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BlackSDA _ 3ABN _ Scott Clem Statement - "i Am Not A Victim"

Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Apr 27 2007, 05:36 PM

Dear BSDA family,

Much has been written here about the Clem brothers - Scott, Duane and Roger. Many are becoming very familiar with the impact that the admitted AND the alleged sexual abuse by Tommy Shelton has had on two of these brothers - Duane and Roger. At some point, some where in all of these discussions, a leap has apparently been made to include Scott in the allegations of abuse. The following statement, posted on Save3abn.com, is Scott's statement to set the record straight.

PB

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

From: Scott Clem

Subject: I Am NOT A Victim

Date: Wed, 25 Apr 2007 12:36:15 -0500

Hi, *****!

I feel that I need to address an issue which keeps reappearing, and I request that this message be posted on any and all appropriate websites which deal with the issues surrounding Tommy Shelton.

It is widely known that both of my brothers fell victim to inappropriate sexual behavior by Tommy, and since this information has gone public, statements have been made to me, or to others about me, in regard to whether or not the same fate had befallen me. While I can certainly understand this concern, it is troubling to me that certain individuals seem to have simply concluded within their own minds that I must have been a victim as well. This could potentially result in litigation if the wrong things are said to the wrong people, so I feel that the time has come for me to set the record straight.

The simple truth....I am NOT one of Tommy Shelton's victims. The despicable acts which were, unfortunately, perpetrated on my brothers were, fortunately, never perpetrated on me. For what reason, I am not sure, but I am glad that I was never victimized and I wish that my brothers and all of the other young men could say the same of themselves.

True as this may be, certain facts remain. Though I was not a victim myself, I am still experiencing my own degree of pain in this situation because of what my brothers and several friends have gone through. In light of this, I wish to make it perfectly clear that I am not making this statement in defense of Tommy Shelton. I am NOT defending that man, and I never will again! I am making this statement to protect those who have been misled into believing and advocating something that simply is not true.

The problem is this....the time could come when something is said to someone in regard to my "victimization", and those in Tommy's defense could, in the long run, use that as a basis for litigation against the person who made the statement when the truth comes out. I do not intend to give them the satisfaction. I repeat....I am NOT defending Tommy Shelton. As long as he has no chance of squirming his way out of trouble, I don't give a care what he has or what he does with it, but I am afraid that something is going to be said which could give his side even a small bit of credibility, and this just cannot happen.

At this point, there have been no direct accusations against Tommy in regard to me personally, but I am afraid that this may soon happen. I just want to make it very plain to everyone that I am not a victim, but that I stand with and support the victims who are now coming forward.

Thank you very much for your assistance in this matter.

In Christ,
Scott

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Posted by: mozart Apr 27 2007, 06:00 PM

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thanks for sharing this. i hadn't heard that rumor but i totally agree with him writing this letter for ppl to see. it was the smart thing to do. God bless him.

Posted by: Ozzie Apr 28 2007, 05:54 AM

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Thank you Scott for clarifying that. I believe too that it is good that you have spoken out before TS's side can come up with any more wild claims of persecution etc. God bless.

Posted by: PrincessDrRe May 1 2007, 08:38 PM

This shows that the "side" doesn't have to resort to "making up victims" for Tommy Shelton.... when in large there are enough existing. The fact that he supports his brother is beautiful...and the fact that he can come forward and admit that he is not a victim is admirable. What I like even better is that he acknowledges the abuse of his other brothers and does not state that it didn't "happen" to them....

