MONTHLY INCOME</b>	<b>\$4,323.00</b>	\$ _____

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**IV. ESTIMATED MONTHLY EXPENSES**  
 (\* mark if a projected expense - Affiant must be prepared to submit testimony to support the same)

**HOUSEHOLD:**

House payment (interest)	See page 10, Art. VII
Repair and upkeep	\$150.00
Housekeeper and yard work	\$50.00
Homeowners insurance	\$70.83
Real estate taxes (not included in house payment)	\$450.00
Other (specify):	\$ _____
	\$ _____
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$720.83</b>

**UTILITIES:**

Electricity	\$175.00
Gas/Heating oil	\$25.00
Water and sewer	\$25.00
Telephone	\$65.00
Trash removal	\$50.00
Cable TV	-
Other (specify):	
Internet	\$20.00
	\$ _____
	\$ _____
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$360.00</b>

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**IV. ESTIMATED MONTHLY EXPENSES (CONT.)**

**FOOD:**

Food, milk, household supplies	\$550.00
School lunches	\$ _____
Meals outside home	\$150.00
Other (specify):	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$700.00</b>

**CLOTHING:**

Clothing (self)	\$150.00
Clothing (children)	\$ _____
Laundry & dry cleaning	\$50.00
Other (specify):	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>

**MEDICAL CARE (after insurance reimbursement):**

Doctor & dentist (self)	\$ _____
Drugs & medical supplies (self)	\$ _____
Doctor & dentist (children)	\$ _____
Drugs & medical supplies (children)	\$ _____
Medical and dental insurance	\$ _____
<small>(Do not list if already listed in III or page 3 as a deduction from gross income)</small>	
Other (specify):	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____

<b>IV. ESTIMATED MONTHLY EXPENSES (CONT.)</b>		
<u>TRANSPORTATION:</u>		
Truck payment		\$463.00
Repair & maintenance		\$25.00
Gas & oil		\$150.00
Insurance		\$100.00
License and registration		\$8.00
Bus fare/parking		\$ _____
Other (specify):		\$ _____
		\$ _____
		\$ _____
	<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$746.00</b>
<u>MISCELLANEOUS:</u>		
	<u>CHILD</u>	<u>YOURS</u>
Child care/babysitter		\$ _____
School & school supplies	\$ _____	\$ _____
Church/charitable contributions		\$500.00
Newspapers, magazines & books		\$ _____
Barber/beauty shop	\$ _____	\$ _____
Life insurance premiums		\$ _____
Disability insurance premiums		\$ _____
Professional dues		\$ _____
Voluntary retirement contributions		\$ _____
Allowance (children's)	\$ _____	
Recreation/entertainment	\$ _____	\$ _____
Family pets (horses and dogs)		\$612.47
Family gifts		\$200.00
Toiletries	\$ _____	\$ _____
	<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,312.47</b>

**IV. ESTIMATED MONTHLY EXPENSES (CONT.)**

**CREDITOR PAYMENTS NOT PREVIOUSLY LISTED:**

Monthly installment payments (credit cards):

_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____

Others (specify):

_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____

SUBTOTAL            \$0.00

TOTAL AVERAGE MONTHLY EXPENSES:    \$4,039.30

**V. RECAP**

NET MONTHLY INCOME	\$4,323.00
TOTAL MONTHLY LIVING EXPENSES	\$4,039.30
DIFFERENCE BETWEEN NET INCOME & EXPENSES	\$283.70
LESS MONTHLY DEBT SERVICE	\$ _____
INCOME AVAILABLE PER MONTH	\$283.70

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**VI. ASSETS** (Designate each non-marital asset as "NM")

**REAL ESTATE:**

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>PRESENT VALUE</u>	<u>HOW TITLE HELD</u>
Residence	2954 New Lake Rd. West Frankfort, IL	\$275,000.00	Danny

**MOTOR VEHICLES:**

<u>DESCRIPTION (Year, make and model)</u>	<u>PRESENT VALUE</u>	<u>HOW TITLE HELD</u>
2006 Dodge Ram truck (post-divorce)	\$25,000.00	Danny
1948 Willys Jeepster	\$8,500.00	_____
Jon boat, motor and trailer	\$500.00	_____
Horse trailer	\$750.00	_____

**CASH AND FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS:** (Banks, savings and loans, and credit unions)

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>PRESENT VALUE</u>	<u>HOW TITLE HELD</u>
Checking account	Mid-Country	\$1,500.00	Danny
Savings account	Mid-Country	\$1,000.00	Danny
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

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**VI. ASSETS (CONT.)**

**INVESTMENTS:** (Stocks, bonds and other securities)

DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	PRESENT VALUE	HOW TITLE HELD
None			
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

**RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS:**

TYPE	COMPANY	CONTRIBUTORY/ NON-CONTRIBUTORY	PRESENT VALUE
None			\$ _____
_____	_____	_____	\$ _____

**LIFE INSURANCE:**

TYPE	COMPANY	AMOUNT COVERAGE	BENEFICIARY	CASH SURR. VALUE
None				\$ _____
_____	_____	_____	_____	\$ _____

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**VI. ASSETS (CONT.)**  
**HOUSEHOLD GOODS, APPLIANCES AND ALL OTHER PROPERTY NOT PREVIOUSLY LISTED:**

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>PRESENT VALUE</u>	<u>HOW TITLE HELD</u>
Marital property Denny received:			
Bowflex exercise machine			
Stove			
2 Refrigerators			
Dishwasher			
2 Freezers			
Master bedroom set			
Downstairs bedroom set			
Old outside lawn furniture			
10 Horses + 2 horses sold	West Frankfort, IL	\$17,750.00 (\$4,500.00)	
1 Martin guitar	Same	\$9,000.00	
1 Dog	Same	\$600.00	

**VII. DEBTS** (Designate each non-marital debt as "NM")

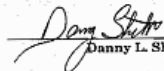
<u>NAME OF CREDITOR</u>	<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>	<u>MONTHLY PAYMENT</u>
Merlin Fharli	Mortgage loan	\$200,000.00	ann. interest
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#### **"Probably Several Hundred Thousand Dollars"**

In the early days of the present 3ABN crisis, a former 3ABNer commented on 3ABN president Danny Shelton's book deals and their significance:

----- Original Message -----

**From:** \*\*\*\*\*

**To:** G. Arthur Joy

**Subject:** RE: MAP

**Date:** Tue, 19 Sep 2006 17:02:39 -0700

Hello Gailon,

...

I have wondered about the numbers. When I spoke with Danny about a month or so ago, he insisted that numbers were up by a couple of million. But when I spoke with a board member he indicated that the finances were not doing well, in part relating to a tremendous amount of money 3ABN put into the "Ten Commandments Twice Removed Book" which was distributed by the millions during the spring. I am quite certain that Danny received royalties on this, probably to the tune of several hundred thousand dollars, although he is refusing to disclose the amount to his own board members. This is a gross conflict of interest and also an improper personal inurement that could cause the ministry to lose its tax exempt status if it came to light. ...

...

#### **Danny Appears to Confirm the Problem**

One concerned individual, after [hearing](#) that Danny was not disclosing these profits in order to avoid having to share them with his ex-wife in their marital property settlement, [wrote](#) to him directly. Danny [made it quite clear](#) that he was indeed keeping these profits a secret during the marital property distribution proceedings. But why would he do that, unless he really had made a hefty profit?

#### **The July 13, 2006, Financial Affidavit**

The accounting of 3ABN appears to be off limits to nearly everyone. That is unfortunate, for it makes it extremely difficult to demonstrate that various allegations of financial improprieties are simply untrue. Yet the [Financial Affidavit](#) is one piece of financial information that is fairly accessible, having been filed at the Franklin County Circuit Court in July 2006. What follows are questions raised by that affidavit.

#### **Not Much Money in the Bank?**

Danny lists only two bank accounts in the [affidavit](#), one containing \$1,500 and the other containing \$1,000. Since around 4.5 million copies of his book, *Ten Commandments Twice Removed*, were distributed in the spring of 2006, and since [Danny's personal responses](#) suggest that he did make a lot of money on those sales, why does he list only \$2,500 in those two bank accounts?

#### **On the Other Hand ...**

The amount declared in the [affidavit](#) for charitable contributions, \$500, suggests that there couldn't have been any royalty payments at all. The declared gross monthly income is \$5,991, and the charitable contributions are but 8.35% of this total.

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After subtracting the taxes that got withheld, but before figuring in what the tax refund might be, the declared net monthly income is \$4,323. Thus the charitable contributions would amount to 11.57% of this figure. Given the Seventh-day Adventist teaching on tithes and offerings, it seems impossible that \$500 in contributions could represent tithes and offerings on both Danny's salary from 3ABN and hundreds of thousands of dollars of alleged profits from book deals.

The declared gross monthly income figure of \$5,991 should be about right, since that would amount to \$71,892 for the year, which is comparable to the annual salary of \$70,944 reported for Danny on [3ABN's 2005 Form 990](#). (See Statement 9 on page 4 of the "Supplemental Information" attached to the Form 990.)

### 3ABN Area: Low Housing Costs

Since we are talking about the [financial affidavit](#), we'll add this one item that doesn't pertain to royalties. Based on the [affidavit](#), it would appear that right around 3ABN is an excellent place to find low-cost housing. Consider that Danny has declared that his residence is worth only \$275,000. Just how much can one get for that sum? Our understanding is that his home has the following features:

- 4 bedrooms.
- 4 full baths.
- 1 half bath.
- 5000+ sq. ft.
- 2-car garage.
- Wrap-around porch.
- 18½ acres.
- Large pond.
- Large horse barn.
- Paved driveway.
- Swimming pool.

For comparison, consider the higher-priced area of West Frankfort, not very far away at all. (Actually, it's so close that Danny's mailing address is West Frankfort too.) There we have a home being offered for sale in March 2007 for \$204,300, a listing with an MLS ID of 257978. Located at 18297 Lone Oak Terrace in the Forrest Ridge subdivision, you just can't get as much for your money as you can next to 3ABN:

#### Description

**Wooded-Cul-De-Sac-Over an Acre** Beautiful wooded lot in a country subdivision is the location for this lovely, well maintained home featuring a great room well arranged to entertain a large group or a cozy family evening, large arched windows, crown molding, well designed kitchen with all appliances, dining room, master bedroom suite, with jet tub and separate shower in master bath.

#### Features

3 beds  
2 baths  
2358 Sq. Ft.  
1.18 Acres

#### **Lot Features**

Lot Dimensions (203x210x235x28)  
Lot Topography (Wooded-Gently Rolling)  
Road Type (County)  
Sewer Utilities (Aerator)  
View (Wooded)  
Water Utilities (City)

#### **Building Features**

Cooling System (Central)  
First Floor Sq Ft (2,358)  
Gross Living Area Sq Ft (2,358)  
Heating System (Geo Thermal Electric)

**Interior Features**

Bedroom 2 Dim (12x11.5)  
Bedroom 3 Dim (12.5x112)  
Dining Room Dim (12.5x12)  
Great Room Dim (35x19.5)  
Kitchen Dim (11.4x14.2)

**Appliances**

Dishwasher  
Disposal  
Microwave  
Range/Oven  
Refrigerator

**Exterior Features**

Parking (2 car attached)

(Found on [DonnaPrattHomes.com](http://DonnaPrattHomes.com) on March 21, 2007)

**On Second Thought ...**

On second thought, is it at all possible that this [financial affidavit](#) does not reflect reality, that Danny's house is worth much more than \$275,000, that he does have a lot more than \$2,500 in two bank accounts, that he is trying to hide his book deal profits and his assets lest he have to fork over more to the lady he divorced and called an adulteress when he had [no proof to that effect](#)? Then that would help make more sense out of comments by folks who live around Thompsonville and West Frankfort who think Danny is quite wealthy, perhaps even a millionaire.

And should DLS Publishing, Inc., Danny Lee Shelton's publishing company, be listed somewhere on the affidavit? Or is it not considered an asset?

**CORPORATION FILE DETAIL REPORT**

<b>Entity Name</b>	DLS PUBLISHING, INC.	<b>File Number</b>	63911682
<b>Status</b>	GOODSTANDING		
<b>Entity Type</b>	CORPORATION	<b>Type of Corp</b>	DOMESTIC BCA
<b>Incorporation Date (Domestic)</b>	11/30/2004	<b>State</b>	ILLINOIS
<b>Agent Name</b>	DANNY L SHELTON	<b>Agent Change Date</b>	11/30/2004
<b>Agent Street Address</b>	2954 NEW LAKE RD	<b>President Name &amp; Address</b>	DANNY L SHELTON 2954 NEW LAKE RD W FRANKFORT 62896
<b>Agent City</b>	WEST FRANKFORT	<b>Secretary Name &amp; Address</b>	NONE
<b>Agent Zip</b>	62896	<b>Duration Date</b>	PERPETUAL
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### **"Linda Was Pure Through April 15!"**

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#### **April 6, 2004: "You Need Marriage Counseling"**

Before we look at Danny Shelton's email of September 8, 2004, we're going to backtrack just a little to April 6, 2004. It was on that date that Linda's brother-in-law wrote Danny and recommended the counseling services of Larry Ryan. Notice that Larry Ryan was from an area code that corresponds to the Wichita, Kansas, area. He also served at some point as a pastor of [West Valley Church of the Nazarene](#) in Yakima, Washington.

----- Original Message -----

**From:** \*\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*\*

**To:** Danny Shelton

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 06, 2004 10:14 PM

Your ministry and marriage are in trouble at this time. \*\*\*\*\* and I have a strong desire for you to call Larry Ryan at (home 316-\*\*\*-\*\*\*\*\*) (cell 316-\*\*\*-\*\*\*\*\*). He is more qualified than anyone to help the two of you work through this. Your marriage and the ministry is worth saving. I will check back with you to ensure you and Linda have followed through. Be vulnerable and open your heart and listen to the "still small voice" which is our Lord Jesus Christ. To do this you MUST BE QUIET.

#### **April 15, 2004: Trip to the Marriage Counselors**

When did Danny and Linda go to see the Ryans? The following email tells us that it was on April 15.

Bear in mind that Danny and Linda differ in their accounts of what exactly the Ryans said.



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----- Original Message -----

**From:** Danny Shelton  
**To:** Linda Shelton  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 24, 2004 8:19 AM

Linda Sue,

...

Remember, the Nazarene counselors to you that you have no right to tell this man bad things about me and our marriage because this was spiritual adultery. You agreed and said you could see that this was wrong.

On the flight home April 15, you promised not to talk to him again for two weeks, all the while planning on calling him the next day to tell him everything that went on. I have the phone records to prove it.

...

Love is forever!

Danny

## Danny Shelton's Email of September 8, 2004

Okay, now we are ready for Danny's email of September 8, 2004. In that email he appears to acknowledge that Linda was "innocent" up to at least the time that she spoke with Larry Ryan and his wife Gayla on April 15. Thus we have Danny on record as saying that Linda was "sure" that her "intentions were pure" up through at least that date. His gripe is not that Linda was immoral prior to April 15, but that Dr. Abrahamsen's "intentions for you were selfish."

Also in this email:

- Danny offers to resign "in a minute" from 3ABN if it would prove to Linda that he didn't "get rid of" her "for personal reasons."
- Danny states his conviction that God wanted them to reconcile rather than marry someone else.
- He again speaks of Linda's traveling to Europe after the divorce without mentioning:
  - Her medical reasons for doing so.
  - Her going to see Elder Johann and Irmgard Thorvaldsson.

- Nathan's intention of accompanying her on one of those trips.
- Danny admits that he may have been talking and acting inappropriately prior to April 15, which is one of the reasons Linda claimed that she needed to make the phone calls.

As far as his claims of wanting "nothing to do with anyone else at this point in my life," that apparent resolution was short-lived, as we shall see later.

Again we want to say that we believe that Danny's likening Dr. Arild Abrahamsen to chocolate-coated horse dung is totally inappropriate.

None of the emails on this page were provided to us by Linda Shelton.

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Danny Shelton

**To:** Linda Shelton

**Sent:** Wednesday, September 08, 2004 12:11 PM

The Lord impressed me to write you this early this morning.

"The deception is in your perception!"

Think about it. Just because you perceived this relationship with this man to be innocent in the beginning, doesn't make it so.

While others, wise in years, and spiritual discernment, could see this man's intentions for you were selfish, you could not.

That's where you should have listened to the multitude of counselors, that the bible talks about.

You were so sure that your intentions were pure, that you ignored unbiased counsel like that from Larry and Gaila Ryan, who told you this relationship had to stop. The bible says the "HEART IS DECEITFUL ABOVE ALL THINGS". Linda, your heart deceived you. It still is. You have to know in your heart that even though we are divorced by man, that God would not have you in a relationship with another man that you are so close to that you would never look back at reconciliation. Without this man in your life, it is still possible that it would happen.

After the last two trips to Norway with him traveling all over Europe together, even your most ardent supporters now believe this has turned into a boyfriend girlfriend sexual relationship between you two. Why would anyone ever be able to feel differently.

Linda, if you had really planned on being in ministry you should have taken the higher road as your song says. You should be above reproach.

"The deception is in your perception"!

Please don't burn all your bridges back home, I believe that you are going to need them later, when the deception is broken.

I love you with all my heart. There is just nothing I can do for you right now to prove it. I cannot compromise 3ABN. It's bigger than us. If resigning would prove to you that this was not just a move to get rid of you for personal reasons, I would do it in a minute. But at this point I don't think that would help either.

When your perception of the deception is broken by God, you will see this relationship that you have bit into as a pile of horse dung that had chocolate coating. He was never a piece of chocolate cake for your life. He deceived you with words just like Satan did Eve in the garden of Eden.

Love is Forever!

Dan

ps. Linda, I've said all along that you would eventually have a physical relationship with this man. The Wichita counselors told you that too. You know the truth. You will deny it to man, but you cannot to God. Even if I had failed you, you should have gotten out of this relationship and tried to put ours back together. Instead, by early May, I heard you and he on the phone planning your vacations together to Scandinavia, and Las Vegas, and New York. I also heard you ask him to come across the ocean and rescue you from me. I also heard you tell him that you completely trusted him and I also heard you tell him that

you were glad that he didn't dump you when you sent him an email telling him that you were breaking off your relationship with him. Linda, all of that was sin. Even if you thought I was wrong in how I was treating you, you had no business in keeping that relationship alive. By all rights, you should have broken off that relationship to take the higher road regardless of what I was saying and how I am acted.

I am doing that now. There are already a number of women who have heard that we are divorce and want to get in the picture. But even though I believe with all of my heart you are in the wrong. I want nothing to do with anyone else at this point in my life. I have to give God time to work a miracle! Can't you see that. You should not be traveling around the world with this man. Rumor has it that he is planning on being back in the US and traveling with you in Oct. Anyway you and me should be spending time alone like your web page says that you've been doing the last several months.

I may have wasted my time, but I felt the Lord impressed me to write this. If there is truth in what I have written I'm asking God to prick your heart when you read this and help you to be miserable your last week in Norway with this man! Yes, you can swallow these feelings in you chose, but I believe that God will prick your heart!

### **Between April 15 and April 27: Biblical Grounds for Divorce?**

Just 12 days after the counseling session of April 15, Danny declared that Linda "no longer has a chance ... to ... save her marriage" since she had hidden his gun. What sort of chance is there that Linda committed fornication between April 15 and April 27, and thus gave Danny biblical grounds for divorce?

If Danny was willing to resign "in a minute" from 3ABN to prove to Linda that he didn't dump her "for personal reasons," is he willing to resign for the much graver allegation that he dumped her without having biblical grounds for doing so, and lied about it all?

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### **Linda Says, "You Admit to No Wrong"**

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#### **September 24, 2004: "Happy Sabbath!"**

This series of communications begins with the following short email from 3ABN president Danny Shelton, "the love of [Linda's] life." He writes to his ex-wife of three months, and his ex-vice president and ex-co-founder of perhaps not quite four months.

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Danny Shelton  
**To:** Linda Shelton  
**Sent:** Friday, September 24, 2004 8:37 PM

Happy Sabbath!

from: the love of your life!

#### **September 24, 2004: "Therapeutic for Me to Vent"**

Three months after the divorce, Linda tells "the love of her life" her perspective. She feels Danny overreacted, and she remembers his many tears, but she claims that he admits to no mistakes.

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Linda Shelton  
**To:** Danny Shelton  
**Subject:** Re:  
**Sent:** Friday, September 24, 2004 10:29 PM

I know this has never sunk in when you've heard it before.  
I know you're more concerned about how you feel as

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opposed to how I feel. But I guess it's therapeutic for me to vent and let you hear it one more time. But you not only destroyed me, you killed me. You used me to try to cover your mistakes. You over-reacted, you had a pity party with too many people which inevitably destroyed my character in this church. Bad news travels fast. I think it shocked you that it happened so fast...in fact, in about 3 weeks I was done. I remember your tears. Many tears...but it was too late. And now you continue to use me as the scapegoat. You know, I know and God knows that you can never, ever backtrack from what you've done or what you've said. The damage is repairable, but only at your expense...and you're not willing to put your neck on the line, even if it means making things right. You know Dan, like I said recently, I admit and have publically admitted that I could have exercised better wisdom during the time of crisis. But you admit to no wrong. I think if I were you I'd be concerned about this. Although you see things your way...maybe, just maybe you're wrong. Maybe you did over-react and stick your foot in your mouth. Maybe you did act in anger not knowing what the results would be. Maybe there is a bit of blood on your hands. As sinners born with carnal natures, we can never be too sure. Can we??

No, I probably will never get over this. It's been worse than a nightmare, because it goes beyond what a human mind can imagine. But I'll always know the truth. No matter how you try to sugar-coat it, I know the truth. I guess I am an extremist when it comes to positive thinking because somehow I think you can't really be that bad. You can't really have done what you did. You can't really continue to do what you do. And really someday you will make things right. But I suppose I'm delusional. My mistakes were mistakes but your mistakes were vicious attacks. May God have mercy on you. Many really miss my ministry that God gave me to do. Can man mess up God's plans at times?? Ask John the Baptist. Ask Peter. Ask the martyrs. Does God have plan B?? Sure He does and I'm asking Him to put me there. Dan, it's a crying shame!!

Have a nice life.



## September 24, 2004: "You Have to Acknowledge All of the Above and More Was Wrong"

Linda very clearly in the above email accused Danny of not admitting to any mistakes even though she had. Below is his reply in which he has an excellent opportunity to prove her wrong.

As mentioned previously, we do not condone Danny's choice of language in the first paragraph.

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Danny Shelton

**To:** Linda Shelton

**Subject:** Re: Re:

**Sent:** Friday, September 24, 2004 11:33 PM

Linda Sue, You sound so much like Kenny when you say you made some mistakes. I've yet to hear you say that this Dr. situation has been a pile of poop in our life. Not a piece of chocolate cake that you desire but can't have. Let me hear you say specifically what you have done. What mistakes do you admit to? Let me tell you a few important ones, as I see them.

[80 words about phone calls and Linda's February 7th broadcast.]

3. Buying tickets behind my back and planning on going on vacation to Florida with him behind my back. It doesn't make any difference whether Brenda was going with you or not, it was still wrong. ...

[339 words regarding allegedly planned trips, phone calls, phone cards, and a cell phone, bringing the mistakes Linda has to admit to up to 7.]

Linda, I could go on and on but I've said enough for you to get the point that at some time in your life you will have to confess these sins to the Lord if you want his blessings on your new ministry. And at some point if you want to come back and start over with me, you have to at least acknowledge all of the above and more was wrong. You

gave your heart to that man a long time ago.

Linda, your sins are destroying your ministry that God called you to do. Not mine or anyone else's but yours. You need to understand that.

I did not over react. I did the only thing that I knew how to do to keep you from going into the arms of another man and destroying our 20 yr marriage and ministry together. Had I slapped you around it would have been wrong. Had I done nothing but watch it all, I would have been wrong. I tried to intervene by getting spiritual counselors that I thought you would listen to. You did not and still don't.

Mark Finley told you the FIRST thing you had to do to start restoration was to drop the Dr. and you have refused. I will not be in a relationship with you as long as you think that this man is your friend and you want to run to him everytime something doesn't go your way.

Before I will let that happen, I am willing to stay away from the woman I love more than anything in the world, for the rest of my life. I could not live under those terms.

I have to see some actions on your part about dropping this Dr. first. Otherwise don't call and ask me questions about how it's going to be if you come back to 3ABN. I will NEVER take you back as long as you're so deceived that you think this man is your friend. He, not me, will ultimately be your destruction here and possibly in the eternity.

Please quit pointing your finger to me and ask God to show you the truth about what you have done. This man is not going to marry you. If he did, he will not treat you like a queen, making over your beauty and giving you back rubs and foot rubs, and allowing you to run freely with his money. He wants a Suzy homemaker. This relationship will end one way or the other. It will not last as it was spond by the devil. He knew your price, to get you to give your heart to another man.

It may have started innocent enough on your part, but it has become a far cry from innocent many months ago. As

a Professional, he knew he was destroying your relationship with me all along. He coveted you and has now deceived you.

I've thought about this too Linda. I'm not willing to go back to that misery of always knowing you were driving around talking to him for hours at a time planning ways to be together all behind my back. I can never take anything like that again. It nearly tore my heart out. I truly hope it never happens to you!

I'll always love you. You are the love of my life. If we get together again, there will never be room for the Dr. or any other man in our life, the rest of our lives. The marriage counselors told me privately that 10 men can't fill the emotional needs that you have now. They said this Dr. will never satisfy you when it's just you and him. You will never satisfy each other. You two would never trust each other either because down deep, you both know what you have done, and you know it is wrong and sin.

Love is forever!

from the love of your life  
to the love of my life.

ps. I miss the old Linda terribly. Please do the right thing.

If it doesn't work for us, please let's don't be enemies. God could not bless either of us if we hate each other. We have to forgive. Linda I have already forgiven you. That's why I'm able to help you for the last several months. I just want to love you.

My oh my! Just imagine what his emails would be like if he had not forgiven her!

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## **"None of Your Business If I Have a Girlfriend Named Brandy"**

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### **February 8, 2005: First Email About Brandy**

The following email by 3ABN president Danny Shelton is the earliest documentation we currently have of Danny having a new girlfriend named Brandy, the young lady he eventually married. There are reports that their relationship may have become noticeable at 3ABN around October 2004. Additionally, Danny himself informed a pastor at the ASI Convention in Grapevine, Texas, at lunch on Sabbath, August 5, 2006, that Brandy had been chasing him for 17 years, and that he finally gave in by marrying her.

### **9 Hours 4 Minutes Before the Carrot**

The significance of the following email is that it was written just 9 hours and 4 minutes prior to [Danny's email](#) that held out a carrot to Linda of remarrying him and coming back to 3ABN.

At 1:20 AM: "... if I wanted to have a girlfriend now whether it would be a Brandy or a Jane Doe, it would be none of your business ...." At 10:24 AM: "I'm willing to talk to you about reconciliation of marriage and ministry." Now if you were in Linda's shoes, is it at all possible that your brain might become mush? And what if this kind of thing went on for 20 years?

We admit, some of Danny's accusations, allegations, and trashing leave unanswered questions, and some may wonder why Linda apparently hasn't had the sense to address some of these concerns in a forceful, direct, determined, concise, well-articulated, and convincing way. But then again, there are likely those who have been in similar situations that can guess why she hasn't done much of that at all.

### **Other Points of Interest**

We can add a few comments about the accusations below:

- Linda has had concerns about her future financial security, compounded by fears that she may have trouble being employed in a

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ministry due to being branded as an adulteress. If Danny's accusations about her wanting more money from 3ABN are true, this might be the reason for her enquiry about getting a larger settlement.

- Danny admits that there are others than Linda who have felt wronged by him over the years. He mentions a gentleman named Steve in particular.
- Sometimes people assert that Danny doesn't run 3ABN, that the board does. In this email Danny thrice states that the board will not approve something unless he agrees to it.
- Danny asserts that he is ready to make public all his evidence against Linda. Yet even though it's been 83 days since Linda asked on [February 15, 2007](#), that he do that very thing, he still hasn't done so.

And perhaps that last point is one of the best ways to look at Danny's oft repeated allegations of vacations for now. If he really has so much proof and evidence of such things, and of Linda giving him biblical grounds for remarriage, even though [he admits](#) that he had no such grounds for divorce, why is he so hesitant to release that evidence, especially when Linda has requested that he do so?

Now if he finally delivers on what he so often claims that he has, then maybe we can take a different position.

## Danny's Email

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Danny Shelton

**To:** Linda Shelton

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 08, 2005 1:20 AM

Linda, if you have something in mind you should let me know. If you want more money, you need to give me a reason why. If 3ABN gives you more money and you promise not to sue again, what's to make us think you won't turn around and sue after you spend that money also.

You should know that I don't think that this board is going to give you any kind of second settlement unless I agree to it. I know you would like to work around me, but my educated guess is, that it's not going to happen without me in the loop, and rightfully so. I am still President and CEO.

My board members tell me you are spreading pure smut about me and telling them that I have been a con all along.

You have the same problem as Steve. That same demon has jumped on you too. If I've been a con all along, then why did you go along with it? You tell people the FBI and whomever is investigating me and you don't want me to go to jail, ect, ect. But the truth is, first of all, my accountants will confirm I've done nothing wrong, and secondly if there had been mismanagement going on, you also would have to answer as you were the Vice President all along.

You surely can see the similarities between you and Steve now! You have become a garbage collector just like him. And you know what? My board members aren't buying any of your garbage! They can see that you are only out to try to destroy me and this ministry.

The only chance of you ever getting back in this ministry is when you realize that this man has been a pile of poop in your life and not a piece of chocolate cake. I told you that from the beginning. You didn't listen then and you are still not listening. Please quit doing what you have seen so many others before you do, and that is trying to fight God's channel of blessing, 3ABN, and thinking that you are really fighting me.

If you want to talk to Nick along with your lawyer that's OK., I've encouraged him to talk to you both. At this point I am ready for you to break your word and contract and sue, so that I can make all info public as you will have forced my hand by taking me to court. I've talked to several people who have talked to you and thought that you got a raw deal. After I spend 15 to 20 minutes telling them the real truth, they virtually all apologize to me. I'm not scared to take everything to court. You will not get your job back or win a settlement because you were let go from 3ABN. I have many witnesses as to your "bad" management practices. Some have even told me that you made them lie for you from time to time.

Again, I also don't believe that by going to Larry W. that the board will somehow decide to give you another settlement, unless I agree to it.

If you think you should have more money coming I would suggest that you put it in writing and tell us why that it's

ok to break your other contract and ask for more.

May says you are telling her things about me and Brandy. First of all you don't know, anything about what me and Brandy are or are not doing. And secondly, if I wanted to have a girlfriend now whether it would be a Brandy or a Jane Doe, it would be none of your business as you have now refused for over a year to let this Norwegian man go. You have refused all counsel that told you he must go, yet you and he still travel together and stay in each other's homes for up to two weeks at a time. I told you a long time ago that I can document all your travel schedule and I have. May says you told her that you have only been to Norway once and that was a year ago January. I told her that if she wasn't mistaken then you told her a big lie as I can document all your trips there. Surely she got that part of your conversation mixed up. I don't think you would think everyone is such simpleton's that we don't know the truth about your solo trips to Europe.

Anyway, we've been divorced for nearly eight months and we all know that I have biblical grounds. If I want to date someone else I am free to do it. You dated this man for months while we were married. That is called sin, anyway you want to cut it.

You shouldn't worry anyway. Remember, you told me that the only thing I would ever get compared to you was "An old used dirty dish rag".

Danny Shelton

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## **Financial Allegations Against Danny Shelton**

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On January 18, 2007, 3ABN president Danny Shelton and company did yet another special damage-control 3ABN Live broadcast. The participants on the broadcast scoffed at the idea that there was any sort of criminal investigation going on. They stated that board member Carmelita Troy, whose specialty is fraud detection and who teaches accounting at a government institution, had not found anything, and if she hadn't found anything, there must not be anything there.

This appears to be a good argument to use against the financial allegations that have been circulating for a long, long time. However, a source close to the situation has informed us that Troy, as of a couple months ago, had relied upon the auditor's statements, and had not looked at the books for herself.

Of course, there are quite a few things to check for, and thus quite a bit for authorities to investigate in the future, if it really is true that they aren't investigating now. For example, according to sources close to the administration of 3ABN:

- Danny allegedly purchased a three-year-old van using 3ABN funds, and then sold it to a family member for \$10.
- Danny allegedly purchased furniture with 3ABN funds for a 3ABN set, and on the way back to 3ABN had the moving crew put it in his own house instead. His existing furniture was what ended up on the set.
- Danny allegedly purchased furniture for a guest house for E.C. at nearly new prices from his sister, Tammy Shelton Chance, allowing her to get new furniture for her home. But since Brenda Walsh didn't like the furniture, Danny gave it to two different family members instead, and 3ABN bought all new furniture for the guest house.
- A \$10,000 love gift check from 3ABN was allegedly sent to Tommy Shelton in 1999, at a time when Tommy was pastoring the Community Church of God in Dunn Loring, Virginia.

What the love gift was used for is uncertain, but questions have been raised as to whether it was used to pay off yet another Tommy Shelton child molestation victim.

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Perhaps there wasn't any problem using 3ABN funds to purchase a van and furniture for the benefit of Shelton family members if they worked at 3ABN, and if the benefit appeared on their W-2's. But according to some sources, such things don't end up on W-2's.

When folks have these type of questions of this serious of a nature, it would seem that the logical thing to do would be to just open the books and let everyone see them. To not do so raises the question as to whether these allegations just might be true. And if the allegations are false, and Danny has nothing to hide, he wouldn't have anything to worry about if he did so.

Sooner or later, with allegations of this nature swirling around, one would expect the authorities to join the fray and start asking questions too. 501(c)3 non-profit organizations are not allowed to use donor funds in this manner, and 3ABN could lose its non-profit status if these allegations prove true.

How will allegations of this sort affect the giving patterns of 3ABN's donors? If Danny Shelton continues to refuse to answer questions in a professional, open manner, will donors demand a house cleaning before they give any more?

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## **The Problem**

For the last several years the international television ministry known as Three Angels' Broadcasting Network (3ABN) has found itself beset by a growing number of moral, ethical, and financial allegations. Despite the serious nature of these allegations, repeated calls for investigation, reform, and accountability have gone unheeded by its officers and directors. Yet the ignoring of these allegations could potentially:

- Lessen donor confidence in 3ABN, and thus threaten 3ABN's financial support and its very existence.
- Create significant liability if the decisions of 3ABN's directors and officers result in litigation.
- Cause embarrassment to the Seventh-day Adventist Church if these allegations become more widely known.

It should be quickly pointed out that 3ABN is not technically a part of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination, and never has been. The potential for embarrassment arises from 3ABN's claims that it is advancing the mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, even though, if the allegations be true, it is doing anything but that.

## **Why This Website**

It is hoped that this website will accomplish the following objectives:

- Demonstrate that Seventh-day Adventists as a whole do not tolerate the types of things 3ABN's officers and directors are accused of doing.
- Call upon the officers and directors of 3ABN to place the ones accused on administrative leave until such a time as an investigation has been completed.
- Provide a place where Seventh-day Adventists and others can voice their concerns and call for spiritual revival and reformation at 3ABN.

In short, this website is intended to be a part of a larger effort to save 3ABN to the cause, and vindicate the character of God, whose name has been brought into reproach through the allegations leveled at 3ABN.

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## A Little History of the Current Crisis

By early March 2004, 3ABN co-founder Linda Shelton was being accused by her husband and 3ABN co-founder Danny Shelton of having an inappropriate, long-distance relationship with a doctor in Norway. This resulted in her being placed on administrative leave and eventually being terminated in disgrace and divorced. The reason was simple: she was accused of being unfaithful to her husband, and of having committed adultery.

Linda's position as production manager was taken over by Danny's older brother Tommy, even though he had repeatedly been accused of sexual misconduct with men and boys over a period of many years. On November 27, 2006, the 3ABN board chairman, Dr. Walt Thompson, [essentially admitted in writing](#) that Danny had been involved in a cover up of these allegations around May of 2003. On December 3, 2006, the Church of God pastor of the Dunn Loring, Virginia, congregation where Tommy pastored from 1995 until about late 2000, announced that there were three new allegations of sexual misconduct there, one involving an individual who was a minor at the time.

Danny Shelton's response to these new allegations is quite different than how he dealt with Linda. Tommy was not placed on administrative leave, and on December 31, 2006, Danny gave Tommy a globally-televised tribute, praising him for His Christian experience and how much better a job he had done than his predecessor. Though claiming that Tommy was going off into retirement three months early because of poor health, Danny promised repeatedly that Tommy would be back, as long as his health continued.

Even if Linda was guilty as charged, the difference in treatment raises many questions. And to complicate things further, while no evidence in support of Linda's guilt has been forthcoming, credible evidence has surfaced in support of the allegations against Tommy, including [a letter of "confession"](#) written by Tommy himself.

These actions on Danny Shelton's part brought about the launch of this website.

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