

# *Congregation*

*Of Jehovah's Witnesses*

*Kingdom Hall*

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Christian Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses  
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Attention: Desk SDO

Dear Brothers,

This letter is in response to your letter dated May 22, 2009, letter [from desk SDO] regarding Brother [redacted] move to the [redacted] Congregation, [redacted], Massachusetts. In that letter you referred to your records, which indicated on June 1, 2002, Brothers [redacted] and [redacted] contacted your legal Department to report an accusation of child molestation lodged against Brother [redacted] by Sister [redacted].

You had asked that two elders be assigned to prepare a report using the questions in paragraph 1, page 2 of the March 14, 1997 confidential letter to all bodies of elders. In acknowledging, that the details pertaining to the above case may be sketchy you noted that interviewing Sister [redacted] and or her family members would not be necessary due to the discomfort this may bring. We all agreed with that suggestion not to interview Sister [redacted] or her family. However, we also discovered upon accessing the congregational confidential files, that there was very little information pertaining to the above accusation. Therefore, we found it necessary to contact and interview a local elder ( [redacted] ) from the [redacted] Congregation who at one time belonged to [redacted] Congregation, to assist us with answering the questions found in the March 14, 1997 confidential letter to all bodies of elders in paragraph 1, page 3.

During our interview with Brother \_\_\_\_\_, he had stated he had no first hand knowledge to the allegation but had only heard some talk from elders within the congregation regarding the charge. At best, his recollection was sketchy.

Therefore, with the above information within our possession we will begin to answer the following questions outlined in the March 14, 1997 confidential letter to all bodies of elders, paragraph 1 page 3.

1. How long ago did he commit the Sin? Answer: Reportedly, between 1975 and 1976.
2. What was his age at the time? Answer: Reportedly, forty-four years old.
3. What was the age of his victim(s)? Answer: Reportedly, nine years-old and the second child age unknown.
4. Was it a one-time occurrence or a practice? Reportedly, Unknown
5. If it was a practice, to what extent? Answer: Unknown
6. How is he viewed in the community and by the authorities? Answer: Reportedly, the victims never reported these abuses to the authorities.
7. Has he lived down the notoriety in the community? Answer: Unknown since all of the individuals that might have known, no longer attends the Congregation.
8. Are members of the Congregation aware of what took place? Answer: No, since all of the individuals that might have knowledge no longer attends the Acres Congregation.
9. How do they view him and /or his victims view him? Answer: Sister \_\_\_\_\_ has nothing to do with him at all, but the simple mention of his name sends her into a prolonged panic. As for the second victim, her feelings are unknown since she no longer lives in Massachusetts, and whereabouts are unknown.
10. Has he ever been disfellowshipped, reprovved, counseled, or otherwise dealt with? Answer: Yes, Brother \_\_\_\_\_ has been counseled but not for the above accusation, the counsels mainly dealt with family issues relating to headship or the lack of it.
11. If he has moved to another congregation, please identify the congregation to which he has moved. Answer: \_\_\_\_\_ Congregation.
12. Was the congregation advised of his past conduct of child molestation, and if so when? Answer: A letter of introduction was sent March 26, 2009, informing the congregation of Brother \_\_\_\_\_ past. (See copy of letter enclosed).

We trust we have addressed your questions satisfactorily. We await any further direction in this matter. With warm Christian love, we send our greetings.

Your brothers.