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BlackSDA _ 3ABN _ How Many Alleged Victims Of Tommy Shelton? 25+?

Posted by: Whtz Happenin Feb 23 2007, 03:06 PM

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Total number of alleged victims may be 25, as low as 20 or as high as an unknown number.

Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Feb 23 2007, 05:18 PM

Whtz Happenin,

This is a great start! It looks like you put a lot of time into this. Thank you! It will be interesting how the time line evolves, now, as it continues to be fleshed out.

PB

Posted by: PrincessDrRe Feb 23 2007, 07:17 PM

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My LERD!

Posted by: Whtz Happenin Mar 12 2007, 12:12 AM

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Posted by: erik Mar 12 2007, 03:18 AM

QUOTE(Whtz Happenin @ Mar 11 2007, 11:12 PM)

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What is very telling is no one from the Pro 3abn crowd has tried to disprove your time line.

Makes me wonder why???

ERik

Posted by: Pickle Mar 12 2007, 08:43 AM

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Posted by: Pickle Mar 12 2007, 10:16 AM

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I would agree.

But what I find disturbing is how little time was actually served for the crimes committed. I wonder if someone were facing the question of coming forward and all they and their family would have to face in public scrutiny if they did, if the small penalty actually paid here by the priest in terms of time actually served would, on balance, be worth it or would the public exposure be enough?

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Particularly if you are famous... and even worse if you are a professional athlete; several years ago an NHL player came forward about the abuse he suffered at the hands of his junior hockey coach and 2 years ago Laverneus Coles, wide receiver for the NY Jets came forward about the abuse he suffered at the hands of his step-father and even though it was sexual abuse, in the über-homophobic world of professional sports, both continue to suffer as a result, facing homosexual slurs from opposing players and the like.

Both have said that sometimes it's so bad they wish they had continued to keep silent... but both are

ultimately glad they told their story and their abusers convicted.

In His service,
Mr. J

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Thanks Pickle for your input. I wish we could all miss this thread and wake up to find it only a nightmare. Unfortunately, no one is denying any of the allegations; including Tommy in his open letter.

Posted by: Clay Mar 16 2007, 08:48 AM

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It is remarkable that this man could have gotten a life sentence, but he was given merely 18 months because he repented of his evil. It is also stated that an apology is no substitute for punishment for the evil deed.

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Greg you are correct about Virginia law.

This is the post I made several weeks ago about this case.

<http://www.blacksda.com/forums/index.php?s=&showtopic=11955&view=findpost&p=180531>

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Posted by: Clay Mar 16 2007, 11:20 AM

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Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Mar 16 2007, 12:01 PM

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Posted by: Noahswife Apr 2 2007, 10:03 AM

There has been a lot of spin regarding consent and the ages of alleged victims of TS. Bob posted this at another forum today and I know I may have missed something before, but this is the most specific age I have read thus far:

The New Years' tribute to Tommy occurred right as Duane Clem was deciding to come forward.

On January 24-26, right as a statement containing distortions and falsehoods was released and publicized, another alleged victim came forward, **this one claiming to be 8 years old at the time.**

Time will reveal another providence.

<http://www.christianforums.com/showpost.php?p=33448582&postcount=240>

Note to self.....take anti-emetic before reading anything more about TS.....

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Posted by: Pickle Apr 2 2007, 10:11 AM

Yes, the son of Mom in Pain #1 claims to have been 8 at the time. Roger Clem claims to have been 16. Brad Dunning claims to have been around 14 at the time he was propositioned.

Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Apr 2 2007, 12:49 PM

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Posted by: seraph|m Apr 2 2007, 05:41 PM

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Will the authorities ever be notified? As long as nobody tells, other children are at risk.

Posted by: PrincessDrRe Apr 3 2007, 01:43 PM

....and it won't "change" until it is somebody's "important" child.

Sorry.

...but you know what I'm saying....

Posted by: Whtz Happenin Apr 5 2007, 12:30 AM

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It sure has been a while since there has been any information about the VA allegations. I pray that during the silence the victims are receiving support and a plan is in the works to file charges.

After the threatening letter was sent from TS/DS/3ABN, someone mentioned collecting money to help support the victims and the church. If anyone from the VA area knows how we can help, please let us know. We must continue to lift the entire situation up in prayer.

Like it has been said over and over, if TS is not guilty, why would he send a threatening letter?

Why would he write an open letter, without denying any of the allegations? Review the following post:

<http://www.blacksda.com/forums/index.php?s=&showtopic=11955&view=findpost&p=179087>

Why would he only focus on the attacks against him and his family?

QUOTE

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Why would he focus on how he has been the last 6 years? If he is innocent, why not talk about the last 25 years?

QUOTE

...and actually for the six years prior, when I was with you all, you didn't question it either. In fact, the vast majority of you sensed the presence of the Holy Spirit in our services, you told me that you learned and were drawn closer to God through our ministry there.

Again, this has nothing to do with anything. Only trying to spin the focus of everyone and try to use the Holy Spirit to support his statement. Very dangerous!

QUOTE

I'm not saying that I wasn't human – not saying that I didn't have issues that I struggled with – not saying that I didn't make mistakes – or never miscommunicated something etc. but I was not a sexually immoral person. Check back to what you felt in your own spirit while we were there.

So, the members of the church in VA should have felt something in their own spirit? Again, deflect the focus to what others should have felt. How would this feel?

This is the only thing I can find that resembles a denial. I wonder what TS's definition of "sexually immoral" is. Should we ask Bill Clinton for his input?

QUOTE

In addition to my ruination in the Church of God, I have also been ruined in the Seventh-Day-Adventist Church...I can never preach, teach, sing or play in the Church of God or Adventist church again at this point. ...because of the pressure...from the scandalizing on the internet, it was necessary for me to leave my job because of the stress...

Continuing to turn the video camera and focus on how he is being victimized.

QUOTE

As I see it, The Church at Dunn Loring has only one biblical avenue to pursue. The church cannot bring reconciliation between my accusers and me. That can only be accomplished between them and me, and both parties have to want it. ...The only biblical avenue for the church to take is, II Corinthians 2:6-8, and that is where it must end – now...

Now he is giving the steps that need to be taken for reconciliation. He fails to mention that the accusation is a crime. An innocent man would be very transparent about everything.

QUOTE

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Does innocent = forgiven? Thank God this is possible from an eternal perspective. However, this does not apply criminally.

QUOTE

Don't wrestle with guilty or innocent, just determine to follow I Corinthians 5 to it's completion in II Corinthians 2:6-8 – not just in this matter but in every situation that you may face in the future.

How convenient – At least he is not hiding the spin and deflection. Once again, he has turned the camera off of him and focused on the actions of others. Then to end the letter, after all that he has went through, he is still able to give parting advice on how this can just all go away. Everyone should just forget about all of this. Is he trying to sound like Paul in his letters to the churches? Apostle Paul did everything he could do to focus on Jesus and not on himself.

Let's be clear, for most of us, this will fade away into our memories, but what about the victims? What should they do?

We must continue to pray for the victims and also for TS.

Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Apr 5 2007, 10:37 AM

Whzt Happenin,

This is a very insightful set of observations! We can't forget about the victims. If we do we are as guilty as the one who violated them.

PB

Posted by: Observer Apr 5 2007, 12:22 PM

A link has been placed here in BSDA that references a very long letter that Tommy Shelton is supposed to have written. It is much to long for my comments here. But, I will make a few on a small part of that

letter.

QUOTE

For argument sake let's say that every charge against me is true, how can he know that in the last 6 years I have not repented? The CCOG board has numbers of letters from people at 3ABN who worked with me every day who have testified to my Christian experience and walk with the Lord over these last many years. There has not been one rumor of any kind – sexual immorality, dishonesty, deceit or any other of the sins Glenn accuses me of. . . . I repeat, if it were all true – do we not believe in repentance and forgiveness? For six years no one has questioned my Christian experience

Tommy, I know nothing in regard to whether or not you have repented. So, I do not challenge you on that. In my theology, I am willing to say that you are forgiven. In fact, I am willing to say that you were forgiven before you repented! But, such repentance and forgiveness does not release one from consequences. The death of Christ on Calvary may have provided for all sins to be forgiven. But, in my thinking, that does not mean that eternal consequences will not come to those who reject that forgiveness, and do not repent. Again, I know nothing of your repentance, and I do not judge it. Even when one repents, there may be consequences in this life today. A repentant child molester should not work with children again. Note: I do not accuse you of being such. I am simply making a point—GM.

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O. K. Tommy. You have acknowledged your humanity. I commend you for what you have acknowledged. I do not know what it means for you to say that you are not a sexually immoral person. In my thinking, one could fall into a sexual sin, and still honestly say that he was not sexually immoral--GM.

Also, I am not going to judge whether or not the Holy Spirit used you in the past to bring people to knowledge of our Lord. I do not know. I am willing to say that it may have happened. In addition, I am willing to say that God may be able to use you in the future. I neither know your past, nor do I know your future. Your future is between you and the Lord. While I do not know your past, I cannot say that evidence of the Holy Spirit using you in the past is evidence in regard to any specific that you may or may not have committed. God uses people who have sinned—GM.

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Tommy, you mention the hurt and pain that has come from all of this to your wife and children. My heart goes out to them. No one can even imagine the magnitude of that pain unless they have also gone through such. But, if there is hurt and pain, the responsibility for that rests upon you, if you are guilty. If, you are not

guilty, the responsibility rests upon those who falsely accused you—GM.

Unfortunately this mess appears to be irresolvable without the intervention of the civil authorities. Statements have been made that litigation is coming from more than one direction. I do not criticize any of the people who may litigate. In my theology, God has established civil governments, and they play a role in the lives of Christians. If litigation is what it takes to resolve these issues, than that is what it will take. In the mean time, I wish you well spiritually, and otherwise. God will be with you on whatever path you have to walk. I see much that is positive in you. But, I also suspect that you still have a rough road ahead of you. My prayer for you is that you will understand what God wants of you in this mess, and that you will be willing to follow that leading of God. If God calls you to action—do it—GM.

At the end of his letter, it was signed, as follows—GM.

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June 2004 - Promoted by 3ABN to Programming Manager

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Notes:

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- b. #s ~~6, 7, and 8~~ may be included in "three other boys" [(-) 01/ (+) 00]
- c. "Victims that have not come forward" [(-) 00/ (+) ??]
- d. "At least 6 boys were sexually abused" [(-) 00/ (+) ??]
- e. Further Allegations in Early 1990's may be included elsewhere [(-) 01/ (+) ??]
- f. #'s 18 and 22 may be the same victim [(-) 01/ (+) 00]

Total number of alleged victims may be 23, as low as 19 or as high as an unknown number.

As if we needed more capers to dampen as well as taint Seventh Day Adventist?
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Posted by: Pickle Apr 5 2007, 01:02 PM

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
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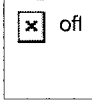
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Welcome N&S and Praise the Lord for your deliverence out of "the ditch". You are a humbled and saved child of God. Bless you.

Posted by: Pickle Apr 5 2007, 10:09 PM

N&S, praise God for your testimony!

Sorry about being slow. I do my best around here to avoid sticking my foot in my mouth, lest I become shark bait, and that was the only reason for my hesitancy. Feel free to use whatever phrases you wish. Maybe I'll learn a thing or too.

Posted by: Whtz Happenin Apr 17 2007, 10:11 PM

QUOTE(Observer @ Apr 5 2007, 01:22 PM) □

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Tommy, you mention the hurt and pain that has come from all of this to your wife and children. My heart goes out to them. No one can even imagine the magnitude of that pain unless they have also gone through such. But, if there is hurt and pain, the responsibility for that rests upon you, if you are guilty. If, you are not guilty, the responsibility rests upon those who falsely accused you—GM.

Unfortunately this mess appears to be irresolvable without the intervention of the civil authorities. Statements have been made that litigation is coming from more than one direction. I do not criticize any of the people who may litigate. In my theology, God has established civil governments, and they play a role in the lives of Christians. If litigation is what it takes to resolve these issues, than that is what it will take. In the mean time, I wish you well spiritually, and otherwise. God will be with you on whatever path you have to walk. I see much that is positive in you. But, I also suspect that you still have a rough road ahead of you. My prayer for you is that you will understand what God wants of you in this mess, and that you will be willing to follow that leading of God. If God calls you to action—do it—GM.

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That is sometimes done for children.

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JB, this is exactly why I said in another thread that these issues are separate from the 3ABN financial issues. This was not a matter of protecting 3ABN, but rather another family member, 3ABN employee or not.

I am hopeful that Linda's new attorney will find it possible to facilitate prosecution of DS at least, and perhaps DS as well, for their criminal behavior where and whenever it took place and with whom. Could he do both cases at once? Probably not, but at least he could help TS victims find courage to prosecute on their own behalf. This cannot continue to be swept under the rug.

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Welcome runner4him!

Posted by: seraph|m Apr 26 2007, 12:58 PM

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Posted by: mozart Apr 26 2007, 02:08 PM

QUOTE(seraph|m @ Apr 26 2007, 12:58 PM)

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who can take those steps but the victims? on another thread here someone said that they hoped danny and doug would in some way address this matter and reach out to the perpetrator in an "accountability" way and reach out to the victims in a "supportive" way and bring things out in the open in a "healing" way. (i'm paraphrasing). thing of it is, i don't think anyone at 3abn will do anything unless they are forced by **victims hat became victims WHILE they were at 3abn**. other than that, i dont see that they have any responsibility or inclination in the matter (other than moral maybe since some knew and employed a perpetrator) but i dont think they would open themselves up to that, even tho' they are suppose to be mending broken people" and it **would** be their mission. unfortunately, that idealism seems to just be the words to a theme song.

Posted by: seraph|m Apr 26 2007, 02:33 PM

QUOTE(mozart @ Apr 26 2007, 05:08 PM)

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Posted by: Whtz Happenin Apr 27 2007, 12:36 PM

QUOTE(seraph|m @ Apr 26 2007, 04:33 PM)

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seraph|m',
just noticed that you are from DC Metro. How close are you to the church in VA where the most recent allegations have been made?

Posted by: Whtz Happenin Apr 27 2007, 12:49 PM

I was looking around the 3ABN website and noticed something very interesting.

QUOTE

Note to website promoters

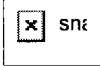
Unless your website belongs to a program, host, or special series currently featured on 3ABN, please do not contact us to have your website added to this list. 3ABN does not respond to third-party link requests.

One of the links, "Improving Your Piano Skills" at this web address, <http://www.3abn.org/links.cfm>, is to a site where you can purchase TS materials.

It looks like he is still hanging around.

Posted by: PrincessDrRe May 4 2007, 07:51 PM

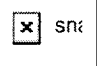
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Posted by: Just a Guy May 5 2007, 08:31 PM

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Posted by: mozart May 6 2007, 12:54 AM

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you're speaking the truth now girl.

Posted by: Whtz Happenin May 6 2007, 01:16 PM

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Can you please expand on your thoughts? Are you saying that this just too sick to be discussed?

What I hear from your post is that you would rather this just not be talked about. I am asking in case that is not what you are saying. Thank you for your response.

Posted by: Rosyroi May 6 2007, 06:59 PM

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Posted by: Whtz Happenin May 6 2007, 10:52 PM

This will make you think.

Church Votes on Whether to Allow Sex Offender Into Congregation

A California Congregation Is Divided on Whether to Forgive His Sins or Try to Protect Their Children

[Link to Article:](#)

<http://abcnews.go.com/GMA/story?id=3144748&page=1&GMA=true>

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Posted by: Shepherdswife May 7 2007, 06:58 AM

We had a similar situation in a church we used to attend. A 30-ish yo man showed up one Sabbath morning, and told my husband in the course of the usual "where are you from?" conversation that he had been baptized in a large metro evangelistic series in another state, and that he had just come from prison, "but I am not going to tell you why I was in, so don't ask".

His behavior at the church picnic that day made us suspicious, so my husband called some pastors in the city he referred to, and found one who said he was so glad my husband called, that the man was not safe with boys or girls, had spent time for child abuse, and had been ordered off the campmeeting campgrounds the year before for his behavior.

My husband and the senior pastor talked to the man and told him that he was welcome to fellowship with us (membership was never mentioned--I don't know how that would have been handled if it had), but that we would not allow him to spend time near the children of the church, and that they were notifying the parents of the congregation so they could protect their children as well. He got very angry, said God had forgiven him so why couldn't we, that we were not Christians, etc, etc, etc. He came a time or two more and then never showed up again. I often wonder where he went next...

In another church I am aware of in a different state, a man came to the board, told them his history, asked them to hold him accountable to his own guidelines--never being around the children, etc. He was honest and transparent. It worked for awhile...but then his accountability group moved away one by one, the church changed, and he ended up in prison again for molesting a kid in his neighborhood. I don't know what the answer is, because pedophiles desperately need fellowship and accountability, but most won't accept it, and the ones that do are still not safe around kids. Ever. IMO. Maybe someone needs to start a church just for them...

My uncle is a deacon in a large SDA city church in still another state. He and the deacons were told that there were "several" convicted child abusers attending the church, but that they were not allowed to know who they were--they were just supposed to be alert and keep their eyes open. The reasoning was that if they were "outed", they would not have a safe place to attend, and they needed that. If I was a parent of small kids and found out my church had done that, I would go somewhere else...

shepherdswife

Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered May 7 2007, 07:25 AM

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Posted by: runner4him May 7 2007, 10:04 AM

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You make some very good points. Some who indulge in certain types of addiction or abuse have difficulty staying on the straight path and while we want to accept them we must also make sure we are vigilant in order to protect our children. The main problem in many churches is the attitude of "it is not Christian to say things about people in the church even though there might be documentation or witnesses to the truth". I also have had similiar exeriences to your examples in several churches in several States. Briefly...almost 20 years ago conversations regarding sexual abuse were related to fellow students by 3 daughters of a prominent sda academy prinicipal. Each of the 3 confided in different students at different times. (The daughters were not aware of the other's abuse with their father and they looked like the ideal family). The fellow students eventually told their own parents after carrying the burden of knowing that this man who they all looked up to was a supposed sexual abuser and of his own daughters. One pastor who was outraged tried to talk to the powers that be in the conference and he was silenced with threats of losing his job. Nothing was done and the supposed abuser went elsewhere to do whatever. Another time in a different place a known convicted sexual abuser who just got out of prison came to a church where the pastor thought he did not need to tell the congregation anything. Eventually someone found out and questions were raised about this and the need to inform the parents in the church so they could be aware....the reaction of the pastor was very negative toward anyone who had anything to say.

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I watched a talk show where a former molester said that molesters tend to volunteer for scouting clubs etc for the opportunity to be around kids. I think the state makes such groups screen their leaders for such things now. That can help but does no good when what they have done is unreported.

This doesn't mean that all who volunteer are molesters, in fact even if or especially if they are former victims themselves, leaders may be able to spot abuse and report it. We have all seen families where some of the kids followed mom or dad's bad example such as being drunks and some of the kids were strictly teetotalers. I think it is the same with abused kids. Some act out and some are extremely moral.

Posted by: Observer May 7 2007, 10:44 AM

QUOTE(Shepherdswife @ May 7 2007, 05:58 AM)

We had a similar situation in a church we used to attend. A 30-ish yo man showed up one Sabbath morning, and told my husband in the course of the usual "where are you from?" conversation that he had been baptized in a large metro evangelistic series in another state, and that he had just come from prison, "but I am not going to tell you why I was in, so don't ask".

His behavior at the church picnic that day made us suspicious, so my husband called some pastors in the city he referred to, and found one who said he was so glad my husband called, that the man was not safe with boys or girls, had spent time for child abuse, and had been ordered off the campmeeting campgrounds the year before for his behavior.

My husband and the senior pastor talked to the man and told him that he was welcome to fellowship with us (membership was never mentioned--I don't know how that would have been handled if it had), but that we would not allow him to spend time near the children of the church, and that they were notifying the parents of the congregation so they could protect their children as well. He got very angry, said God had forgiven him so why couldn't we, that we were not Christians, etc, etc, etc. He came a time or two more and then never showed up again. I often wonder where he went next...

In another church I am aware of in a different state, a man came to the board, told them his history, asked them to hold him accountable to his own guidelines--never being around the children, etc. He was honest and transparent. It worked for awhile...but then his accountability group moved away one by one, the church changed, and he ended up in prison again for molesting a kid in his neighborhood. I don't know what the answer is, because pedophiles desperately need fellowship and accountability, but most won't accept it, and the ones that do are still not safe around kids. Ever. IMO. Maybe someone needs to start a church just for them...

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Posted by: daylily May 7 2007, 11:10 AM

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If you steal church funds, you should not expect to remain a Church Treasurer.

Posted by: daylily May 7 2007, 08:23 PM

Exactly!

Posted by: mozart May 7 2007, 09:00 PM

up until this post, all i've read was so twisted. THIS IS HOW IT SHOULD BE DONE. ty observer when it is done this way, everything is out in the open, then people who do work with the children are not nervous about it and the parents can be at peace. this is the only way. if the perpetrator can't handle the scrutiny, then he makes his own choices. stay or go. innocent children don't have those choices. they don't have that privelege.

i'm sick and tired of people making other people feel guilty for a criminal's behavior. there is nothing unchristian about what observer has described here. God bless that church. thanks again for giving this awesome example.

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Posted by: Whtz Happenin Jun 6 2007, 12:15 AM

QUOTE(LaurenceD @ May 30 2007, 09:51 AM)

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Also a Oklahoma connection. Isn't Tommy in Oklahoma now?

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.aurence,

'ou made the above quote in another thread, but I thought any discussion would fit better in this thread.

almost read right on past this statement, but I reversed to read it again. Are you talking about TS? What did you hear that prompted your question? With the allegations that have been made, folks need to be warned. Jews may not have traveled very fast in the eighties, but it can travel fast today.

.et's expand your question into an answer.

Posted by: LaurenceD Jun 10 2007, 09:56 PM

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The "Jim" LaurenceD is speaking of is Jim Gilley. I saw that interview. He is now pastor of one of the SDA churches in Dallas, TX.

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I found the link(<http://www.churchofgodcv.org/addresses.aspx>) in Panama_Pete's post from August 10, 2006:

<http://www.blacksda.com/forums/index.php?s=&showtopic=10304&view=findpost&p=144189>

LaurenceD and PeacefullyBewildered heard Jim Gilley make a reference to Tommy now being in Oklahoma. [From followup post by PeacefullyBewildered - "The reference to Danny's brother that I heard was for his brother Ronnie, not Tommy. "]

Does anyone else have information about this?

[Edited - more info needed]

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i don't remember the details, i'm sure someone here knows. i just remember danny interviewing one of his brothers and saying , "you are a pastor now!" and the brother saying yes and that he was pastoring a church in OK. sorry, that's all i remember. hope someone else here can answer your question better. Mo

Posted by: lurker Jun 11 2007, 11:01 AM

Ronny was listed as being in OKMULGEE, OK. <http://tinyurl.com/2laf2w>

Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Jun 11 2007, 12:26 PM

WH,

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The last I heard, the Glenn Dryden who is pastor of the Ezra Church of God in 3abn's neck of the woods is the son of the Pastor Glenn Dryden who wrote the letter of warning to Dr. Walt Thompson in May, 2003.

Posted by: Whtz Happenin Jun 22 2007, 03:07 PM

QUOTE(Pickle @ Jun 12 2007, 06:50 PM)

Steffan,

Maybe you can help me on a few items.

I just heard that the number of underage victims from Virginia has gone from 1 to 3, and I've finally gotten a name of one of those and have some correspondence from him. Do Tommy and Danny have any plans for trying to make things right before the child molestation part of the scandal grows any bigger? Especially since, I believe, Virginia doesn't have a statute of limitations for things like this?

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QUOTE(PeacefullyBewildered @ Jun 12 2007, 07:30 PM)

This will be interesting to watch unfold. Do you anticipate this alleged victim making a statement available?

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QUOTE(Pickle @ Jun 12 2007, 11:06 PM)

PB,

Don't know what these alleged victims are going to do or not do.

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QUOTE(lurker @ Jun 13 2007, 11:07 AM)

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In looking up the information on the statute of limitations, I found this which I thought might apply to Tommy's victims:Tolling the Statute

Statutes of limitations are designed to aid defendants. A plaintiff, however, can prevent the dismissal of his action for untimeliness by seeking to toll the statute. When the statute is tolled, the running of the time period is suspended until some event specified by law takes place. Tolling provisions benefit a plaintiff by extending the time within which he is permitted to bring suit.

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The quotes above were made in the "Looks Like Ds Already Has His, "reward In Full!"" thread. I pray that what Pickle has heard is not true. Let us continue to keep all involved in prayer.

Pickle, have you been able to find out any additional information about this?

Posted by: Whtz Happenin Jun 22 2007, 05:12 PM

QUOTE(Whtz Happenin @ Feb 23 2007, 05:06 PM)

Timeline of Sexual Allegations of Tommy Shelton:

I could not find anywhere that listed all of the possible alleged victims of Tommy Shelton. I attempted to list them all below in order to grasp the possible magnitude of the number of alleged victims. This is a rough draft and as more information is posted I will update and re-post.

- The allegations are from the AToday article, posts at BlackSDA.com, Maritime-sda-online.org and/or Christianforums.com.

Please review and provide missing information.

Mid 1970's

#1 (or more) -Allegations - About 30 year's ago - Walt Thompson

Nineteen Eighty's

#2 - 1982-83 School Year - Allegation by BD

#3 - Allegations of "three other boys"

#4 - Allegations of "three other boys"

#5 - Allegations of "three other boys"

#6 - October 1984 - Seen w/ one boy - Avery - (Possibly one of "three other boys")

#7 - Allegation by Mother #1 of Victim

#8 - Allegation by Mother of GH

September 15, 1985 - Resigned as Pastor of Ezra Church of God (TS open letter)

October 25, 1985 - Ordination Suspended

#9 - Late 1985/Early 1986 - Allegation by DC

June 1986 (Approx) - Hired as Pastor of Ezra Church of God (TS open letter)

#10 - Around 1988 - Allegation by RC

#11 - "Victims that have not come forward" - post by PJMusic

- "...at least 5 other victims I know of that have not come forward yet." - post by D. Clem

#12 - (2) "Victims that have not come forward"

#13 - (3) "Victims that have not come forward"

#14 - (4) "Victims that have not come forward"

#15 (or more) - (5) "Victims that have not come forward"

- At least 6 boys were sexually abused - Assume #'s (2-15) include - Dryden

Nineteen Ninety's

#16 (or more) - Early 1990's prior to resigning from Ezra - Further Allegations (Atoday)

1991 - Resigns from Ezra Church of God

1991 - Hired by 3ABN as Production Manager (Atoday)

#17 - (1991- 1992) - Employee allegation (Atoday)

1992 (Aprox) - Fired by 3ABN

- Result of employee allegations (AToday)

1992 (Aprox) - Hired by 3ABN to Promote 3ABN

- Traveled around by Bus singing and promoting

1995 - Hired as Assist. Pastor of Dunn Loring Church of God

1996 - Hired as Pastor of Dunn Loring Church of God

- Further allegations during time at Dunn Loring (Atoday)

#18 - One minor at VA Church - Dryden

#19 - Adult #1 at VA Church - Dryden

#20 - Adult #2 at VA Church - Dryden

#21 - Misconduct at VA Church - Unrelated to other 3 - Dryden (Martime #82093)

#22 - underage victims from VA has gone from 1 to 3..." (post by Pickle) (possibly #21)

#23 - underage victims from VA has gone from 1 to 3..." (post by Pickle)

Two Thousand's

#24 - In 2000 - Family confronted - relationship with underage male (possibly #18) (Atoday)

#25 - 2000 - Family confronted - inappropriate relationship with son (Atoday)

2000 - Resigned as Pastor of Dunn Loring Church of God

(2000- 2002) (Aprox) - Hired by 3ABN as Archive Librarian

2001 - Surrendered Credentials to the Ministerial Council in VA (TS Open Letter)

June 2004 - Promoted by 3ABN to Programming Manager

December 2006 - Resigned from 3ABN

Notes:

a. Information about allegations in the 1970's is not known [(-) 01/ (+) ??]

b. #6 may be included in "three other boys" [(-) 01/ (+) 00]

c. "Victims that have not come forward" [(-) 00/ (+) ??]

d. "At least 6 boys were sexually abused" [(-) 00/ (+) ??]

e. Further Allegations in Early 1990's may be included elsewhere [(-) 01/ (+) ??]

f. #'s 18 and 24 may be the same victim [(-) 01/ (+) 00]

g. #'s 21 and 22 may be the same victim [(-) 01/ (+) 00]

Total number of alleged victims may be 25, as low as 20 or as high as an unknown number.

Post #1 has been updated. Note that no one has disputed anything in this list.