

KALAMUNDA CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

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October 30, 2010

Re: BCH – Request for reinstatement

Dear Brothers

We have received a written request from BCH for reinstatement. Three brothers met with him to discuss this request. We met with him on another occasion in an attempt to clarify the situation. We pass on the following comments after these conversations and phone contact with brother Neil Harrop from Loganholme.

BCH admits to one occasion in which he molested one of his daughters, for which he was convicted. He believes the other occasions did not constitute abuse, i.e. bathing his children. During discussions BCH mentioned that under advice from a solicitor (a brother) he should enter a guilty plea. He considered this but decided not to. He felt this would be an admission to the other events he was accused of. So his denial is of these other accusations. He also alleges that the prosecution exaggerated his conduct to "build a case" against him. We also note the discrepancy between letters. The correspondence from you mentions abuse of all four daughters, whereas the letter from Loganholme mentions only three.

BCH agreed that he has a tendency to stretch the truth at times. This has been a long standing problem and he recognizes that this has impacted on his discussions with bodies of elders of over the years. He has repented of this sin and has made efforts to correct this weakness. BCH admitted that he had the wrong attitude with the elders in Loganholme. During meetings with them he was trying to justify himself and had an arrogant manner with the brothers. We have enclosed a copy of BCH's letter.

The picture we have tried to put together is:

1. BCG's boyfriend reported to the elders the abuse by BCH who is disfellowshipped 1988.
2. BCH is reinstated in 1992.
3. Maintenance payments stop when his youngest child is 16 years old. His former wife now goes to court with the charges against him. After 3 court cases he is convicted of indecent assault and attempted rape and is jailed for over 2 years.
4. In 2003 BCH is disfellowshipped for malicious lying. This relates to the denial of the accusation of child abuse.

5. A restraining order is placed on [BCH] on contact with his daughters. However he places advertisements in local papers in Northern Queensland to contact them. He does have written contact with his oldest daughter [BCK]. This contact stops when he is again disfellowshipped.
6. 2010 [BCH] applies for reinstatement in Kalamunda.

We have the following observations over the last 6 months.

- He is very regular in meeting attendance and is not disruptive.
- He expressed his sincere regret for past sins and wants to set things right.
- He does not communicate well and his answers are convoluted and confusing.
- He seems to have the complete trust and support of his wife. She is a sister and is in good standing in the congregation.

It has been difficult to understand how to assist [BCH]. Brothers we would like to ask for further direction in this situation.

Yours Brothers

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Secretary