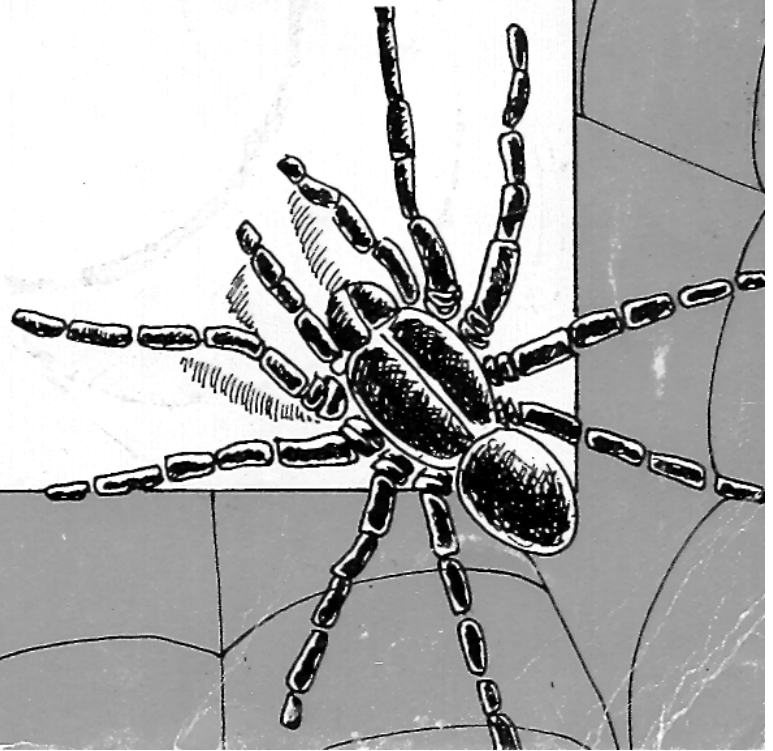


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FOREWORD

After I retired in March, 1979 as Senior Special Agent in charge of the FBI in Los Angeles, California, I was contacted by friends of Doctor Jeffrey R. McDonald, the former green beret, who had been convicted of murdering his wife and two children at Fort Bragg, North Carolina in February of 1970. McDonald, as well as a vociferous group of close personal friends, claimed that he was innocent of the crime. I was asked to investigate the case.

After working hundreds of hours and developing numerous witnesses, I obtained an opportunity to formally interview Helena Stoeckley, who had become a suspect in the murders. McDonald had claimed Stoeckley was part of a "hippy cult" which had invaded his home on that fateful night. These cult members, McDonald said, were in fact the real murderers of his family. Over the years Stoeckley had made admissions to others that Dr. McDonald had not committed the crimes, and that she and a group of friends had indeed been responsible for the grisly murders of his family. Oddly, nobody had ever taken a formal statement from Stoeckley. I have since learned that, in fact, Stoeckley contacted the FBI in 1978 for the purpose of making a full confession. The FBI, however, refused to talk to her.

In October of 1989, my associate and I convinced Stoeckley that it would be in her best interests to confess. She then gave us a signed statement in which she admitted that her "satanic cult," had murdered McDonald's family. The cult felt that McDonald had furnished the identity of soldiers who had OD'd on drugs to the officials at the hospital where he was working. They committed the murders as part of a vendetta. However, Stoeckley's admission was ignored. The Dept. of Justice attorneys, and the FBI, stuck to their theory that McDonald committed the crimes, after which he'd staged the scene to make it appear as if a Charles-Manson type mass murder had occurred.

I had heard of satanic cult crimes during the course of my work, but, in spite of 28 years experience in law enforcement, I knew next to nothing about satanic cults. In

fact, I didn't truly believe in their existence. Following my entrance into the McDonald case, I began to research this area, specifically that of satanic cult activity in the United States.

During the past 11 years, I have had contact with literally hundreds of adult survivors of satanic cults. These people include former law enforcement officers and politicians, as well as lay people. I have talked with psychiatrists, psychologists and sociologists. I have developed confidential sources and informants who have had direct contact with cult members. I have received and gathered hard evidence from journalists who have written stories about the numerous "satanic murders" in America over the last 15 years. I have helped gather information for books such as Maury Terry's *The Ultimate Evil*, and *Cults That Kill* by Larry Kahaner. I have been a guest on numerous radio and television shows. Today, I am regarded as an expert in the area of satanic cult crime.

I can state without hesitation, that there is, indeed, a national cult network--including satanic, witchcraft, pedophile and occultic groups--which is operating at full throttle within our society today. The activities of these groups (it is, in reality, one group which operates on many levels), include the kidnapping and molestation of children, as well as the torture and murder of human beings. Their favorite victims are children and newborn babies, the younger the better.

The cult lives, indeed thrives on drug sales, pornography and prostitution. This cult network is largely responsible for the recent rash of "snuff" films, which are sold at high prices to people who crave this sick, degenerate material. Children kidnapped and literally "owned" by the cult are sold on the open market to the highest bidder. These children are taken right off the streets of our cities, and traded through a national pedophile network.

This cult guards its secrets and controls its people primarily through the use of fear. They have an intricate system of reward and punishment. They also deal in disinformation and intimidation, blackmail and murder.

My investigation has revealed that the satanic cult network has set up preschools across the country which they

use as a source for kiddy-pornography and child prostitution. They have successfully infiltrated the public school system as well.

One of the more bizarre and distasteful activities of the cult involves the use of satanic "breeders." What this means is that families literally breed children for the purposes of the ritual sacrifice of newborn babies. Other children raised in these multi-generational satanic families, are indoctrinated from birth in the mindset of the cultists. Most often, there is no birth record on children born into these families. Thus, when the children are murdered, there are no missing persons reports ever filed. Children bred for Satanic purposes, when they reach the proper age, are used in prostitution in order to connect cult members with politicians, law-enforcement officers, prosecutors and judges. The latter are then blackmailed. I have knowledge of certain jurisdictions in this country where cult members control entire judicial systems!

The satanic network has infiltrated virtually every walk of life. I know of lawyers, doctors, politicians, educators--all of whom are actively involved in the satanic cult network. It may sound like fiction, but, unfortunately, it is all too real.

In May of 1991, I was asked by the Nebraska Leadership Conference to come to Nebraska and investigate allegations of a national pedophile ring, as well as other illegal activities, all of which were the outgrowth of the Franklin Investigation. I spent considerable time in Lincoln and Omaha, going over the evidence--evidence which was overwhelming in its scope. My opinion, after evaluating the evidence, is that the activities taking place in Nebraska bear more than a striking similarity to the activities used by the satanic cult network which I have been describing. It was quite apparent to me that the true and complete facts of the case were not only not being presented--they were being covered up. Frighteningly, the heart of the cover-up stemmed from the media in Omaha itself.

One of my recommendations to the Leadership Conference was to write a book which would provide the people of the state of Nebraska with the true, unbiased facts regarding this case. At the time, I didn't consider that I would wind up being involved in this book, but this Franklin case had

such dramatic proportions, not to mention implications for the rest of the country, that I soon found myself immersed in the project.

I can state without hesitation that every statement in this book is documented by hard evidence. Unlike some accounts, the information that has been gathered is neither spurious, nor based on mere emotionalism. It is all cold, hard fact. And that, unfortunately, is what makes the Franklin case so shocking.

In this book, you are simply being presented with facts, facts resulting from an intensive investigation of several months. I leave it to you the reader, to evaluate this information, and to arrive at your own conclusion. If this is done impartially, I have no doubt that you will realize there has, in fact, been a "Carefully Crafted Hoax."

Ted L. Gunderson

PREFACE

This report is the product of the Nebraska Leadership Conference and is the result of several months of our own investigation and background research. The information it contains is all documented and is, for the most part, all a matter of public record. All information was available to law-enforcement agencies and the Attorney General's office. Additional information was drawn from articles in the Omaha World-Herald, the Lincoln Star, The Nebraska Observer, and the Omaha Metro Update.

The account of the testimony that led to the Douglas County Grand Jury's indictment of Alisha Owen for perjury was taken, primarily, from an article that appeared in the 5-31-91 edition of the Nebraska Observer. The article was compiled from tapes made by Gary Caradori and Owen's grand jury testimony which was made available at the trial, as well as from sources close to her.

The material on Paul Bonacci was taken from interviews conducted with Bonacci by a number of different individuals, including Gary Caradori.

It should be noted that the purpose of giving the lurid, graphic details in these accounts is neither for shock nor sensationalism, but simply to document the gravity of the sexual abuse situation in Nebraska. It is also meant to alert unsuspecting parents to the manner in which the pedophile network lure and ensnare children into the hideous web of pain and bondage that is part and parcel of ritual child abuse.

This report is by no means the final word on this subject. Much information was not included because of its sensitive nature. New information is coming to light almost daily. There will be future revisions and updatings of this report as well as books and reports by other authors. The legislature's Franklin Committee is due to issue their final report soon, which will give new insights on the subject of sexual child abuse.

BE ON THE ALERT!

INTRODUCTION

Nov 4, 1988 - At 1:00 P.M. on a Friday afternoon, the Franklin Community Credit Union was closed by the FBI and the IRS. The closing was based upon information developed by an audit of Credit Union manager Larry King's personal tax returns. The IRS stated that they received "inside information," but would not reveal who blew the whistle on King, or why. The IRS had been investigating King since 1985 and the FBI since 1987.

Shortly thereafter, reports began to circulate concerning pornography videotapes and photos which had been confiscated from the office of the Credit Union by the FBI. Then, in a trickle--which soon grew to a flood--other allegations began to arise. These allegations involved drugs, sexual misconduct, child abuse, pornography--even satanic activity. Names of prominent individuals in the Omaha community began to surface. The information alleged that pedophile activities, carried out by prominent citizens in the Omaha community were taking place.

January 10, 1989 - The Nebraska State Legislature constituted a special committee to look into the allegations.

January 30, 1990 - Nebraska State Attorney General Robert Spire called for a grand jury to investigate allegations of what came to be known as the Franklin Case.

February 6, 1990 - Former Lancaster County District Judge Samuel Van Pelt was appointed as special prosecutor for the Douglas County Grand Jury, which then officially convened on March 12, 1990.

July 23, 1990 - After hearing many hours of testimony, the Grand Jury issued an unusual and unprecedented report, throwing out all of the allegations concerning sexual child abuse and labeling them a "carefully crafted hoax." Two of the victim/witnesses were indicted for perjury, on the basis of

their testimony before the Grand Jury. Two other victim/witnesses, both of whom had previously given detailed accounts of involvement with known pedophiles in the area, recanted their testimony.

Many residents of Omaha felt that the Grand Jury report was the closing of a very painful and turbulent chapter in the city's history. But the Franklin Case did not begin with the closing of the Credit Union in November of 1988. Nor did it end with the Grand Jury report in July of 1990. Many events transpired before and after these dates. These facts are the subject matter of this book, whose purpose is to unravel the truth behind the mystery of the "Carefully Crafted Hoax."

LARRY KING AND THE FRANKLIN CREDIT UNION

The Franklin Community Credit Union was incorporated on December 31, 1968 by a Franklin neighborhood group because of concerns about a lack of financial institutions in Northern Omaha. It was later to serve South Omaha neighborhoods through its branch office. In August 1970, Lawrence E. "Larry" King Jr. became the manager and principal executive of the credit union. A companion organization, Community Services Organization (CSO) was started in 1974 to teach clients about money management, to provide advocacy services, as well as to help people in financial crises.

In July, 1976, Tom Harvey was hired to take over as accountant for the FCU. Harvey quickly discovered that Larry King was manipulating the FCU accounts for his own personal expenses. Harvey had a masters degree from UNL but was not a CPA. His major was in music and he is reputed to be an accomplished tenor. He had formerly been a teacher at Burke High School in Omaha. He had left there in 1972 under unspecified circumstances which were described as "less than ideal" (he was fired). Unfortunately, Harvey's decision was to cover up King's activities, rather than to report them to the authorities. He also began to cover some of his own personal expenses and the scheme to cover up the shortages began.

By December of 1976, there was a total shortage of credit union funds in the amount of

approximately \$400,000. Meanwhile, King was attracting community support for the credit union and adding many prominent individuals to the Board of Directors as well as to the FCU advisory board. Among the members on the advisory board were Harold Andersen, then publisher of the Omaha World Herald, as well as noted attorneys, bankers and executives of Con Agra, Union Pacific and North Western Bell. When asked, Harold Andersen stated that, as a member of the advisory board, he had never offered any advice to King or FCU. Andersen also stated that he had no idea what was going on at the credit union and didn't remember when he had initially been approached by Larry King to become involved in the FCU.

And yet, in addition to serving on the advisory board, Andersen did commercials for FCU, raised money for the FCU, solicited business for FCU, and was lavish in showering public praise and endorsements on King and FCU.

At the same time, King was becoming more active in community affairs. He was also becoming highly visible in State and National Republican affairs. In August of 1984, during the GOP convention, King flew an entourage to Dallas, to host a lavish party at the South Fork's Ranch, (site of the set for the "Dallas" TV show). At the GOP Convention King sang the National Anthem.

King repeated this affair in August of 1988, at which time he chartered three jets and flew his entourage to the New Orleans GOP Convention. There, King hosted a party at a cost of over \$100,000. Again King opened the convention by singing the National Anthem.

Although King had started in politics as a Democrat (he was once chairman of the Black

Democrats for George McGovern) he saw more opportunity in the Republican party. King eventually became a heavy financial contributor to Republican causes and later associated with the Republican National Committee. King was described by friends and cohorts as being "incredibly ambitious." Amongst his goals was to become the U.S .Ambassador to Jamaica.

STORM WARNINGS ARISE

While the Credit Union was growing by leaps and bounds, and King seemed to be fulfilling both personal and political goals, some storm warnings began to appear on the horizon. While it would be several months before the storm broke, when it did, it would be totally devastating.

In 1981, an anonymous letter was sent to the National Credit Union Association, detailing certain concerns about FCU. A limited on-site investigation was conducted, but revealed nothing. By this time, Harvey was operating two sets of books.

However, ultimately, the IRS investigated Larry and his wife Alice's tax returns for the years of 1982 and 1983. King didn't even try to fight the charges against him. Ever the politician, King agreed to pay the IRS almost \$72,000 in back taxes. He didn't seem the least bit bothered by the whole affair. On February 8, 1984, Edward Hobbs, a teller for five years at FCU wrote a memo to the Franklin board. In his memo, Hobbs alleged embezzlement and other improprieties at the credit union. Hobbs showed the memo to King. The following day, he was fired. Copies of the memo later were supplied to Attorney, and then State Legislator, Peter Hoagland, as well as to State Banking Director Roger Beverage. Beverage's response to Hobbs was, "We've been watching Larry King for some time. We are aware of his living beyond his means. However, the department can't do anything, because we don't want to seem like the big bad white guy jumping on the tiny black credit union."

Was Larry King living beyond his means? His salary from the credit union was only about \$17,000 annually. However, King had numerous other business interests. These included: The Carnivale Restaurant, purchased in 1987 for \$150,000; the Showcase Lounge, purchased for \$52,000 in 1988; Al's Place, an employee cafeteria at the People's National Gas Company; AKASAKA, a restaurant owned by King and two partners; EJ's Continental Cafe; the food and beverage service for the Cleopatra Lounge; The King Company, (a catering company) and L&M Lawn Service.

Despite his numerous businesses, King was not generating enough money to support his lavish lifestyle, which included a home in Washington D.C., another in Omaha, frequent vacations, apartments at various locations around Omaha, and lavish gifts for his intimate friends.

Credit Union audits in 1982 and 1984 by an Omaha accountant revealed nothing. In 1986 the accountant was unable to complete the audit because he hadn't received complete records. In 1987 a Federal team criticized the FCU for its loan record keeping system. Attempts by the Omaha planning director to secure audits for 1986 and 1987 (covering the \$6.3 million loan portfolio Franklin administered for the city) were stonewalled by Tom Harvey citing computer problems. And then, suddenly, it happened; NCUA auditors were on-site, conducting an examination of Franklin's books, when it was closed by the FBI and the IRS.

And with that--the house of cards which Larry King had built came tumbling down.

Secret computer files were discovered. The losses began to mount. Soon, a small neighborhood credit union thought to have assets of approximately \$2.1 million was found to have

liabilities of nearly \$40 million!

Where did the money go? Part of it was explained by the fact that the King's, indeed, lived like kings. They rented a house in Washington D.C. off of Embassy Row for a hefty \$ 5,000 a month. Suites at the famed Beverly Wilshire Hotel in California and Helmsley Palace in New York were used frequently. Mercedes, BMW's and stretch limos were always available to take King and his coterie to their various locales. Lavish parties, expensive gifts for his friends, were the order of the day. During the period from June, 1987 to October 1988 King spent a whopping \$4.6 million!

According to NCUA general counsel Robert Fenner, a preliminary estimate of where the funds went is as follows:

- 40%--personal spending by King
- 16%--expenses for King's businesses
- 18%--interest to CD holders
- 6%--salaries at CSO
- and 20% unaccounted for (\$8,000,000)

According to one informant who had worked at Franklin, Larry King received several calls from Switzerland at Franklin. There were also reports of King taking money to Jamaica and Tom Harvey taking money and a lot of trips to Spain.

Larry and Alice King's 1986 Form 1040 showed income of \$122,642. The Kings filed an amended tax return for the same year showing income of \$2,649,101. Did Larry and Alice King actually declare all the money he was siphoning from Franklin as taxable income? If not, then where was the money coming from? His businesses were not even supporting themselves. What was the source of this great prosperity?

LARRY KING--THE DARK SIDE

While Larry King was busy building his public image as a successful restaurant entrepreneur and civic minded manager of a minority credit union, glimpses of another--a darker side-- began to emerge. Slowly at first, then with increasing speed and detail, a new image of Larry King began to come into focus.

In the fall of 1985, a young boy ran away from the home of his adoptive parents, Jarrett and Barbara Webb. When the Washington County Sheriff's office was contacted by neighbors, the boy began to make allegations of physical abuse against the Webbs.

The Webbs had been foster parents for a number of children over a period of time. Barbara Webb is a cousin of Larry King. Her husband Jarrett sat on the Board of Directors for the FCU. Strange coincidence? The evidence says no.

Other complaints of abuse by other children in the Webb's home followed shortly thereafter. In December, Barbara Webb asked the Nebraska Department of Social Services to remove the boy, as well as his three sisters from their home.

On January 2, 1986, the two eldest of the three sisters were placed in the foster home of Ron and Kathleen Sorensen. Over the next few weeks the girls began revealing stories of sexual and physical abuse by Jarrett Webb. The girls also stated they had seen pornographic videos and photos in the home. Although the oldest girl, Lisa passed a series of four lie detector tests administered by the

Nebraska State Patrol, Washington County attorney Pat Tripp did not believe the allegations! He refused to prosecute Webb. Later, however, Tripp's successor did file charges. On December 27, 1990, charges against Webb were dismissed by the judge. The judge's basis for rendering this decision was that the eldest of the sisters was three days older than the minimum age of consent!

In March of 1986, the oldest girl, Lisa, began revealing details concerning prostitution and abuse by Barbara Webb's cousin Larry King. The girl also talked of going to parties in several cities around the country, to which they had been flown by King, along with several young boys from Boy's Town.

Foster mother Kathleen Sorensen and her friend Kirstin Hallberg contacted another friend, Julie Walters, and asked her as a favor to interview the two girls. Walters was, at that time, a Boy's Town family teacher and assistant community director. Following the interview, Walters prepared a report for State Foster Care Review Board member, Carol Stitt. She also contacted the children's guardian ad litem Pat Flocken, and in addition wrote a report for Boy's Town head, Fr. Val Peter. Kirstin Hallberg then contacted a long time acquaintance in the Omaha Police Department, Sgt. Bill Skaleske, and gave him the information about the Webb children and Larry King. In April, 1986, they also gave the information to representatives of the Nebraska State Patrol and, again, to the Omaha Police Department. Over the next 2 years, several contacts would be made with representatives of OPD, NSP and the FBI. There were no apparent results.

Then, on June 27, 1988, a 15-year old girl was admitted to Richard Young hospital and began telling the hospital staff stories about how she had

been picked up at the North Omaha Girl's Club (an organization founded by Larry King) and had been transported to various locations where sexual abuse, drugs, pornography production, devil worship, homicides, and power meetings took place. The Omaha Police Department assigned officer Irl "Chris" Carmean to interview the girl, which he did on June 28th. Although Carmean considered the girl credible, she did not give him enough details about the locations for him to reach any conclusions. However, she had supplied Carmean with some of the names of those present at the 'power meetings'. Among them appeared the name of Larry King. In the next few days, she called officer Carmean with additional details. However, he never interviewed her again. Carmean was then taken off the case and assigned to another unit in September of 1988. On July 18, 1988, at an executive board meeting of the Foster Care Review Board, the decision was made to turn all the information they'd gathered on the Webb girls, as well as the 15-year old girl at Richard Young Hospital, over to Attorney General Robert Spire, as well as to the police. This was done over the next few days, by board member Dennis Carlson, who was also head of the Nebraska State Bar Association discipline division. On August 29, officer Carmean told Carlson he would be re-interviewing the girl, but he never did. Nothing of substance was done by any of the law enforcement agencies that had been alerted as to the details of the allegations.

After a visit from State Senator Ernie Chambers, Attorney General Spire decided to turn the entire investigation over to the Nebraska State Patrol. On December 14, representatives of the FBI and the State Patrol contacted the Foster Care Review

Board, and began to question the children's reliability and credibility--even though one of them had passed four polygraph tests administered by the State Patrol! They also stated that child abuse issues are handled in the local area and thus were not a matter for the FBI. However, the FBI did, in fact, become deeply involved--and they stayed involved. Meanwhile, the credit union had closed and an employee stated that when it shut down, FBI agents immediately began asking questions regarding child pornography and drugs.

They confiscated a porno movie containing "local children." One person overheard one of King's employees say, "We'll probably both end up in Leavenworth."

They asked, additionally, about the lifestyle of Larry King. They could have asked almost anybody walking the streets of Omaha, for, by this time, the lavish homosexual lifestyle of King had become common community knowledge. His name would continue to be mentioned by many victim/witnesses. Also, the allegations made by the Webb girls, as well as the 15-year old patient at Richard Young Hospital would ultimately be corroborated, even expanded upon, by numerous children who also claimed to be victims of King and others.

Who is the real Larry King? To some, he is a man involved in child pornography, narcotics, Satan worship, sexual abuse, and homosexual pedophilia. He is a man apparently influential enough to engineer a cover up of his activities. However, despite this, certain community members insisted upon portraying King as simply a civic minded young executive.

Immediately following the closing of Franklin, King received several glowing public testimonials

from such people as Ken Power of U.S. West Communications, Lynn Ziegenbein, Executive Secretary of the Kiewit Foundation and World-Herald Publisher, Harold Andersen. What was the connection? Why was Harold Andersen, an elderly white, conservative, publisher of the largest newspaper in the state, attracted to a young, black, homosexual, high-living, free spending, partying executive of a small credit union? Why indeed? And the mystery continued to deepen.

THE STATE LEGISLATURE'S FRANKLIN COMMITTEE

On December 25, 1988, the State Foster Care Review Board turned over their file containing reports of sexual abuse victims to the Executive Board of the Nebraska Legislature. On January 10, 1989, the Franklin Committee was created by LB5 with Senator Loran Schmit of Bellwood, designated as chairman and Senator Ernie Chambers of Omaha as vice-chairman. After hiring attorney Kirk Naylor as general counsel and Lincoln Police Officer Jerry Lowe as investigator, the committee's investigation began. On January 13, the legislature passed a second resolution, seeking a broader investigation into the entire matter. The seven member committee was to look at the physical and sexual abuse allegations of foster and adoptive children, as well as at the financial affairs of the failed credit union. The committee had its work cut out for it. Law enforcement agencies with some notable exceptions, formed an adversarial relationship with the committee from the beginning. The tone was set by Attorney General Robert Spire. All the flow of information and cooperation seemed to be one-way. Following contacts by the FBI and NSP, the oldest Webb girl, Lisa, indicated that she was unwilling to testify. In February of 1989, OPD chief, Robert Wadman, and his good friend Omaha FBI head, Nicolas O'Hara, said they "have been unsuccessful in efforts to find evidence of Franklin related child abuse." Stories of child abuse don't stand up to our scrutiny." On June 22, in testifying before the Committee, officer 'Chris'

Carmean stated that the witnesses were credible. However, in July, the FBI's O'Hara claimed again that there were "no credible witnesses."

On July 1, in an addendum to the Franklin Committee's interim report, committee chairman Loran Schmit stated that his intent was to "follow the money." "Find where the money went, and you will find hanging on the limbs of these expenditures the individuals involved and the improprieties involved, if any." Schmit's statement was interpreted as an abandonment of the children and created a firestorm of reaction. Within two weeks, as a result of the "money trail," statement, Senator Ernie Chambers resigned from the committee (he had also resigned from the Commonwealth Committee on March 4, of 1984.) Committee Counsel Kirk Naylor and his investigator Jerry Lowe also resigned. Kirstin Hallberg, an early informant, as well as others, refused to cooperate any further with the investigation. A few days later, Senator James McFarland resigned from the committee. It seemed that the investigation was dead in the water. Criticism from the Omaha World-Herald seemed to signal the end of the committee. But after much soul searching, the remaining members decided that they could not, in good conscience, abandon the children, so they purposed to forge ahead. John Stevens Berry was retained as the committee's new counsel. The following month, Lincoln private investigator Gary Caradori was hired as the committee's new chief investigator. However on October 4, another blow fell. Kathleen Sorensen was killed in a tragic automobile accident. Sorensen had cared for many abused children and her death was a grievous blow to her family and friends. Then, the investigation took a new turn when Caradori found Alisha Owen at the

Women's Center at York, where she was serving a sentence for writing bad checks. With a new counsel and a new investigator, the committee's investigation took on a new life. New victim/witnesses were being discovered by Caradori, who had been acknowledged as one of the top five private investigators in the country. Caradori had taken the search for the witnesses to the streets. It was through talking with the street kids that he found out about Alisha Owen, who would turn out to be a key witness in the case.

When Caradori first visited Owen on October 30, she was reluctant to talk with him. She said she'd need time to think it over. Following her conversation with Caradori, Owen went to the prison psychiatrist and told him her story. The psychiatrist, in turn, told warden Larry Wayne, who then went back to Alisha and she was concerned about her status as a victim/witness becoming well known. She confessed that she was frightened--frightened for her very life.

By the following week, Owen decided to tell her story. She put Caradori in touch with a youngster named Troy Boner, as well as Boner's friend, Danny King. Within the month of November, Caradori interviewed each of the three youth's separately. His interviews produced 21 hours of sworn, videotaped testimony. On the videotapes, the teenagers went into great detail about their involvement with prominent people in the Omaha community who had abused them. This abuse had taken place over a period of more than a year, starting in August of 1983. Although their stories didn't match in every single detail (they were reconstructing incidents that had taken place six years earlier), there was a consistent commonality to the stories they told (discrepancies among

witnesses is not uncommon in any situation where people are called on to remember precise details). The testimonies went into great detail about the sexual activities of the teenagers. And among the names that came up in all three youth's accounts was the name of Larry King.

Although the tapes were supposed to be kept confidential, details of their contents began to crop up around Omaha and in other parts of the state. Committee Members were perplexed about the source of the information leaks. The videotaped testimony of the victim/witnesses had been released to Nebraska Attorney General Spire and U.S. Attorney Ron Lahners, as well as to the FBI. This was especially frustrating to the Committee, since there had been no leaks of evidence while the committee was in control of the evidence. It was only after it was turned over to various law enforcement agencies that the leaks began to occur. One reporter for WOW TV in Omaha said the tapes which they had used had been leaked to them by the FBI.

On January 18, 1990, local attorney and former State Senator John DeCamp mailed what came to be known as "the DeCamp memo" to the news media. It was not intended for public circulation, but had, rather, been written in response to a request by World-Herald reporter Robert Dorr. In the memo DeCamp named five prominent Omahans: Omaha World-Herald publisher, Harold Andersen; Larry King; former OPD chief, Robert Wadman; Peter Citron (a columnist for the World Herald); and Alan Baer, heir of the Brandeis fortune. All of these people, DeCamp said, were central figures in the Franklin investigation. Since DeCamp had been a longtime friend of Senator Schmit, he was accused of getting his information from Schmit.

But both Schmit and DeCamp have repeatedly denied this allegation. DeCamp told Robert Dorr in his memo that his sources were available to anyone who wanted to get the information. DeCamp said his information was, in fact, common knowledge on the streets and in the barber shops and restaurants around Omaha. The memo was eventually leaked to Denny Henson, a candidate in the 4th District legislative race, who mailed out 10,000 copies in his district. But DeCamp continues to deny he leaked the memo to Henson, or anyone else.

The furor over the DeCamp memo prompted Attorney General Spire to call for a Grand Jury on January 30. On February 6, former Lancaster County District Judge Samuel Van Pelt was appointed special prosecutor for the Douglas County Grand Jury. Van Pelt had been the special prosecutor in inquiring into the shooting death of Arthur Kirk, a Nebraska farmer who had been killed by a SWAT team while allegedly resisting the bank's foreclosure on his farm. His report, issued in 1985, absolved the authorities of all blame. Senator Ernie Chambers, who had opposed calling a grand jury, questioned Van Pelt's history and qualifications (he was concerned about a cover up). Nonetheless, the grand jury was convened on March 12. The Franklin Committee shared its evidence with special prosecutor Van Pelt on March 16 and on March 19 the grand jury began hearing evidence.

Some committee members questioned the wisdom of sharing all their evidence, based on past experience with different law-enforcement agencies, but the majority felt that they should work within the system and turn over everything they had. It was a decision they would later come to regret.

ALISHA OWEN: PORTRAIT OF A VICTIM

Alisha Jahn Owen met Jeff Hubbell from Boy's Town on a Thursday night in August of 1983. The occasion was the Sprite Night dance at Peony Park. The two teenagers danced and kissed. Hubbell said there was a party the following night that Owen should attend. Owen agreed to do so.

The next night, Owen was picked up by a 6'3" muscular black man known only as 'Larry the Kid'. Sources later confirmed that 'Larry the Kid' was an enforcer as well as a lover of Larry King. They drove around until at 9:30, Owen, Hubbell and 'Larry the Kid' arrived at the Twin Towers apartments in Omaha.

The youths were admitted by the security guard and went upstairs to an apartment Owen said she thought was occupied by Alfred "Alfie" Allen. The apartment was located one or two floors below a penthouse Owen stated, she believed, belonged to Larry King. At the party, Owen spotted Harold Andersen, and Robert Wadman, Larry King and Alan Baer, among others. The primary occupants of the room were teenagers, approximately 20 in number. One of these was a black girl named Lisa. Owen didn't know, at the time, any of the prominent men except by their first names or nick names. She was only to find out later who they were in the community. Owen recalled the event as a big party with "lots of dope," primarily cocaine, it tasted bitter. There were also kiddie-porn movies on the television set with the sound turned off.

Owen stated that when she first met Police Chief

Robert Wadman, she was a virgin. There was no sex in the party room but men left with young boys, disappearing into the bedrooms. Owen states that she saw Harold Andersen and a boy of 14 or 15 go into one of the bedrooms. There was also something called the "501 game" being played; unbuttoning some ones 501 jeans with their toes. Owen stated that she saw cocaine on a table. She saw Alan Baer use it. Wadman was present when Baer used it.

At the party, Wadman approached Owen. He told her that he liked her. He asked her to spend the night with him, but, on this occasion she refused. She didn't see Wadman or Andersen using drugs. Owen left the party and arrived home by 1:30 a.m.

Another party took place on August 31, at the same location. Present were "Alfie" Allen, Larry King, Alan Baer, Robert Wadman and later on Harold Andersen. On this occasion Owen arrived at around 8:30. At that hour, nobody was there but "Alfie" so they left and went to the Spaghetti Works for dinner. 'Alfie' signed for the check. After this they returned to the apartment. By this time, about 30 people were there. Amongst the party goers were the owners of the French Cafe. Later Sheila, whom Alisha believed to be a manager of the French Cafe, came to discuss a problem with the cafe owners and left shortly.

At this party, Owen got drunk on champagne and began to play the 501 game. Wadman was watching and asked Owen if she could unzip his pants with her teeth. Owen laughed and said of course she could. She was embarrassed, but the people around were cheering her on, so she did it. Later, Wadman asked Jeff if Owen was a virgin. Then Wadman asked Owen to sit in his lap. He began to play with her breasts and thighs, while

giving her sips of cognac. Meanwhile, Alan Baer and Troy Boner were engaging in an unidentified activity in the corner. Baer grabbed Troy, while someone took photos. On this night, all of the adults left early. That night she had sex with Troy Boner. No pregnancy protection was used, she recalls, because she was "just a kid."

Owen stayed away from the parties after this, at least for awhile. Later, Boner, called her and asked why she hadn't been attending the parties since no invitation was needed. Owen liked Boner and she decided she'd go to more parties. She began to lie, telling her parents she was going to football games.

At the next party, the guests included Boner, "Alfie" Allen, Jeff Hubbell, Larry King, Harold Andersen, and Robert Wadman. Wadman started fixing champagne for her. Owen was wearing a leather jumpsuit she had bought for Homecoming and which, she recalls, was about "ten years too old" for her. Wadman began to unbutton the jumpsuit. Owen asked him to stop. Wadman twisted her arm, glared at her and asked her where her parents thought she was. Owen was terrified, and let Wadman finish unbuttoning her top. He pinched her breasts, all the while talking to her. Wadman also threatened Owen by telling her that he knew she wasn't a virgin (she'd had sex with Boner) and asked what her parents would do if they found out. After this, Wadman forced her to perform fellatio on him. Owen was frightened, but he forced her anyway. Afterwards, Wadman's personality changed. He held Owen on his lap, while she cried. He told her he was a policeman and he'd never let anyone hurt her. He also told her she should go shopping on Monday at Brandies and pick out a dress for herself, no matter what the

price. He told Owen to meet him for lunch on the following Wednesday and that he would pick her up at the bus stop at 20th and Dodge.

On the afternoon of September 21, Wadman picked Owen up at Central High school. He arrived in a brown K-car with no radio or police lights. The French Cafe, closed after lunch at 2:00 p.m., but when they arrived the bartender was still there. Sheila let them in the door and they had a champagne lunch together. After this, Wadman took Owen down in the basement to "see the wine cellar."

Down in the basement, Wadman told Owen how pretty her skin was. He asked her to model the new dress for him. Owen started to look around for a room to change in, but Wadman said, "do it right here. You don't have to be ashamed in front of me. you have a beautiful body." So Owen got undressed. Then she put on the new dress. Again, Wadman made remarks about her "beautiful skin" and told her she'd be prettier without the dress. He pulled the dress up around her hips. Owen started to cry. Wadman began to masturbate. When he climaxed, Owen jumped back. Wadman was furious. He grabbed her hair and said, "When I tell you to sit, you sit! Don't ever do that again!"

After this, Owen recalled, Wadman was in a big hurry to leave. Owen changed out of her new dress and quickly followed him up the steps and out a back door. He left her to walk back to the bus stop alone.

After this incident, Owen met Wadman almost every Wednesday for "lunch." Sometimes he picked her up. On other occasions 'Larry the Kid' picked her up. If 'Larry the Kid' picked her up she was taken to a motel, where an unknown man--a different one on each occasion--would be waiting

for her in the room. Sometimes they went to the Starlite Motel in Council Bluffs (across the state line). On other occasions they went to the Holiday Motel in Bellevue. Another motel was the Quality Inn. At each of these lodgings, Owen would have sex with strange men. On one occasion it was a man she was later to identify as Theodore Carlson, a District Court Judge.

On a Saturday afternoon in October, 1983, there was a party at the French Cafe hosted by Larry King. Approximately 30 people were present, including some couples and teenagers, and the Evans brothers from Boys Town. One of these was named O' Dell. Neither Boner nor Danny King were at this party. 'Larry the Kid' told Owen that there was someone downstairs who wanted to meet her and that she had better like him. Owen was, by this time, terrified of 'Larry the Kid' whom she knew from previous experience could be extremely brutal, so she agreed. Owen drank a glass of champagne before she went. In the basement was the judge, whom Owen described in detail: "5'10", late 40's, dark hair, not in good physical condition. Owen said he had slanted eyes with heavy lids and jowls. He wasn't wearing glasses at the time but she saw indent marks on his face. The man asked Owen if she was a virgin and she said yes. He said she really wasn't his type, but said she had a pretty mouth.

He told her to perform oral sex on him. Owen performed. No money was offered, and none was asked for. The man was standing, leaning on a table. Owen was crouched. She cried, and vomited afterwards, and then was taken home. Owen thinks she recalls the man saying "thank you."

Owen saw the same man again in January or February. She was taken to the Starlite Motel by

Larry the Kid. The same man was waiting for her in the room. He was not wearing a suit this time, but dressed casually. "He kept saying I wasn't really his type but that he liked my mouth" Owen recalled. Owen thought that the man preferred boys. This time the man sodomized Owen. He was 50 pounds overweight with "bird legs" as she recalls. He kept using some boys name saying, "do it like

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Owen remembers having sex with one or two other men besides Wadman and the judge during the fall of 1984. Both of these incidents occurred at the Starlite Motel. One man she recalls only as being "short with red hair."

By September of 1984, Owen was pregnant. She believes Robert Wadman is the father. Wadman wanted Owen to get an abortion, but she refused. They stopped meeting.

On May 31, 1985, Owen gave birth to a baby girl whom she named Amanda Jayne Owen. Alisha was 15 years old at the time.

Soon after her birth, they discovered the baby had some special medical problems. Alisha and her mother, Donna Owen sought help from the Nebraska Department of Social Services. While filling out the application, Alisha was asked to give the name of the father. She refused. The Social Worker told her if they didn't have a name, she couldn't get the help. In desperation she put down the name of a school friend, Mark Burkhart. Though they had never been intimate, she felt he would be understanding and supportive, if questioned.

Although Owen's relationship with Wadman had stopped, her relationship with Boner had continued, and at one point they were being sent to different cities (particularly Los Angeles) where they fulfilled sexual assignments and transported

drugs.

Both Owen and Boner stated that drugs were brought from California for Alan Baer on their return trips. It was a fast life, but it was also a hard one. There were accounts of severe beatings and sexual abuse of Owen by the men whom Baer and King had set up to have sex with her. But there was the excitement of travel and drugs to deaden the fear and pain. And there was money--lots of money. Owen would simply write checks and the money would always be in the bank. If there was an overdraft, it was always made good, somehow, by someone.

Late in the relationship Owen and Boner were living together. By this time, Boner had developed a very expensive drug habit and instead of depositing the money he received from Baer in their account, he spent it on drugs. Checks began to bounce. The pressure began to mount. Owen thought many times of getting out. She'd been raised in a Christian home, and had gone to church. She'd even used church functions as an alibi to attend the parties. Now, her conscience was bothering her and she knew she had to get her life straightened out. Not only for her sake, but for the sake of her daughter. But how? How indeed?! She knew the threats of physical harm, if she talked, were not simply idle. Baer's and King's "enforcers" would carry them out with gusto. The situation seemed hopeless. In late fall of 1988 Owen admitted herself to the psychiatric unit of St. Joseph's Hospital in Omaha.

While she was in the hospital, she met Mike Casey, a would-be journalist, who was drying out from about with alcoholism. Prosecutors were later to make much of this chance meeting in the assembling of their "hoax" theory. But there is no

evidence that Owen told Casey anything about her involvement with the pedophiles, especially with Wadman. She was too frightened!

During her stay in the hospital, Owen received an invitation from Boner to go to California to live. They were getting too old for the pedophiles tastes and this would be an opportunity to get a fresh start. Boner asked her to make a budget for their trip and she did, including enough extra so that she could get a plane ticket to escape on her own. One night Boner arrived at the hospital and said they were ready to go. He had received the car and money from Baer, and now was the time. Owen refused to go. She had decided to stay and work it out rather than running. Boner's parting words to Owen were "Alright, if you're not going, you're gonna burn!" He left, furious. Once more, Boner had betrayed her. It was not to be the last time.

In June, Owen was arrested for writing bad checks. She had a public defender who advised her to plead "no contest" and she was convicted and sent to the Women's Center at York to begin serving her sentence. She and Casey wrote two or three letters while she was in prison, but she never claimed to him that Wadman had fathered her child; nor that she had seen, or been victimized by, sexual abuse from others. She took her secret to jail and kept it there until Gary Caradori found her.

TROY BONER AND DANNY KING: PROFILES OF TWO MALE HUSTLERS

Not much is known about Troy Boner and Danny King, prior to the time they became involved with Alan Baer and Larry King (no relation to Danny). Both were street wise kids, interested in easy money, drugs and alcohol. Boner had been the product of a broken home with an absentee father.

Boner was introduced to Alan Baer in early August of 1983, by Boner's friend Rod Byer. He was taken to Baer's Twin Towers apartment (room #201) where he said he performed oral sex on Baer for the sum of \$200.

Participation in the sex and drug parties followed on a regular basis. Most of the parties were also attended by photographers who took pictures and made videos of much of the sexual activity.

Between the parties, Boner was meeting Alan Baer on a regular weekly basis for oral and later anal sex. They met at Baer's Twin Towers apartment. Sometimes Baer would call Boner to set up the appointments; sometimes Boner would call Baer. Sometimes Baer's longtime secretary Claire Howard, would call and schedule the meeting.

In his sworn videotaped testimony to Gary Caradori, he was sometimes unsure of dates and his account of certain events differed from Alisha Owen's by a year or two in some cases. Other testimony would indicate her recollection of the dates was more accurate. But the differences:

were in details, not in substance.

Boner talked with his younger friend, Danny King, regarding Boner's newfound wealth. (Boner, who describes himself as a "confident heterosexual", has always said the only reason he got involved with the pedophiles was for money.) Boner took King to Alan Baer's apartment at Twin Towers and waited for him. King was later to say that it was Baer that introduced him to cocaine in January of 1984.

In February of 1984, Baer asked Danny King to take a trip with him to Des Moines. King did, and they were accompanied by a 13 year old named Shawn. King received \$200 for sexual favors on the trip. In April of 1984 Danny met Larry King at Baer's apartment. Danny was to continue the relationship with Baer and King, and also to be flown on trips to other cities with Boner, Owen and other children for wild sex and drug parties.

In his sworn testimony to Caradori, Boner told of meeting Larry King at The Max, a local bar. He detailed how King took him to the Red Lion Inn, where he performed oral sex on King. For the next two weeks, King and Boner would meet almost daily. Boner received \$50 each time.

In September and October, King moved Boner to the Travel Lodge on 48th and Dodge. Boner received \$800 spending money for the 3 weeks he was there.

In November, King rented Boner an apartment at 301 N. 34th Street in Omaha. His landlord was named Mrs. Tice. Boner saw King weekly for oral and anal sex at the apartment. One time, King brought a young eighth grade boy by the name of Scott with him for sex at the apartment.

Boner also told of going to parties with Larry King at the Brandeis building, where alcohol and cocaine were abundant. Boner also recalled a

particular party at the Woodman Tower ballroom. Larry King took Boner and Danny King to an office seven or eight floors down, and forced them to have sex with each other. Meanwhile, he played "Burnout" a disgusting, sadistic game played by placing a lighted cigarette between two people having sex. Usually the cigarette was placed in the abdominal or genital area. The one who recoils from the pain and withdraws first is the loser. A photographer who worked for King and lived in one of his rented apartments took pictures of the game.

In their combined total of approximately 14 hours of videotaped testimony to Caradori, there were many other hideous, degrading and immoral incidents described. We will forego mentioning these incidents, and thus spare you, our good readers.

As the youths grew older their sexual attractiveness to the pedophiles decreased. They gradually became less and less involved. Boner had developed a severe drug addiction by this time. Later he was to enroll in a methadone program.

Following their interview with Caradori (which took place at the Residence Inn in Lincoln on November 25), Caradori made arrangements for the boys' safety. They feared for their lives, and rightly so. They were dealing with sick people. The members of the Franklin Committee were also very concerned about protecting the boys from retaliation.

Boner and King engaged Lincoln Attorney Pamela Vuchetich as legal counsel and there followed several weeks of moving around to avoid being found. At one point, they lived on the east coast. In the meanwhile, the hope was that

law enforcement would apprehend the perpetrators and they would be safe. But law enforcement never did.

On March 30, 1990, Lincoln Star and later the World-Herald reported that two male victim/witnesses had flunked the FBI lie detector tests. But no tests had ever been done! And no tests have been done to this day!! By the FBI or anyone else!! An "interesting pattern" of media coverage was beginning to develop.

On April 18, Boner and King were said to have recanted their abuse stories. Following Caradori's fatal plane crash, Boner would try to "recant his recantation."

On April 22, a World-Herald article on Mike Casey brought out the word "hoax" for the first time. A seed had been planted, which was to be much watered and which would grow to bear strange fruit.

PAUL BONACCI: ABUSE SURVIVOR

Paul Anthony Bonacci was born on August 3, 1967 to Marilyn May and John Angelo Bonacci. The father was of Italian decent. Bonacci's parents were divorced while he was but a baby. His father never claimed him until he was almost 19. Bonacci's mother remarried, but it didn't last long. She divorced soon afterwards because of physical abuse by her new husband. She then married Jack McCoy, who treated her with love, honor and respect. Paul loved his new stepfather, but was, mysteriously, never able to tell him. Bonacci remembers when he was four years old and his mother would go to work. He would try to follow her to the bus stop. Bonacci recalled a couple up the street who gave him cookies. "A weird guy lived close to us who would take me home, too, but he started to harm me," Bonacci recalled. Down in the "weird neighbor's" basement Bonacci saw a wooden altar. Then Bonacci recalled a hideous, but vivid memory. "He had this little boy that was down there. He was probably about 2 years old, and I was about 4. He made me have sex with the boy. And as I was doing it, he started cutting the boy. He was telling me that he was putting the boy's spirit in me and then afterwards he told me that the boy wasn't really hurt, and that it was all just a game. That's how Alec was formed because Alec is only about two years old and he doesn't talk or speak. He's a baby person. He kind of represents the boy that was killed."

When Paul speaks of Alec, he is describing only

one of many "personalities" that live inside him. Paul Bonacci has been diagnosed as having multiple personality disorder. (More on this subject later on.)

Paul continued to recall the horrible tale: "He took the boy's skin off and then put it on me. That's why I want to take five or six showers per day. I'm washing my hands but I can't get the blood off. I always see it. It's right there! "

When Bonacci was 5 , he was molested by a baby sitter. When he was 6 he had a friend named Jeremy (a pseudonym) who was 13. Jeremy took Bonacci to his fort where they played a game called "truth or dare' (just like in the new Madonna movie). One thing led to another and they ended up performing fellatio on each other. At age 7, Jeremy introduced Bonacci to anal sex. Bonacci was small and Jeremy protected him from other boys, so Bonacci considered him like a big brother. Jeremy told Bonacci not to tell anyone, and he didn't--not for a long time. He did finally ask his best friends mother about it, but she said it was normal and not to worry about it.

In the latter part of 1975, when he was 8, Bonacci started going with a friend after school to Sacred Heart Church. He recalls, "Even though I was not a Catholic, my friend introduced me to the priest. My friend only called him "Father."

In February of 1976, Bonacci went to the church around Valentines' Day. "The priest took me into a room where he began to play with me and said I was very pretty for a little boy . He kissed me on my cheeks and lips and told me it was a blessing to have a priest kiss you. He told me to come back the next day and he'd show me something real nice."

"The next day I came back and again he took

me into the room. As far as I could tell, he and I were the only ones in the church. He had a collection of football cards which he said his father had given him as a kid. Most of the cards were real old. While I looked at them, he came up behind my chair and put his arms around me. He then started undoing my pants. At first I told him not to do that. He told me I would go to hell if he didn't touch me and bless my whole body. I was scared and couldn't say anything. He picked me up out of the chair and began to pull down my pants and my underwear. He then laid me on this table and began to fondle my little penis. Then he kissed and licked my penis, saying he was blessing me. I left when he finally let me go. I asked my friend if the priest ever did that to him. He told me the priest did it to him 10 times and that, "it's his way of blessing you!"

"I was again molested by this priest who did the same thing to me on at least two dozen different meetings. This is the main reason for my dislike of the Catholic church. I have been sexually molested by at least 10 other fathers or brothers in the Catholic Church."

"About July 4 of 1976, I met a man named Walter Carlson, while in Hanscom Park in Omaha. My family was having a picnic or reunion. I was by myself near the tires when he and two boys came over and began talking to me and asking questions. We played for awhile and when he got ready to leave, he asked me if I'd like to come to his house sometime and play with his nephews. I said yes. I gave him my address and phone number."

"When I first went over, I played games with other boys who were there. This went on for several weeks,. All we'd do is play games or watch

cartoons. Some of the boys were sexual with each other and with me, which didn't bother me since we were all kids.

"After awhile he started showing regular movies to us. Then the movies started having men and women engaging in sexual activity. Within six months, it was movies with adult men and boys engaging in sex. It was then that Carlson began touching me, at first on the outside of my clothes, then he undid my pants and fondled me and put his mouth on my penis! He also had me perform oral sex on him. He had us performing anal sex on one another while he watched or took photos of us."

Bonacci's recollections continue "It was through Walter Carlson I met about two dozen other adult men, many of whom I knew by first names although some only by nicknames. Carlson also asked me to perform sexual acts with other boys and men for several men, who filmed the sex and sold the photos as kiddie porn."

"I honestly never learned the last names of almost all the boys I was with. Most of them were older than me and had been involved for several years more than me. Carlson and several men referred to us as pets and used us any way they wanted to use us. I had oral sex with four men whose names were Todd, Albert, Joe and also a guy named Tank.

"In 1977, I met most of the men at parties either at the Carlson's home or at Joe Burke's house. (Bonacci had met Burke in December of 1976. He didn't like him because "he tried to get me to do disgusting things with him and others." In early 1977 he met Kent Bruner.)

"I had been forced to have oral sex with adult men including Carlson almost every week. There

was a man whose name was Anderson who is not the Harry Andersen whom I also met at Carlson's home in 1978. I only had oral sex with that Anderson one time, unlike Harry Andersen.

"I traveled with Walter Carlson and several boys to Adventure Land in Des Moines in the summers of 1977, 1978 and 1981. In 1979 and 1980 I went with him to Worlds Of Fun in Kansas City. Mr. Carlson was a pro and knew how to keep everyone quiet without a lot of threats."

"In 1979, I started going around with Carlson and the men connected with him much less and hung out on The Milk Run and around the old Diamond Bar and the Stagedoor and the Cave (all bars). About the only reason I went to Carlson's was to take part in parties or in kiddie porn movies which were filmed at several different places."

"Over the next few years I went out with Carlson less and less and then he vanished altogether for awhile. I have seen him since then at the Leavenworth Cafe in September or October of 1989, though I didn't say anything to him. He's out now running around looking for more young boys to molest. He was with one the last time I saw him."

It's noteworthy to point out here that Walter Carlson and Joe Burke were among 13 men arrested in Omaha in connection with a large pornography/pedophile case. Joe Burke had a library of 2,000 videos and 10,000 photos which were confiscated. Convicted in December of 1985, Carlson was paroled in February of 1989. This was referred to in a 12-20-85 article in the Omaha World-Herald. The following article appeared in the July 19, 1991 edition of the Omaha World-Herald and is reprinted in its entirety. It refers to the place Bonnaci had referred to as "The Milk Run." (We draw your attention to examples of Editorial bias in the

body of the article. The highlighting is ours.)

"SIDEWALK DEALS EMERGE IN EVENING AS
YOUNG MALE HUSTLERS MOVE IN"

by Jeff Gauger and Dunstan Prial

By day, the 18th and Jackson Streets neighborhood is the workday home of hundreds of government employees, merchants and other professionals. Late each afternoon the office workers stream home in their cars and a new population emerges.

Young male hustlers line the sidewalks. Cars stop. Deals are made. Customers and prostitutes drive off together, to return an hour or so later. They part company. The hustling starts again.

"They are definitely promiscuously trolling because of the clothes they have on," said John H. Lichty Jr., a Douglas County employee who works at 17th and Jackson. "My experience tells me that most of these people are what I would classify as teenagers,"

The strip of Jackson Street between 16th and 18th Streets has been recognized for years by police and people who work there as an area where young male prostitutes, many who are runaways, go in search of shelter and quick money.

The trade is conducted openly, much like its sister business near 25th and Farnham where female prostitutes sell to a different clientele. Many of the youths' customers appear to be well-heeled men.

The case of a 14 year old runaway from Omaha has focused attention on this sidewalk trade. The teenager recently told authorities that he was being prostituted by a man who frequents the neighborhood. Last weekend police arrested three men for allegedly sexually assaulting the youth. On

Thursday, they arrested a fourth man. Police are seeking a man whom they believe sold the 14 year old to the men for sex.

The youth's case isn't an isolated one, said Sgt. Ken Bovasso, an investigator for the Omaha police. The youth apparently worked for one pimp who sold him locally, Bovasso said, and wasn't part of the prostitution ring.

"Male prostitution has been occurring at 16th and Jackson for many years. But is it common... No, it's not common. It happens in every city in the country, and it will continue to happen." (sounds common to us. NLC)

Bovasso said there is an informal network of men who share information about buying sex from teenage boys in Omaha. The men either live in the Jackson Street area or they frequent bars there. Authorities aren't sure how the 14 year old became involved. The youth told his story to police officers and FBI agents. They said the allegations appear solid, **unlike allegations that grew out of investigations of the Franklin Community Federal Credit Union failure. Those allegations have been discredited.**

Police officers said the youth comes from a broken family and was splitting time between the mother and father when he became involved last January. He had a history of running away.

After taking to the streets, the youth often stayed at a apartment of Fred Mertesdorf 56, Mertesdorf lives

in the Kensington Apts. at 505 16th St.--a block north of Jackson, a half block south of the Orpheum theater.

Bovasso said Mertesdorf's apartment was known as a haven for young runaways who work downtown. Mertesdorf allegedly introduced the youth to another man, who began acting as the pimp.

The pimp allegedly made arrangements with others for sexual encounters with the youth. In most cases, the men would pick up the teen at an arranged location and take him to a motel or back to a residence.

On several occasions, the youth was taken to Council Bluffs for sex.

Mertesdorf and two others--Michael Vanosdall, 36, of 1506 Grandview Ave. in Papillion and Jesse Lopez, 39, of 2419 So. 17th St., have been charged with one count of first degree sexual assault. The law under which they have been charged prohibits adults from having sex with an underage person. If convicted, the three could face up to 50 years in prison.

The man arrested Thursday, Robert L. O'Conner, 29, of 4805 S. 24th St. has been charged with sexual assault on a child. He could be sentenced to five years.

The alleged pimp is being sought on pandering charges, which carries a maximum five year term.

The ring was broken up after the first youth went to authorities. He spoke first to the FBI, then the police. Police said the youth spent two months being treated for a substance abuse problem at an Omaha facility. "That's typical of these kids," Bovasso said.

For the young prostitutes, turning

trick is considered more of a business than sexual act." I think its more of a business. You know kids, you give them a buck..." said Don Stella, owner of a grocery at 18th and Jackson. "Some of them are gay, but I think most do it for money."

Witnesses said the prostitutes appear on the streets about 6:00 p.m. on weekdays, two hours later on weekends. They work the sidewalks, waiting for customers to drive up. They leave with a customer, then return to wait for another customer.

Stella said he's seen women drop off male prostitutes in the evening as if leaving a husband at work. "These men, they don't seem like slouches," said Stella's wife. "You'll find people of all ages in sports cars, vans, old Novas. You're not talking rattletraps type cars. You're talking "very expensive, \$35,000 - \$55,000 cars.

The neighborhood's sex business over-laps the illegal drug trade. Lichty said he often finds used syringes left by the drug users behind the county vehicle inspections building at 17th and Jackson. Bovasso said the problem is difficult for police. I don't think you can stop it. No city has ever been able to do.

The situation is similar to the one at 25th and Farnam St., where female prostitutes have congregated for years. Constant police presence would be necessary to rid the area of undesirables, Bovasso said. "I don't know what we as citizens can do about it," Lichty said. "If we were to have the police come down here every half hour, they'd just go someplace else. I don't think the people of

Omaha really give a damn. This has been going on a long time, it really has."

Bonacci had talked about many other men besides Carlson who physically and sexually abused him. When he started to pull away from Carlson's influence in 1979, he was only 12 years old. But he mentions others, like 'Fat Freddy', "who lived in an apartment on Harvey Street. He still hangs out at the Diamond Bar. He's fat, ugly and complains he has cancer." Bonacci also talked about a man named 'Tank'. He went to several parties at Alan Baer's penthouse with 'Tank' and 'Fat Freddy'.

"The man who I call Harry Andersen is of medium build, graying hair, and has a scar below his belly button. He was also uncircumcised and had a mark or a birth mark on his left inner thigh. He introduced himself to me at some of Carlson's parties in October of 1978. I had no sexual contact with him until December of 1978. At several parties, prior to December he asked me to lick two boy's penises. They were named John and Mark."

"In December I was asked by Carlson to meet this man named Harry at the now Red Lion Inn on a Friday afternoon. Harry called me that afternoon and told me he'd pick me up around 5:00.

"He picked me up along with two other boys. The other boys were 12 and 14. I was 11 at the time. We had to go in the back and go up to the room number he marked on a piece of paper and gave it to the 14 year old. By the time we found the room, he was there waiting."

"First he had us take a shower together, the three of us, while he was in the other room. When we were done, he had us wrestle around with each other while we were still naked. Then he ordered us

to tie up the 14 year old and s-- him off and f---- him, which we did. He was taking pictures of us and laughing. Then he had us untie the 14 year old and they tied me up and s----- me and f----- me while he took photos. Then we tied up the 12 year old and did the same thing to him.

"After this he had us lay next to each other and he tied all three of us up and fondled us and sucked our penises. He then took a cigarette and lit it and placed it on the 14 year old and picked up the 12 year old and lay him on top of the 14 year old. The boys both yelled and squealed and started crying. He did the same thing to me and put the 12 year old on top of me. It hurt real bad, and I got a big blister on my pubic area below my belly button. He told us that 'real men could handle it,' and it was 'fun to watch someone getting burned or in pain.' It wasn't fun getting burned or seeing the other boys crying, or the terrible blisters it caused!

"After that I started meeting Harry at the Red Lion Inn about once every month with a couple of other boys. The second time, he burned me on my arms and legs with cigarettes and once right on my penis while he had me tied up with a washcloth stuck in my mouth. I about broke my wrist struggling with the ropes on my arms! To this day, I have a scar on my penis from that burn and the several other times he burned me on the same darn spot. I bled a couple of times, which caused me to have a scar.

"In 1980, Harry took me and two other boys to a house in South Omaha. At the house several other young boys were tied up or handcuffed in rooms and men were forcing them to have sex. Several of the boys were crying and bleeding either from their noses or from cuts on their bodies. It wasn't the

first time I'd been to that house, nor the last. It was the only time that Harry took me there. While there, he took us into a room and watched as two men came in and had sex with us. On just about every occasion with Harry there were two other boys present."

"In 1982, I attended three parties with Harry at Alan Baer's Penthouse and an apartment, both of which were in the Twin Towers. I went with John and Mark to several of the parties along with Andy, who was a younger boy that Harry liked more since I was about 15 at the time."

"In 1983, around the first month school started, I was at a party at Baer's penthouse. I saw at this party several men whom I can recall as Alan Baer, Robert Wadman, Harold Andersen and a man I called Larry. Other people were myself, Andy, John, Troy Boner, Danny King and Jeff and some girls, Jamie and another, as well as, Alisha Owen.

"In the next few weeks, I got away from Harry since he wanted younger boys than myself. He began going after Andy and Jeff since they were both younger.

"Harry was one of the sickest men by whom I was ever sexually abused by! And even though I was a willing victim, I was still a child when he began the abuse. He also abused me mentally with threats, as he did in 1986 before I went into NPI (Nebraska Psychiatric Institute). He's the main reason I became depressed with him telling me he'd cut my friend's penises off and kill them if I mentioned his name to anyone. My new friends had nothing to do with my past sexual abuse and I want to protect them from the kind of men whom I knew were fully capable of carrying out any threats they made. I did not want one of my friends harmed by them.

"During all of this abuse my family life was lousy. I took off and lied to my mother by telling her I was going to a friends or spending the night at a friends. During most summers I normally stayed out late and my parents thought I was with friends, running around Carter Lake. In 1980 my family moved from Carter Lake to Omaha."

When he was 13, Bonacci met a teacher from another school named Mike Heaverin. "He got me interested in history. He took me with him, along with several other students to a town where he filmed us in Nazi uniforms and also in sexual activities. He liked boys and was nice to me. (Michael Heaverin was a Papillion Jr. High social studies teacher who was convicted of "contributing to the delinquency of a minor" in what was known as the 'Sarpy County Case'.)

During his 5th grade year at Carter Lake School, Bonacci met a man named Emilio while at a park near Carter Lake. There was a 13 year old boy named B----with him, who told Paul that Emilio kidnapped young boys and sold them to men for use in kiddie porn, snuff films, or for personal sexual use. "Emilio told me how much fun I could have going with him and B----." Emilio told Bonacci that he could get rich and then showed him a bag with a lot of money in it.

Emilio was described as Mexican with a slight accent. He was about 5'9", 190 pounds with a mustache and a beard. He had brown eyes, black, curly short hair and a tattoo of a naked lady on his left arm. He had a scar from a knife wound under the tattoo. Bonacci later went with Emilio to Des Moines in September of 1982 when he was 15. Bonacci claims he was present when Emilio abducted a 12 year old paperboy, Johnny Gosch.

Following is a recent article from the Lincoln

Star which was picked up from the Des Moines Register.

INMATE SAID SOURCE IN SEARCH FOR BOY

Des Moines, IA--(AP) An informant who has provided information on the 1982 abduction of an Iowa newspaper boy **claims to have multiple personalities and has been called a "pathetic witness" by a Nebraska Grand Jury.** (highlighted to point out editorial bias) But the parents of little Johnny Gosch say the informant's claims are credible and that he has information about details of the case that were never public.

Last week, Gosch's mother, Noreen said information gathered by private eye Roy Stephens of Omaha indicate a child sex ring of four men planned and carried out the abduction of her son.

Gosch was delivering the Sunday Register when he disappeared near his West Des Moines home on Sept 5, 1982. He was 12 at the time.

Local, State and Federal investigators have been unable to find him or another newsboy, Eugene Martin, who was 13 when he disappeared while delivering the Register in 1984. Noreen Gosch said Stephens told her the same men may also have been involved in other abductions, including Martin's and the Oct. 1989 kidnapping of Jacob Wetterling in St. Joseph, Minn.

The Register reported that the informant who came forward with the information is Paul Bonacci, 23, an inmate in the Nebraska State

Penitentiary, serving a sentence for three separate convictions of sexually abusing a minor.

In a recent investigation into the Franklin Community Federal Credit Union, at Omaha, Bonacci testified regarding alleged cases of drug and sex abuse to investigators and a grand jury, the newspaper reported.

But the grand jury rejected the stories and said Bonacci was "perhaps the most pathetic witness to appear." The newspaper story said "Bonacci claimed in the investigation that he had at least 28 personalities and that the grand jury said his "psychiatrist" doubts that he can tell the truth."

Informed of Bonacci's past, John Gosch, the father, said the informant seemed sincere and gave valuable information.

Bonacci said he participated in the abduction of Johnny and claims the boy was taken for child pornography, the Gosch's said. Noreen Gosch said Bonacci knows "some incredible things about the case."

There were photos taken of Johnny prior to the kidnapping. We know because a woman reported it to police. We're convinced Bonacci saw those photos. He accurately described the location which is not far from our home. He described many things about the photos which we have never talked about, Noreen Gosch said.

Stephens said Bonacci "hasn't told me any thing that hasn't been true." "He has been called a pathetic witness, but at the same time it was never backed up," said Stephens. Lt. Gerry Scott who's in charge of the investigation for the West Des Moines

police said the Gosch family has shared some of the information with investigators. "Even if he had 250 personalities, a person like this could have been involved," Scott said. But he also said police have no plans for interviewing Bonacci. "We are aware of what's going on. We're not going to re-invent the wheel. This has been investigated in Nebraska. When things need investigating here, they will be investigated."

Paul Bonacci was later to see Emilio in California while on a trip for Larry King in 1984. Emilio tried to get him to go with him to help "snag" kids so they could be sold near Las Vegas for \$5,000 to men who would use them as sex slaves. He saw him once in '86 but not since then.

During the summer of 1979, Bonacci's friend John introduced him to Peter Citron at Peony Park. In August of '79 he met Alan Baer who picked him up on The Milk Run. He continued to have sex with Citron and Baer for years.

In 1978, while he was in 5th grade, Bonacci started playing around with satanism. At first it was just playing with demon role playing games like Dungeons and Dragons. He was 13 in the summer of '80 when he started getting into it heavily. He participated in sacrifices where animals were killed and the blood drunk.

In December of 1980 Bonacci saw a baby boy sacrificed around Christmas. He was forced to drink its blood with urine mixed in. It was intended as a perversion of the blood of Jesus. "They made us chant, *Satan is Lord, Lucifer our King, realm of darkness, come now, empower us your slaves.* Then they all began talking strange and I got scared and they said I'd be the next sacrifice if I

told anyone about it!"

On February 13, Bonacci was beaten up because he did not attend a satanic cult ritual. On March 13, 1981 he said he saw Alan Baer at a satanic ritual. "We drank human blood mixed with urine. I was real sick. I only saw Baer a few times at rituals."

In August Bonacci started going on scavenger hunts for Baer. (Scavenger hunts are trips by older boys to look for younger boys to recruit for sex with older men.) He went to Grand Island, Kansas City, Lincoln, Sioux City and St. Paul over the next year on this mission.

"On the morning of July 5, 1983, I called Baer and told him I wanted out. My stepfather had just died the night before and I didn't want to have to go to parties. Baer told me he'd send me a warning not to leave, or to tell the police as I'd threatened. Within a few days I was outside my grandmother's apartment in the alley, playing with cousins. Baer knew where my grandmother lived 'cause I stayed there on weekends. He had dropped me off there, along with other men and teenagers. That night a car drove down the alley, a blue Chevy, four door. We heard a loud BANG! Everyone thought it was an m-80 (a firecracker) except me, because I soon found a hole in the door of the car about 6 inches from where I was standing. Also the car was familiar but I never told anyone because I was too scared and didn't want my family to know I was a prostitute to men. I called Baer and told him I was sorry and would do what he wanted for life. I told him I needed some acid and he said, "Sure, I'll talk to Tony and the boys and set you up. Just come on over."

He saw another boy sacrificed at a satanic ritual on November 13, 1981 at a ritual to "darken the souls

of our members." In all he estimates he participated in 25-30 rituals.

"I pulled away from satanism in April of '84 and had my life threatened by members saying that I could never leave, that I had taken a vow and sold my soul. I've been threatened but so far they've never got me with their curses and hexes. I'm not scared of death now as I was then. My life belongs in God's hands and in his Kingdom."

Other names mentioned as being involved in satanism were Larry King and a man named Dr. Khage (aka Lord Bevins) who was the high priest. Also a group mysteriously known only as The Shadow. (Considerable information concerning the satanic group called The Shadow was gathered in the course of Caradori's investigation. At one time the group was the object of an OPD investigation due to the information provided by the family of a former member. One of their main meeting places was a vacant building at 9700 W. Dodge. When a TV story aired on channel 6, the Realtor elected to tear the building down "because of its' "controversial nature." No notice was given of the demolition. "There were dead things attracting flies before the house was torn down, but it's all gone now!")"

Bonacci continued,"On April 1st, 1984 I went to a party at a farmhouse near Elkhorn that my friend Todd was staying at. Baer was at the party which was the first time I'd seen him out there. That night Baer had sex with me and Todd and I was stoned. That night about 4:00 a.m. Todd and I were alone in a bedroom talking,sitting against the back of the bed, leaning against the wall. There was another man who stayed out there who was asleep in a different bedroom. Around 4:15 Todd handed me a note and said not to read it until later, and made

me put it in my pocket. The next thing I saw was Todd take a gun out from under the bed. He started laughing. He put the gun up to his head and pulled the trigger... and it clicked. He did it again... and it clicked. The third time it went off. But just before he pulled the trigger he said, " I love you but I can't live like this no more. See you in Heaven." And then BANG!, he pulled the trigger and fell right into my arms. I couldn't believe it and I was screaming and crying. He was bleeding all over me and the man came running in and said 'What the hell is going on?' and I said 'he shot himself. Help him, he's bleeding!' The man came over and checked him and said, 'Nobody can help him, he's dead.' The man left and called somebody to help and he and two younger men or teenagers came in. One boy, Jeff, came up to me and pulled me away from Todd, who I was still hanging onto. He took me out to a car and one of the other teens took me home. Jeff went with me and stayed the night. They said the men would take care of Todd's body. I never saw him again. He's gone. I tried to kill myself April 13th but I failed."

During the school year of '85 Bonacci was paid by Baer and King to perform sex for a number of men at various locations around the city. Although he tried to get out of it, he was always threatened. In March, '86 he started telling some of his new friends about his past and he determined to stop listening to Baer. "In April, I started getting threats on my life. I called Baer and said 'You can kill me, but I'll never come back! I belong to Jesus Christ now and not you or any man!

"The next notes I got were threatening my friends. I could protect myself but not them. I started getting severely depressed. I'd already missed way too much school. I had been telling my girlfriend about

my past and about almost everything! She got drunk one night and told her mother. Her mother called the school and told them about me.

"The school contacted my mom and we had a meeting with them to see if I was going to drop out. At least that was the initial reason. When I got to school, they brought up what Nancy's mom had told them. At first I wanted to deny it, but then I broke down. They wanted to contact the police which scared me, so I said I was thinking about suicide. The cops came and did everything but laugh in my face. I told them about a lot of it. They wanted to know about Carlson, Burke and Bruner. I told them about Baer and Andersen and Bob Andreson as well."

In the Douglas County Grand Jury Report of 7-29-90, the following statement was made under the heading, PEDOPHILES.

Throughout the course of our work, we have heard testimony and have read police documents identifying pedophiles who target the Omaha area. A pedophile is a person who has a sexual preference for children. The Omaha Police Dept. estimates there are over 500 known pedophiles in the Omaha area. In reviewing testimony and evidence in this case, one man caused us to be greatly concerned. This individual, Robert W. Andresen, a white male, 6'5", 325 lbs, had been known to coerce males (including minors) to his residence. Once he has taken a male there, he may sexually assault and/or pornographically photograph the young man. Furthermore, we have reviewed documents that state Andresen has threatened to physically harm his victim(s) and has threatened to kill those who

report him to the authorities. Unfortunately, because the victims refuse to testify against him, we could not indict. The Grand Jury did subpoena Andresen. He appeared before us, at which time he took the Fifth Amendment."

"We, together with law enforcement, would like to encourage persons with direct knowledge of any pedophile activity to report it to the proper authorities, in hopes that we can curb the pedophile activity in Omaha."

CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

"Testimony and evidence provided to the Grand Jury showed no probable cause to believe there is an organized child pornography ring in Washington or Douglas Counties. This does not preclude the fact that there may be instances of such but no factual evidence surfaced relating to any identifiable individuals.

Said Bonacci, "They said I'd be talking to an investigator in a couple of days. I never saw another cop. I was sent off to NPI, and it was all hushed up for some reason. I started getting harassed by people. Baer knew, and when my family moved, I moved in at my grandmothers. From '86 through '89 I never went around Baer or his friends and only once in '88 I saw Larry King."

In October of '89 he was reintroduced to Baer by the owner of a downtown cafe who thought he was 16. Baer thought he was Paul's little brother. He went to Lincoln with Baer to The Boardwalk where he saw Baer have sex with two 13 year old boys.

"I was told by Baer to get some of my friends and he'd give me \$5,000 for each boy I got for him.

(Baer is a multi-millionaire). He saw photos of my friends and cousins and he told me to bring them to him and I'd get some cash and they'd get \$100. I told Baer to go to hell! They were my friends. He said I'd be sorry if I didn't get them for him. I said No! After I was arrested, I tried to call Baer for help, but he wouldn't!"

On November 18, 1989 at 2:40 a.m. Bonacci was arrested for allegedly fondling a 13 year old boy who was staying overnight. Bonacci had been out with some friends earlier in the evening and someone had given him some acid (LSD) and he was "tripping." As Personality Paul, he denies anything overtly sexual happened (although he admits he may have accidentally touched the boy on the outside of his clothes). As another personality, it could have happened. In any case, during the arrest, the police took a number of his detailed diaries which were never returned. Bonacci had a public defender assigned to him who advised him to plead 'no contest (the same one who 'defended' Alisha Owen!). He was convicted and is now serving a 5 year sentence at the Lincoln Correctional Center. He has had to live under restricted conditions, since he has received physical threats from some inmates who formerly worked for Baer on the outside. Bonacci was in prison when Caradori found him and videotaped his testimony on 5-14-90. Caradori had received his name as a lead some months earlier and finally could "check it out."

SEXUAL CHILD ABUSE AND MULTIPLE PERSONALITY DISORDERS

The following is an article by Susan Darst Williams which appeared in the April 23 issue of the Omaha Metro Update:

PROFESSIONALS POINT OUT RED FLAGS OF CHILD ABUSE IN FRANKLIN CASE

by Susan Darst Williams

Allegations of children being taken around the city and across the country for sexual exploitation. An adult burning a cigarette into the buttocks of a teenager during anal intercourse. A teenage girl subjected to so much abuse, but innocent of the need for genital hygiene that her body odors drew screams. These and other stories of child abuse that are being told in the Franklin Credit Union case are disgusting!

Whether the stories are true or false in any legal sense of the word, is a matter up to the Douglas County Grand Jury and/or later developments in the legal process. But there is little doubt that the stories are true to form, true to pattern.

The stories told by the six victim-witnesses who have come forward so far closely match the facts that have been verified in similar child sex abuse and sex exploitation cases nationwide, according to professionals.

Here's how a charge of incest

or pedophilia goes--they say: A youth tells about alleged abuse. Those who hear are shocked. The child is made to tell his story over to disbelieving authority figures who take a lot of statements and do little corroborative investigation, because it would be difficult and expensive. Under pressure, the youth usually recants or the whole thing falls apart because of a criminal justice system and general public that isn't set up to help them, and can't believe them or won't. The Rev. Glenn Schact, a pastor who is chairman of the Child Abuse Council says this about the six Franklin victims: "It's like everybody is doubting them and they have retold the story, how many times? You keep after a person until they break, until they change their story--until no one believes them and they begin to doubt even themselves."

Sgt. Bovasso of the Omaha police says, "Part of the problem we run into is that, even after we arrest somebody for pedophilia, most people will say this person couldn't do that. It can become a long drawn out process, and nobody wins." For those reasons, Omaha has what the experts call a sorry record of child sexual abuse prosecutions. Sometimes, not even the parent believes the child, much less the authorities. No kid wants the stigma of sending a friend to prison. Most kids who have been abused have emotional development arrested. So the truth never comes out. "They ruin so many kids," Bovasso said. "Research tells us that 97 percent of the time, the

children will not lie, " said Deborah Worman, child counselor for the YWCA. "I believe something happened (to the Franklin victims). The question is, what?"

No matter what comes of the Franklin allegations, these professionals say the Franklin case illustrates two key points about child sexual abuse:

- The goal of the perpetrators is not sex, for the most part. Instead they are addicted to power, using society's most trusting and vulnerable members to carry out that addiction and make themselves feel better by degrading someone else.

- Public awareness of, all skill in dealing with, child sexual abuse lags far behind where it should be, the experts say.

Child sexual abuse today is about where rape was 20 years ago in terms of society's failure to deal with it, they said. Myths abound, and society is hampered in the detection and prevention of child sexual abuse because of pervasive misconceptions about the crime and its victims.

What of a typical case. Here are some profiles, as seen by the experts:

- The young victims are from broken homes or dysfunctional families, with only one parent in the home, or living in a foster-care setting, without what society would consider "normal" supervision. Typically, these young people don't think of themselves as worth much, and are vulnerable to anyone who pretends to pay attention to them.

- The perpetrators, whether or not

they could be considered pedophiles - adults sexually attracted to children - are respected in the community; often married; good at their jobs, and have no criminal record. They often come into contact with the children as authority figures, someone the child should be able to trust.

- At first, the contact between them seems wholesome. But gradually, in ambiguous, subtle ways, the adult will introduce a bit of inappropriate touching, perhaps some R-rated photographs or movies, and proceed from there, winning the child's trust in stages until the child is trapped in an abusive relationship and thinks it's his or her own fault.

- The perpetrators keep the youngsters in their web by lavishing time, attention, gifts, cash, drugs, alcohol and fun experiences on them. Later, there may be tacit or stated threats of physical harm to the young person, or threats to go after younger siblings or friends, if the young person quits cooperating or tells. Once the young victim gets beyond a certain age, usually around puberty or obviously developing into an adult, the perpetrator is no longer interested in him or her, but uses him or her to recruit a new, younger victim to start over with.

- If they ever do tell their stories - and apparently, many don't - studies show that 97 percent of the time, the children do not lie about the sexual abuse. In the remaining three percent of the cases, authorities either are unable to substantiate the abuse or discover

the allegations are part of a post-divorce dispute that can't be untangled.

- The older the victim, the more likely the victim is to later recant. Why? Older teens and young adults are struggling to establish an identity, sexual and otherwise, and a heavy-duty life event such as involvement in a highly controversial criminal case may be seen as too much interference to be good for that process. The young person feels pressure to make the whole thing go away to avoid the stigma of being labeled a victim or a sexual deviant, to avoid notoriety and pressure, and to try to get things back to "normal."

Profile of a Pedophile

Omaha therapist Caryn Hacker has worked with a number of children who have been victims of sexual abuse. Her research has turned up the following characteristics of a pedophile - an adult who is sexually attracted to children:

- 97 percent are heterosexual males who prefer sex with children.
- Most are intelligent and highly respected in their communities and careers. They often work in the helping professions with access to children, such as teachers, doctors, the clergy and coaches.
- A striking personality characteristic is of rigidity. The person may be firmly set that there is only one way to do things or to think about things. This is often accompanied by a strict religiosity.
- No close friends.

- Feelings of inadequacy and low self-esteem.
- Trouble dealing with other adults.
- Poor impulse control; cannot distinguish between their feelings and their actions, and often turn bad impulses into inappropriate behavior.
- Typically know their victims as relatives, neighbors and friends.
- Typically were sexually abused themselves in childhood.
- Don't feel guilt.

See also the study by Gail S. Goodman, PHD, Univ. of NY at Buffalo and Karen Sawitz, PHD, UCLA.)

Also, some background information on Paul Bonacci's diagnosis of MPD (multiple Personality Disorder) appears in the following article from the July 12 edition of the Nebraska Observer:

FLIGHT INWARD FROM WHAT IS INTOLERABLE: BONACCI'S ILLNESS; SOME BACKGROUND

The Observer contacted Dr. Beverly Mead, the psychiatrist who first diagnosed Bonacci's multiple personalities. We were seeking some understanding of the condition, in particular, the links between the disorder and early trauma, as well as the reliability of the patient to remember truthfully details and events. We asked Mead whether he believed the stories Bonacci tells about cult sexual abuse. "It's always important to maintain a certain level of skepticism," he said. "At the same time, we should keep an open mind." Mead believes that the ultimate literal truth of such stories can be determined by careful fact-checking and follow up on leads

given by Bonacci, and that this should be done. Mead also referred us to several sources as background on MPD.

The most useful one was a section on Multiple Personality Disorders from a chapter called "The Dissociative Disorders," in the Textbook of Psychiatry (American Psychiatric Press, 1988) Below are excerpts:

Although the recognition of Multiple Personality Disorder (MPD) is not new, scientific research into it is in its infancy. Since 1980, however, the literature has expanded, along with the upsurge in recognition of the disorder. One factor that has contributed to this rising awareness, is the increased awareness of child abuse and incest. In two studies, by Richard Kluff, MD, "97 and 98 percent of the MPD's in the study, had experienced child abuse, (usually physical) and sexual,(usually incest) and psychological mistreatment, and neglect was also not uncommon. Other factors may be object loss, illness and pain, trauma other than intentional abuse, exposure to overwhelming stimuli, such as accidents or war,cultural dislocation, etc.

The condition has its onset in childhood, usually before age 9. The number of personalities varies with half, having 10 or fewer. The average number is over 13 but this is skewed by cases of remarkable complexity. Some are unaware of some or all of the others. Some are friends, protectors or helpers or adversaries. Sometimes they are aware of one another's activities in the sense of perceiving them as a dream, without affording them reality. Not uncommonly, a personality may perceive the others voices as hallucinations.

Many children have transient dissociative symptomology. MPD emerges in the context of efforts of an overwhelmed child, unable to either fight or take flight.

Many children have transient dissociative symptomology, yet relatively few develop distinct dissociative disorders. Those that develop MPD have been unable to heal their hurts because they have not been protected against further traumatization, not had sufficient restorative experiences with significant others, and may not be enabled to process their hurt in environments that deny the trauma has occurred, double bind the victim, or discourage the candid exploration of painful feelings and experiences.

MPD emerges in the context of the efforts of an overwhelmed child, unable to either fight or take flight, to flee inwardly by abandoning sense of ownership of what is intolerable and unacceptable. Despite widespread fears of iatrogenesis and the documentation that many of the features of MPD can be mimicked or induced by a number of interventions, there is no evidence that the full clinical picture of this condition can be created and sustained over time.

THE GRAND JURIES

The focus of attention for this chapter will be on the Douglas County Grand Jury. Comments will be added at the end, concerning the Federal Grand Jury.

Following the writing of the famous DeCamp memo to Robert Dorr of the Omaha World Herald, Attorney General Robert Spire called for a Grand Jury on Jan. 30th, 1990. A county grand Jury usually consists of 16 people with one or more alternates, convened to determine if evidence exists to show probable cause that a crime has been committed. The Grand Jury returns indictments and those indicted must stand trial for the offenses. The prosecutor selects the evidence to be shown to the jury and also the witnesses to be presented. There are no attorneys for the defense. And only those items deemed important are pursued by the prosecutor. Ordinary rules of evidence do not apply and hearsay evidence is admissible.

District Judge James Buckley, Douglas County Election Commissioner Vicki Edwards and Omaha City Attorney Joseph Meusey comprised the panel that selected jurors. The grand jury oath required that witnesses keep their testimony secret until the grand jury adjourned.

Former Lancaster County District Judge Samuel Van Pelt was appointed special prosecutor over the protests of some due to his previous history.

On March 19, 1990, the Grand Jury was impaneled and began reviewing evidence. By the time their investigation was concluded they

had met for 82 days, reviewed 395 exhibits and issued 136 subpoenas, heard live testimony from 76 witnesses, watched over 30 hours of videotapes and listened to numerous audio tapes. They issued their final report on July 23, 1990. The report was unusual if not unprecedented.

Due to the length of the report, it will not be reproduced here in its entirety. Certain key statements will be addressed and explored. A copy of the complete report is available from the clerk of the Douglas County District court.

LAWRENCE E. KING JR.

We found no credible evidence of child sexual abuse, interstate transportation of minors, drug trafficking or participation in a pornography ring by King or other Franklin officials and employees."

They found evidence, but decided it was not credible! Strictly speaking, the grand jury's job is to determine "probable cause" and not to determine guilt "beyond a reasonable doubt."

"We also found probable cause to believe that King...committed the crime of pandering...our ultimate decision was that (it) would not be the best use of the resources of the Douglas County District Court and again we have deferred to the federal prosecutor."

But there was no indictment for pandering from the Federal Grand Jury and so King remains unindicted to this very day! Assuming King would take the Fifth Amendment, the grand jury requested him to appear voluntarily, which of course he

declined to do. No subpoena was issued.

MICHAEL CASEY

“Casey labels himself as a “freelance writer” while many who know him describe him as a con man. Casey routinely has befriended people willing to help him financially, promising to reimburse them when a big story pays off. Seldom was a story ever published...Casey claimed to be doing work as an investigative reporter for such papers as the LA Times, NY Times, Omaha World Herald and the Village Voice.”

“We believe that Caradori would not have found Owen if it were not for Casey. Owen then led Caradori to other potential victim/witnesses.”

“...We became suspicious of Casey's motives and the possibility that he fueled the fire of rumor and innuendo in Omaha. We believe it possible that allegations about Harold Andersen and Boys Town were a product of Casey's personal grudges. Perhaps he disregarded moral ethics and strayed from fact finding for the sake of a sensational story.”

A number of people would agree with the conclusion that Casey was a con man, but he did co-author an article in the Village Voice on the Franklin Case and Larry King. A follow up article which was in the works was quashed under pressure by the FBI.

Caradori did not find Alisha Owen through Casey. He got her name from other kids. But so what if he did? She was still a valuable lead as a victim/witness.

The Grand Jury never talked to Casey. After

accusing him of fueling the fires of rumor in Omaha, they turn around and do the very same thing themselves!! Note the key words. "We became suspicious of Casey's motives." How could they know his motives? Why should the grand jury be dealing in suspicions rather than facts? Concerning the allegations about Harold Andersen.....Casey was already quoted in an April article of the World-Herald as saying he did not believe Andersen was involved. The reporter who wrote the article talked to Casey, the Grand Jury didn't. They should have!

KIRSTIN HALLBERG

"Hallberg's name surfaced in almost every stage of this investigation. Like Casey, she appeared to be a link connecting many aspects of the case. It was extremely difficult to determine her legitimate role in these events. Hallberg believed that she was acting in the public's best interests. However, many of those testifying disagreed, viewing her as a trouble maker, gossip and self appointed conscience of the public. In a few instances Hallberg had correct assumptions, but in most cases she didn't. In many cases Hallberg's over-reacting caused misinformation to be disseminated. She did not always act with good judgement, but operated from a feelings based as opposed to facts. In so doing, she overstepped professional bounds by becoming personally attached and emotionally involved with patients. Hallberg apparently is an individual who has difficulty following established guidelines and feels it necessary to become involved at all levels of the system, notwithstanding her lack of training and experience."

Translation: In other words, she cared for the kids and tried to help them and felt she had a duty as a good citizen to get involved. "Not so" says the Grand Jury. "Leave these matters to the pros and don't get involved." For an example of a self appointed public conscience see the OWH Editorial of 7-26-91.

BONNIE COSENTINO

"We believe that Cosentino reported in violation of her oath to Senator Chambers and eventually, indirectly to the media, that the Grand Jury was not attentive, cohesive or effective. This misrepresentation was inappropriate, unfair and appears to have been an unsuccessful attempt to harass and demoralize the Grand Jury and the persecutorial staff. Unfortunately, such misrepresentation promotes a lack of public faith in the system, and engenders unwarranted public outrage and despair. If indeed there was a spawning ground in which Franklin rumors were born, Cosentino would be found as an inhabitant."

Bonnie Cosentino never violated her oath. She was improperly questioned by assistant prosecutor Dougherty before she ever entered the grand jury room to testify. What transpired was the subject of an affidavit sworn to before state Senator Ernie Chambers detailing the specifics of what she felt were badgering tactics of Mr. Dougherty. She asked Senator Chambers to forward her complaint to the appropriate persons in the judicial system. She did give leads to various investigators,

including the Grand Jury's own investigator, Dennis Keenan. Shouldn't responsible citizens do that? Yes!!

THE SUICIDES

CHARLES ROGERS: We spent a considerable amount of time investigating all aspects of Rogers death...An autopsy was performed and the death was ruled a suicide. Evidence and testimony presented to the grand jury supported this finding.

CURTIS TUCKER: "...there is no connection to Franklin other than the fact that Franklin and the Ramada Inn used the same security service. We believe Tucker's death was a suicide because he left a note and was despondent over a broken relationship with a female."

Charles Rogers was a homosexual ex-lover of Larry King and David Hansen. He worked as a doorman/bouncer at the Max Bar. His sister had a letter from him prior to his death concerning Larry King. He kept a large amount of cash in his apartment which was reportedly missing. His family and friends doubted Rogers would kill himself. What evidence and testimony presented to the grand jury supported this finding of suicide? Was anyone from the sheriff's department, which investigated the case called? Were any of their records subpoenaed? According to sheriff's Cpt. Tim Dempsey, head of homicide investigations, the answer to both questions is a no. When asked by an interviewer for the Omaha Metro Update, "where would the grand jury have gotten any

information upon which to base a conclusion?" He replied, "I don't know."

Curtis Tucker plunged to his death from a 9th floor hallway window of the Ramada Inn on Dec 25, 1985. He was a former homosexual lover of Larry King. He had worked at Boys Town in 1980 where he met Fr. Brown to whom the "suicide note" was addressed. The signature on the note was not even close to matching examples of his signature on other documents.

THE EARLY ALLEGATIONS

"Carol Stitt, executive director of the Foster Care Review Board should have spoken to the proper authorities at Ufa Halee, Richard Young and Boys Town."

The Foster Care Review Board has no investigative authority. Those who do have were contacted by Stitt on more than one occasion over a period of several months, including OPD, NSP, FBI, the head of the Nebraska Dept. of Social Services and the Governor with Attorney General Robert Spire. Other concerned citizens followed the same route with the same results.

THE VIDEOTAPES

"The majority of our fact finding and deliberative effort was spent analyzing the credibility of stories presented by four witnesses on videotape provided by the legislature's Franklin Committee. Two witnesses subsequently recanted, stating that they were induced by Alisha Own to help her obtain a reduced sentence, or better conditions in prison, and to make money from royalties and civil

litigation. The vast majority of the other witnesses named by Owen contradicted her testimony. There is no doubt, that the story of sexual abuse, drugs, prostitution and judicial bribery presented in the legislative videotapes is a carefully crafted hoax, scripted by a person or persons with considerable knowledge of the people and institution of Omaha, including personal relationships and shortcomings. All of the major participants will be discussed individually. "

The "CAREFULLY CRAFTED HOAX" theory finally blossoms forth in full bloom! But the grand jury was not the source of that term. It had been planted as a seed, when a 4-22-90 World-Herald article on Mike Casey brought out the word "hoax" for the first time. But where was it conceived? The mystery deepens.

Long before the article appeared on Casey, Alisha's mother, Donna Owen had heard about him, but never had a conversation with him. She "felt long ago that one of the things that they might say would occur here was that this Mike Casey, who is a wanna-be writer, would have contacted those kids, created a scenario and in effect had a conspiracy, fed them info, helped Caradori make the tapes, and that it would all be a giant conspiracy designed to give him writing material for TV movies. "

Her suspicions were confirmed when on April 25, just three days after the World-Herald article came out , she and her husband, Alvin were approached by their daughter Alisha's attorney Pam Vuchetich. They were told by Vuchetich that the FBI had approached her with just such a scenario. That they thought Mike Casey had gone to Alisha and given her 7 hours of testimony to

memorize and then she would make a tape.

Vuchetich told them if Alisha would tell the FBI that this was true, then they could help Alisha and the plot would be uncovered and everybody could go home. But Alisha's mother said "Mike Casey didn't know Alisha was involved in this until well after she was already incarcerated. I have the proof on calendars and I have witnesses to that effect; people who know Mike Casey." (Apparently the grand jury didn't review all the relevant evidence.)

Donna Owen told her fears of a hoax theory to the Legislature's Franklin Committee on 6-21-90, over a month before the Grand Jury's final report. Perhaps Prosecutor Van Pelt was looking at the same script when he was quoted in a World-Herald article as saying that he was going to put the "unsubstantiated and unfounded rumors to rest."

The Grand Jury concluded that the creators of the hoax were "persons with considerable knowledge of the people and institutions of Omaha, including personal relationships and shortcomings." Where did the kids get all the information? Where did a 15 year old girl assemble her "considerable knowledge of the people and institutions of Omaha, including personal relationships and shortcomings"? Where, indeed?!

ALISHA OWEN

"Owen alleges that former Omaha Chief of Police Robert Wadman is the father of her 5 year old daughter. However, in our minds, the paternity of the Owen's child is unresolved. Owen testified that she had some form of sexual contact with Wadman on as many as 25 occasions. Yet she made serious mistakes in describing a number of

Wadman's physical characteristics, and we are convinced that he has not sexually abused Owen and did not father her child. Owen's motivation was to obtain a reduced prison sentence, or more comfortable conditions and to collect money from her story or from civil litigation. By fabricating major details and characters in her story, Owen has damaged the reputations of the persons involved, inflicted unnecessary grief on their families and slandered the entire Omaha community."

The Grand Jury said they didn't believe Wadman was the father of the child. Owen said she believed he was. The grand jury had no evidence at the time except the word of the two parties involved. They believed Wadman and exonerated him. They disbelieved Owen and indicted her for perjury, even though Wadman was the object of the grand jury's investigation, not Owen. What were the serious mistakes? Did they ever check on the characteristics she described, instead of centering on the ones she didn't?

As far as more comfortable conditions were concerned, the warden at the York facility where Owen is in jail, said all she had to do was ask. She had nothing to gain and everything to lose by testifying before the grand jury. She could have taken the Fifth Amendment and saved herself a lot of persecution.

PAUL BONACCI

"Bonacci was perhaps the most pathetic witness to appear during the entire proceedings.He has been diagnosed as having multiple personalities and his psychiatrist doubts that he can tell the truth."

His many inconsistencies and contradictions render his testimony unbelievable and necessitates his indictment for perjury. "

Necessitates his indictment? Translated, this means: Since he is so sick and pathetic and can't tell the truth, we have to punish him! But once again, the Grand Jury has taken liberties with the truth. Bonacci did not have a personal psychiatrist. He was examined by Omaha psychiatrist, Dr. Beverley Mead, who was appointed by the court to examine Bonacci before he was sentenced on the fondling conviction to determine if he was a mentally disordered sex offender. Dr. Mead determined that he was not and was the first one to make the diagnosis of MPD. Dr. Mead denied that he made the statement that he "doubts he can tell the truth." To the contrary, many psychiatrists acquainted with MPD would say there was no need to lie. When things get uncomfortable, the MPD would just switch personalities! The corroboration of events that had been given by Owen, Boner, King and others is especially significant when it is pointed out that he was outside the so-called conspiracy loop. He was not a friend of Owen's, though he was an acquaintance, having seen her at several parties. But outside the parties they did not interact socially since she was involved with the heterosexual pedophiles and he was involved with the homosexual pedophiles.

TROY BONER

"Boner recanted his initial fabrications and cooperated with the grand jury. Boner told the grand jury he was not paid, threatened or promised anything to retract his story."

Boner was reported as recanting on April 18 before the *World-Herald* story of 4-22-90, and a week before Vuchetich approached Alisha's parents with the FBI's offer. Vuchetich was also the attorney for Boner and King and didn't see any conflict of interest in representing all of them after Boner and King recanted. On the night in which Caradori was killed, his wife Sandee received a call from Boner. From the notes she took Boner said, "I'm really sorry. This shouldn't have happened. Gary was telling the truth. I've been pressured to change. I shouldn't have changed. You don't understand how much pressure I'm under. I'm really scared. "

On the day of Caradori's funeral, Boner was in Senator Schmit's office before 8 witnesses offering to recant his recantation. Apparently he tried. He went to the FBI office but they laughed at him and refused to allow him to change his mind. Did he tell Caradori the truth? Or did he tell the truth when he told the FBI he lied? Or did he tell the truth when he told Senator Schmit he lied when he told the FBI he lied? Or did he tell the truth when he denied knowing Alan Baer, even though he was listed as receiving money from him on Baer's indigent fund list? Or did he tell the truth when he lied and denied being in Senator Schmit's office? Or did he tell the truth when he recanted his "initial fabrications" in order to 'cooperate' with the Grand Jury? Does he ever tell the truth? More about the grand juries "star witness" later on in the section under "The Media."

JAMES DANIEL KING

"Danny King recanted his initial fabrications and cooperated with the Grand jury. King told the

Grand Jury he was not paid, threatened or promised anything to retract his story.

"Sound familiar? It's the same thing the Grand Jury said about Boner! And that's fitting, since King was Boner's friend and followed his lead in other things as well. He lied, too.

So, Boner and King recant and go free. Owen and Bonacci stick by their stories and are indicted for perjury. What a really 'Grand' Jury.

"LARRY THE KID"

The Grand Jury decided that this individual mentioned by numerous victim/witnesses was a fictitious character. In fact, he was the same individual identified by several witnesses as "King's Horses" who was named as being in attendance at satanic rituals on several occasions.

ALAN BAER

"Many of the allegations made by Owen and Bonacci about Baer are not true. It appears Baer was written into the script because of his wealth and well known homosexuality....We did have testimony from certain witnesses about sexual involvement with Baer. Evidence also showed that those witnesses received substantial amounts of money or other valuables in exchange for sex. As such, we find that Baer enticed other persons to become prostitutes or to commit acts of prostitution by giving them money or items of value. Therefore, we believe Baer committed the offense of pandering and we have handed down an indictment against him for that offense."

He committed the offense but not against Boner, King or Bonacci? The grand jury questioned Baer's use of his "indigent fund" as a means of compensating individuals with whom he had sex. How did the grand jury explain the fact that Troy Boner's name had appeared on that list as receiving money from Baer? But Boner claimed he didn't know Baer and Baer said he didn't know Boner. That explains it.

PETER CITRON

"...It appeared that he (Citron) was also written into the script because of his known homosexual and pedophile behavior."

Citron was a well known entertainment columnist for the Omaha World-Herald. By whom was his pedophile activity known? And for how long? One policeman was heard to comment that they "had an open file on Citron." Two counts of sexual assault on a child were filed against him on 2-23-90. He lamented in an interview with the World-Herald that the rumors had ruined his journalism career in Omaha. He was found not guilty on both counts after pleading "no contest" in Douglas County District Court. A vast quantity of pornographic material was confiscated when he was arrested. Since he plead no contest, none of it was ever introduced into evidence. What happened to the material? No one seems to know.

ROBERT WADMAN

"Wadman was unjustly accused by Owen of sexually abusing her and causing her mental anguish. ...We have made every attempt to find a

motive for the scripting of his name as a perpetrator, but could find none, other than his community visibility.....DNA blood tests were set up.after his portion of the test was completed, it was only then that Owen refused to submit to the test for herself and her child, and insisted that the test be conducted only on her conditions."

By Owen's refusal to submit to the test, the Grand Jury concluded that Wadman was not the father. Evidence and testimony presented to this grand jury did not support any of the allegations brought against Wadman by Owen. We now look upon Owen as the perpetrator, and Wadman as the victim.

If the Grand Jury could find no motive, maybe its assumption of scripting was wrong and Owen was telling the truth. Owen has never refused to take a blood test. Prosecutor Van Pelt called Owen's mother and asked if they could do a blood test on Amanda (nothing said about Alisha). The mother replied that would be fine if three conditions were met: 1) All three samples (Wadman, Alisha, Amanda) would be taken together at the same place; 2) that it not be done at the FBI; 3) that copies of the results would be furnished to each party.

These conditions were not unreasonable. Medical personnel will verify that certain requirements must be met in order for a blood test to stand up in court. Had the tests been done under the auspices of the Grand Jury there was no guarantee that any of the involved parties would have received the information. The Grand Jury could have sealed it and shut off any future action on the issue. A blood test was eventually done in connection with a Paternity Suit filed on Alisha's behalf by her mother, but it was not a DNA blood

test as the media has consistently trumpeted. DNA blood testing requires blood as well as hair and fingernail clippings. It is an expensive procedure but it gives virtually absolute results in contrast to the blood test alone which can be inconclusive. Cost could be as much as \$3000 for each person tested or \$9000. Owen's parents paid for Alisha and Amanda's tests. The bill was \$875 for both tests. Only blood samples were taken at the lab. It was not a DNA-blood test. All samples were drawn at the same lab site in Lincoln. Three samples were taken from each person and sent to three separate lab locations. During the time the samples were being taken, they were not to have contact with each other. According to Wadman's testimony to the Grand Jury, he has eczema, a skin disorder inherited by his children. Amanda Owen has had this skin disorder from birth. Wadman has asthma and takes shots for it. Amanda has asthma and uses a breathing machine. There is striking facial resemblance between Wadman and Amanda Owen.

One of the counts on which Owen was indicted for perjury concerned Wadman showing her a gun. Wadman testified that he had not carried a gun since '73. Attorney Jerry Spence was taking a deposition from Wadman in 1980 in connection with a Utah lawsuit. He asked Wadman if he were carrying a gun to which Wadman replied "yes." Wadman lied to the Grand Jury!

The blood tests came back negative. Were they accurate? Perhaps. Could they have been tampered with? Possibly.

The blood samples were handled by at least 7 persons from the time they were taken to their arrival. They were transported by a flight carrier. Personnel from Emery and Fed Ex have stated that

the FBI will sometimes intercept a package in a case and even borrow a uniform from the carrier to deliver the package to the suspect. Did they intercept it? Probably not! But they could have! Is Wadman the father of Owen's child? Maybe and maybe not. Does Owen think he is? Absolutely. Did he have the opportunity to be? Evidence says he did! But in any case, FORGET about the DNA-blood tests, because, friends, they never happened.

HAROLD ANDERSEN

"...the motive for naming Andersen as connected with suspected child abusers was probably politically generated."

Politically generated by whom? Four scared teenagers? In Wadman's testimony before the Grand Jury, he said that he knew Andersen, Eugene Mahoney and Citron were homosexuals. But he didn't know about Alan Baer.

JUDGE THEODORE CARLSON

"The Grand jury found no evidence to support allegations that Judge Carlson was involved with any sexual misconduct or other illegal activities."

Alisha Owen was indicted for perjury for her account of what happened to her in the basement of the French Cafe. The incident allegedly involved Judge Carlson. Owen had described Carlson as being overweight. During her perjury trial, he testified he had never been overweight. Nor was

he a practitioner of homosexuality. One of the potential jurors, in the perjury trial, a doctor, asked to be excused as he was Carlson's personal physician. When asked by the prosecutor Moran if he could not be impartial, he replied, "I would hurt the prosecution." He was immediately dismissed and hustled out of the courtroom. Carlson's medical records were subpoenaed by the defense but were not allowed into evidence by Judge Raymond Case. The medical records showed in 1984 Carlson was 5'9" and weighed between 215 and 237. On the day of sentencing, Douglas County Attorney James Jensen wanted the medical records sealed even though they had not been admitted into evidence. Judge Case refused. The records will be back to vex them.

SENATOR ERNEST CHAMBERS

"It is difficult to understand how King and his entourage led such an extravagant lifestyle for so many years in Chamber's own district without his having any inkling of the same."

But the Franklin Credit Union was not in Chamber's District nor did King live in his district. Harold Andersen was on King's advisory board. Why didn't he do something about it?

THE FOSTER CARE REVIEW BOARD

'...as previously stated, children do have the right to expect that if they exhibit reasonable behavior, they will not be abused.'

If they exhibit reasonable behavior? The

statement speaks volumes about the underlying attitudes of the grand jury and its prosecutor. Exonerate the perpetrators and indict the victims.

THE NEWS MEDIA

"We believe that it is unfortunate that the Omaha area has only one major newspaper."

They got that one right!

GARY CARADORI

"In too many instances, individuals Caradori interviewed were fed items of information. He led his witnesses and the videotapes were stopped and started at suspicious intervals with the substance of the witnesses stories changing...We think that Caradori stood to gain professionally and personally from the outcome. We believe that Caradori was duped into working with Casey."

Caradori had nothing to gain financially from the investigation. He spent a lot of his own money in providing a safe place for Boner and King after they testified. His other business actually suffered as a result of his involvement. When viewing circumstances of Caradori's methodology, it is well to remember Owen and Bonacci gave information not only to him but also before the Franklin Committee where they were questioned at length by the Committee Counsel in the absence of Caradori. The committee, after questioning them extensively found them credible.

Caradori wasn't finished with his investigation. He and his son were killed on 7-11-90 while returning from the All Star game in Chicago. The plane came

apart in the air and crashed and burned on impact. The NTSB has not issued a formal statement on the cause of the crash. In addition to going to the ball game, he was also working some leads on the case. He called committee chairman Loran Schmit before his return trip and said "I got it, Loran. We've got 'em by the balls." His briefcase and papers were inexplicably missing from the crash site, along with the two rear seats of the plane.

The day after the grand jury report was issued, KETV channel 7 conducted a viewer poll. In a short time they had over 3000 responses with a 10-1 showing of viewer dissatisfaction with the grand jury report. Based on what we know now, dare we conclude that the grand jury report was itself the "carefully crafted hoax?"

But crafted by whom? Van Pelt? The FBI? The World- Herald? Certainly not Mike Casey and the kids. And therein, dear readers, lies the mystery that has yet to be solved.

What about the Federal Grand Jury? Their findings were similar to those of the Douglas County Grand Jury without the references to Shakespeare. Could they have been working from the same script? Troy Boner said the FBI, U.S Attorneys Ron Lahners and Tom Thalken had threatened him that "if he didn't recant his testimony they'd bring him up on perjury charges and send him to jail" (a frightening thought for a drug addict with a methadone habit). But then, who can believe Troy Boner?

BLUEPRINT OF A COVER UP?

The information contained in this chapter comes from a 5-31-91 article in the Nebraska Observer, as well as from numerous other articles and interviews.

On December 27, 1989 the Franklin Committee gave copies of Caradori's videotaped testimony of the victim/witness to Attorney General Robert Spire, US attorney Ron Lahnens and the FBI (these were subsequently leaked to the media).

In February, 1990, Robert Fenner, General counsel for the National Credit Union association, was advised by the FBI not to cooperate with the Franklin committee's investigator, Gary Caradori.

The flow of information from the committee to law enforcement was always one-way. The committee had decided to cooperate in sharing all its information with law enforcement, but the adversarial tone set by them in the early stages prevailed throughout. The spirit of cooperation was one-sided. On Feb. 14, Caradori met with the FBI to outline details of his investigation. He was later to complain to the committee about all the leaks that subsequently sprang up.

From February through April, the FBI interviewed Owen in prison on 11 occasions. The interviews were not taped. Owen was not read her miranda rights. No transcript of the interviews was shown to her. Owen's attorney claimed that she was coerced into giving the interviews and that their sole purpose was to gather information that could be used to discredit her. A witness for the prosecution in her perjury trial, Steve Solburg, admitted under cross examination that when the

FBI interviewed him, he felt intimidated and that all the grand jury's questions asked of him were designed to discredit Owen.

The reports of feeling intimidated were common among victims/witnesses who were interrogated by OPD, NSP and FBI. As a result some victim/witnesses refused to testify.

On Feb 20th, three women, one of whom was in jail for murder, were found guilty of assaulting Owen in prison. The FBI had been very indiscreet after one of their interviews with Owen by making their presence known in the prison cafeteria by loud talking and displaying notebooks with "FBI" written on them. The women concluded Owen was an informant, and assaulted her. As a result, Owen was moved to 'protective custody' and has been in virtual solitary confinement ever since.

On March 8, the FBI took out a warrant to search Owen's cell. They were looking for a red file called "Alisha Owen VIP"(very important papers). Prison officials asked that an inventory be made of all articles taken. When the articles were returned, several were missing and had simply been scratched off the list. Letters dated March 27 and later were found in the material when it was returned. How did the FBI get them? Were they intercepting her mail?

On March 9, the FBI arranged for Boner to phone Owen from their office to try to entrap her while taping the conversation. The tape was played in court. Owen kept telling Boner to just "tell the truth" but the media reports made it sound like Boner was telling that to Owen. This was over a month before his "recantation" became public knowledge. (Timing is everything.)

The FBI agents never mentioned making a report to other law enforcement people regarding

the possibility that a crime had been committed against Owen. Although they claim they regarded Owen as a victim and took her claims seriously at the beginning, they testified at her trial that they never interviewed any of the people she'd accused. Where did the FBI get the information about the famed Red File? We need look no further than Owen's attorney, Pam Vuchetich. Vuchetich had let Owen down before by not filing a timely appeal in her conviction on the bad check charges. Now she was to totally betray the confidentiality of the attorney-client relationship. Vuchetich was collaborating with the FBI from early on. Phone records submitted during the perjury trial showed 177 phone calls from Vuchetich's office or home to the FBI between December of '89 and April '90, when the hoax theory began to be propagated. There was no record of how many calls the FBI made to her. By February, Vuchetich began publicly compromising the position of her clients by inappropriate statements to the media, allowing the witnesses to be interviewed, and turning confidential information over to the FBI. Privately, she had been heard to remark that she was doing things that could get her disbarred. But did they? No way!! When she was called before the discipline committee of the State Bar Association to explain herself, she was accompanied by....you guessed it....an FBI agent. No action was taken.

The FBI had a good track to run on. The ground had been covered by Attorney General Spire and the NSP before them. It was clear from the testimony given by Spire and his assistant, William Howland, together with their investigator Tom Vlahoulis, that they had done nothing with the information turned over to them by the foster care

review board, nor did they intend to.

THE PERJURY TRIAL

Alisha Owen's perjury trial began on May 17. Judge Raymond Case of Plattsburgh was brought out of retirement to preside over the trial in the Douglas County District court. In his opening remarks, prosecutor Gerald Moran made it plain that he was going to follow the grand jury script. Alisha Owen had collaborated with the other witnesses to tell their story for three reasons: to get out of jail; to make money from lawsuits, books, movies; and to be somebody. Defense attorney Henry Rosenthal said that Owen would not even be tried had she accused a common person. She was being punished for accusing prominent people and not backing down.

The prosecution spent the majority of its time in painting Owen as a promiscuous tramp. But the charges against her were for perjury. The prosecution was not charged with proving that what she said was preposterous, but with proving that she said something that she herself did not believe to be true. The prosecution failed to prove this at all, much less beyond a reasonable doubt.

The outcome of the trial should not have been seriously in doubt. Before it even began, Judge Case ruled against several of the defense's pre-trial motions and consistently refused to allow important items to be introduced as evidence (for example the tapes of Boner and King). There was much in the way of evidence, the jury was not allowed to see. Even at that, it appeared early that the trial would end in a hung jury until Judge Case made some unusual remarks to the foreman. The last

holdouts were persuaded and they brought in their verdict of guilty on all eight counts. Coincidentally, it was June 21, the day of the satanists summer solstice.

Since the trial ended, some of the jurors have had second thoughts and reports of irregularities in the trial process are beginning to surface. A deposition by Attorney Jerry Spence taken from Robert Wadman in a 1980 lawsuit had been introduced into evidence by the defense. It was important because it proved that Wadman had lied about not carrying a gun since 1973. When the jury requested that evidence during their deliberations, a 40 minute search was made of the Evidence Room. The evidence had disappeared and was not available.

One of the jurors decided to check out the much vaunted security system of the Twin Towers. The prosecution tried to prove that it would have been impossible to gain entrance as easily as the kids had said they did. So, unannounced, the juror went to the Towers and found no guard at the door. They opened the door, went in and proceeded unhindered to the fourth floor. Coincidentally, Alan Baer had some problems with a security guard at the Towers who complained to Baer about all the traffic Baer was getting. The guard subsequently began videotaping arrivals and departures at Baer's apartment. The FBI picked up the tape the first part of March, 1990 and it was never seen again.

Alisha Owen was sentenced August 8 to 9-15 years in prison by Judge Case. She was reminded of all the reputations damaged by her testimony (clearly she was being made an example of to other potential "perjurers"). " Do you know of any place that sells reputations?" the judge asked. "It's

what you earn." Before Owen was sent off, he dismissed her with a cheery, "Good luck and God Bless you."

Wadman's reputation apparently could be had for about \$3,000. Approximately one year ago, he had filed a \$4,000 suit against Owen's 5 year old daughter Amanda, to recover his expenses for taking the blood test in connection with the paternity suit. In itemizing his expenses, he listed first class airfare from Chicago, 4 days of missed work and \$800 for the blood test. (Owen paid \$875 for 2 tests.) Owen's attorney countered with a charge of filing false paper work. Wadman was on vacation at the time and had driven from his son's place in Arizona (not flown from Illinois). The suit was dropped and Wadman paid the \$25 court fee. Records of the case can be purchased for \$3.00 from the clerk of the Douglas County Court. It is listed under: Robert Wadman vs. Amanda Jayne Owen.

A motion for a retrial for Owen has been made and an appeal will surely be filed. Meanwhile, she is in prison, being held in solitary confinement (for her own protection) for the longest time any woman has been in solitary in the history of the state of Nebraska. Think about it!

Did she have a fair trial? Is the matter closed? The answer is, of course, NO to both questions!!

SOME AFTERTHOUGHTS

The same day that Owen's jury found her guilty of eight counts of perjury, similar charges were dropped against Paul Bonacci. Was he happy about the news? No, he feels that now his story might not ever get told. But his attorney, John DeCamp, has filed a lawsuit against several individuals and groups Bonacci says were responsible for his abuse. A trial date has yet to be set. It will be interesting to see if Bonacci ever has his day in court.

Larry King was indicted by the Federal Grand Jury on 40 counts of financial wrongdoing. He plea bargained it down to 3 counts and pled no contest so no testimony was ever heard in open court from his or his wife's lips. He was given a maximum sentence of 15 years (the same as Owen). Who says there's no equality under the law?

Larry King was very much surprised when he received his stiff sentence. He had been confidently telling friends that he was going to get a light sentence or probation. He had been living a curtailed lifestyle but he was able to get by on the \$3,000 a month his friends were funnelling to him through a North Omaha Church. The night before he was sentenced everyone was in good spirits and enjoying a party at his house. An attorney who had served on the Franklin board slipped in the back door and told him the bad news, then left. It really ruined the party.

The pattern that seemed to be followed with the victim/witnesses and others sympathetic to them was as follows; 1) try to intimidate them and get

them to refuse to testify or recant; If that doesn't work, 2) then discredit them as witnesses who cannot be trusted. Rumors, innuendoes and character assassination are all freely used. 3) If discrediting does not work, then use persecution. Attack their families, finances, and jobs, their friends, their reputation. If all these means fail, then 4) use violence against them or their families.

All told, there were at least 15 deaths, under unusual circumstances, of people related to the Franklin case. Many more had been threatened. Topping the list was Gary Caradori and his son Andrew, and Shawn Boner (brother of Troy) who died of a Russian-Roulette gunshot wound on Jan 17, 1991. On January 21, Alan Baer's longtime executive assistant, Claire Howard, was found dead in her bed. She had not been previously ill and the cause of death was undetermined. Denny Henson filed for bankruptcy in Feb of '91 after being discredited in the media and harassed financially after disclosing DeCamp's memo. DeCamp lost over 80% of his clients as a lobbyist in the legislature. Senator Schmit has been physically threatened and financially harassed. Other senators fear to follow his leadership anymore. (Loran, we've got our jobs and families to think about.) Owen's defense attorney Henry Rosenthal's car was shot at. In November, Alisha Owen's brother was found dead in a correction center cell, supposedly a suicide by hanging. On 11-14-90, Joe Malek, Jr, the owner of Peony Park, committed suicide (the park was the location of several homosexual functions such as the Imperial Court; involving King and others). And, -- "the beat goes on."

Could the grand jury have been a device to get all the pertinent evidence sealed? This would

be a good reason for the Franklin Committee's records to be made public.

A humorous side note: Larry King had a ticket to the fund raiser breakfast attended by George Bush in Omaha. The Secret Service was going over the guest list and 36 hours before the meeting, they picked King up at the flower shop where he was working (pending his trial). Seventeen minutes later they had him before the judge who ruled him incompetent and they hustled him out of town so he wouldn't be an embarrassment. They can really move when they want to.

Mike Casey is presently in a California prison serving a sentence for drunk driving. Ironically, he has a brother in California who is reported to be in the FBI. Was Casey a plant?

Troy Boner and Danny King were never polygraphed as reported by the Lincoln Star and the Omaha World-Herald. None of the kids were, except Lisa Webb. And she passed. Polygraphs are expensive, but Paul Bonacci ('the pathetic witness who couldn't tell the truth') is willing to take one!!

Karen Orminston, Gary Caradori's associate, also took a polygraph test. She wanted to refute the charges that Caradori had scripted or led the witnesses. She passed.

A lot of grief could have been saved if the major figures in the Franklin Case had voluntarily taken polygraph tests (at some location other than the FBI). This would have been particularly true of Harold Andersen and Robert Wadman who were in particularly sensitive positions with respect to having the perceived power to perpetrate a cover up. To this date none of them have.

7-23-90. Peter Citron was sentenced to 3-8 years for sexual assault on a minor after pleading no

contest. Not Franklin related of course.

7-26-90 Alan Baer originally pleaded innocent to his Grand Jury indictment for pandering. He later pleaded 'No Contest' to a reduced charge and paid a \$500 fine. (But it cost him a bundle in attorneys fees.) Not Franklin related of course.

The "News Program," '48 Hours' did a tremendous disservice to the media image for fair reporting. Reporting on the Perjury Trial of Alisha Owens, they chose to interview those on only one side of the issue. Their star performer? Troy Boner. The whole show was built around him. No one talked to Owen or Bonacci, Schmit or DeCamp, Caradori's widow, Sandee, or anyone else that knew the other side. Then to top it all off, the program was released just before the jury began their deliberations. (We said it before, timing is everything.)

Former Omaha Police Chief Robert Wadman, who was fired for insubordination by Omaha Mayor Mike Boyle, was surrounded by new controversy and resigned (was fired) from his new job as Chief of Police in Aurora, Illinois, Wadman was accused of using excessive force in the discipline of an officer. He recently was hired as Chief of Police in Wilmington, North Carolina.

Carol Stitt of the foster care review board was going to document all the places the system did not hold up for the abused kids. By and large they were: **Not believed... not protected...not helped!**

The media's presentation of the grand jury proceedings left the impression that there were only six victim/witnesses involved. Actually, there were over 80 probable victim/witnesses.

In December of 90, Dr. Judianne Densen-Gerber, a psychiatrist, and nationally known MPD expert, examined Paul Bonacci and his ties

with Franklin related individuals. She found him absolutely believable. She also testified before the committee and expressed her concerns about an outbreak of AIDS among the youth of Nebraska. NAMBLA (the North American Man-Boy Love Association) has considered Dr. Densen-Gerber their public enemy #1. Robert Dorr, OWH reporter made an intense and concerted attack against Dr. Densen-Gerber, even to the point of calling her clients and attacking her character and credentials (which are impressive). Some segments of his articles sounded like they came right out of a NAMBLA newsletter.

All the information in this report was available to law enforcement agencies and grand juries. But we only covered the 'tip of the Iceberg'; other books could and should and will be written.

The real tragedy of the Franklin Case was the corrupting of public institutions and agencies and the corresponding decrease in public confidence in the integrity of the system. And the kid's didn't do it!

Alvin Owen, Alisha's father, said it best: "The system only works when honest people are working it."

**"A senseless man has no knowledge;
nor does a stupid man understand this;
that when the wicked sprouted up like grass,
and all who did iniquity flourished,
it was only that they might be
destroyed forevermore;
But thou, O Lord, art on high forever.
For behold, thine enemies, O Lord,
For behold thine enemies will perish;
All who do iniquity will be scattered."**

Psalms 92: 6-9 NAS

FRANKLIN TIME LINE

- 00-00-65 PETER CITRON ARRESTED FOR SEXUAL CHILD ABUSE SCARSDALE, N.Y.
(CHARGES DROPPED) .
- 10-08-65 LARRY KING ENLISTS IN AIR FORCE - DENVER, COLO.
- 12-31-68 FRANKLIN CREDIT UNION FOUNDED.
- 08-00-70 LARRY KING BECOMES MANAGER OF FRANKLIN CREDIT UNION.
- 08-00-72 LARRY KING BECOMES PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OF FRANKLIN CREDIT
UNION.
- 00-00-72 TOM HARVEY, TEACHER AT BURKE HIGH SCHOOL, OMAHA, NE. FIRED
FOR (?) LATER BECAME ACCOUNTANT FOR FRANKLIN CREDIT UNION.
- 02-00-76 PAUL BONACCI WAS ABUSED BY PRIEST AT SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH
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- 07-04-76 PAUL BONACCI, 3RD GRADE - MEETS WATER WALTER CARLSON, AN OLDER MAN IN
HANSCOM PARK. AFTER GAINING HIS TRUST OVER SEVERAL MONTHS, CARLSON
INTRODUCES HIM TO FONDLING AND ORAL SEX. CARLSON INTRODUCED HIM TO
JOE BURKE AND LATER ASKED HIM TO PERFORM ORAL SEX ON SEVERAL MEN AT
SMALL PARTIES.
- 07-00-76 FRANKLIN FRAUD BEGINS WHEN TOM HARVEY TAKES OVER AS ACCOUNTANT
AND DISCOVERS THE MANIPULATION OF FCU ACCOUNTS BY LARRY KING FOR
HIS OWN PERSONAL EXPENSES - CONSPIRACY TO COVER UP BEGINS.
BY 12-76 SHORTAGE OF \$400,000.
- 00-00-77 PAUL BONACCI HAS SEX WITH MANY MEN WHO REFER TO HIM AND OTHER
BOYS AS PETS.
- 00-00-77 4TH GRADE. CONTINUES RELATIONSHIP WITH WALTER CARLSON ATTENDING
PARTIES AND HAVING SEX WITH OTHER MEN THRU 1978. (PAUL BONACCI)
- 00-00-78 PAUL BONACCI ATTENDS SEX PARTIES AT ALAN BAER'S APARTMENT AT
TWIN TOWERS.
- 12-00-78 PAUL BONACCI STARTS SEXUAL ARRANGEMENT WITH HAROLD ANDERSEN -

FIRST TIME AT RED LION INN.

00-00-79 PAUL BONACCI FILMED IN KIDDIE PORN MOVIES.

00-00-79 PAUL BONACCI INTRODUCED TO PETER CITRON AT PEONY PARK - CONTINUED SEX WITH HIM FOR YEARS.

08-00-79 PAUL BONACCI MEETS WITH ALAN BAER AT MILK RUN, OMAHA, CONTINUED TO HAVE SEX WITH BAER FOR YEARS.

12-00-79 PAUL BONACCI HAD SEX WITH PETER CITRON, HAROLD ANDERSEN AND ANOTHER CHILD.

12-00-80 PAUL BONACCI MEETS LARRY KING AT THE TRIANGLE IN SARPY COUNTY WHERE A BABY BOY WAS SACRIFICED AND HIS BLOOD AND URINE DRUNK.

00-00-81 AN ANONYMOUS LETTER IS SENT TO THE NATIONAL CREDIT UNION ASSOC. DETAILING CONCERNS ABOUT FRANKLIN CREDIT UNION. A LIMITED ONSIGHT INVESTIGATION REVEALS NOTHING (ACTUALLY A SHORTAGE OF APPROX. \$400,000 EXISTED BETWEEN 1976 AND 1984.

02-00-81 PAUL BONACCI BEATEN BECAUSE HE REFUSED TO PARTICIPATE IN SATANIC CULT ACTIVITY.

03-12-81 PAUL BONACCI SAW ALAN BAER AT SATANIC RITUAL WHERE THEY DRANK HUMAN BLOOD MIXED WITH URINE.

08-00-81 PAUL BONACCI WENT OUT OF TOWN WITH ALAN BAER ON "SCAVENGER HUNT" RECRUITING NEW CHILDREN.

00-00-82 PAUL BONACCI FLOWN TO CALIFORNIA TO PARTICIPATE IN ORGIES BY PETER CITRON.

00-00-82 PAUL BONACCI FILMED BY TEACHER, MIKE HEAVERIN IN NAZI UNIFORMS ENGAGING IN BIZARRE ACTIVITY.

00-00-82 SUMMER - MEETS ANDERSEN, FOWLER, DAVIS; ENGAGED IN SEX FOR MONEY OR DRUGS.

02-05-82 POLICE CHIEF WADMAN HIRED.

02-28-82 FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE FILES LAWSUITS TRYING TO BLOCK WADMAN'S AP-

POINTMENT AS POLICE CHIEF - JUDGE BUCKLY REFUSED TO BLOCK APPOINTMENT.

- 06-00-82 MEETS ALAN BAER AND LARRY KING AT A PARTY. (PAUL BONACCI)
- 00-00-83 JAMES DANIEL "DANNY" KING FIRST MEETS ALAN BAER (INTRODUCED BY TROY BONER) HE WAS 13/14 YRS. OLD. SAW HIM APPROX. EVERY WEEK THEREAFTER FOR A PERIOD OF ABOUT SEVEN MONTHS - SAME BASIC FORMAT (MEET AT BAER'S RESIDENCE - DRINK SCHNAPPS - PARTICIPATE IN ORAL SEX).
- 00-00-83 WINTER - ANOTHER MEETING DEVIL WORSHIP - ANOTHER SMALL BOY SACRIFICED. (BONACCI)
- 04-01-83 HAROLD W. ANDERSEN SPOKE AT FRANKLIN CREDIT UNION ANNUAL MEETING, APRIL FOOLS DAY.
- 08-00-83 ALISHA OWEN MEETS LARRY KING AND ROBERT WADMAN THRU JEFF HUBBELL FROM BT - PARTY AT TWIN TOWERS (ALFIE ALLEN'S APT).
- 08-00-83 PRESENT AT TWIN TOWER PARTY LK - WADMAN- BAER - ANDERSEN AND OTHERS. (ALISHA OWEN)
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- 08-12-83 MET ALAN BAER THRU ROD BYER - TWIN TOWERS ROOM #201 (BAER'S APT) ORAL SEX FOR MONEY \$200. (TROY BONER)
- 09-00-83 PARTY AT ALAN BAER'S PENTHOUSE WITH ALAN BAER, ROBERT WADMAN, HAROLD ANDERSEN, TROY BONER, DANNY KING, ALISHA OWEN AMONG OTHERS. (PAUL BONACCI)
- 09-00-83 ROOM 201 ORAL AND ANAL SEX \$300. (TROY BONER)
- 10-00-83 2 SESSIONS ORAL SEX \$150. RAN NAKED ON TREADMILL, SECRETARY CLAIRE CALLED. (TROY BONER)
- 11-01-83 COMMONWEALTH SAVINGS CO. OF LINCOLN FAILS.
- 00-00-84 LK ASKED TROY BONER AND ALISHA OWEN TO HAVE SEX WITH EACH OTHER IN THE PRESENCE OF BOB WADMAN. (15-16 AGES)
- 01-00-84 PERFORMED ORAL SEX ON BAER \$150. (TROY BONER)
- 01-00-84 DANNY KING IS INTRODUCED TO COCAINE BY ALAN BAER.

- 02-05-84 BAER ASKED HIM TO TAKE A TRIP TO DES MOINES (MERCEDES) ACCOMPANIED BY SHAWN (13) \$200. (DANNY KING)
- 02-08-84 EDWARD HOBBS, A TELLER FOR 5 YEARS AT FRANKLIN CREDIT UNION, WRITES A MEMO TO FRANKLIN BOARD, ALLEGING EMBEZZLEMENT AND OTHER IMPROPRIETIES AT FRANKLIN CREDIT UNION. HE IS FIRED THE FOLLOWING DAY AFTER SHOWING THE MEMO TO LAWRENCE E. KING JR., FRANKLIN MGR. AND TREASURER. MEMO WAS ALSO SUPPLIED TO ATTORNEY AND LEGISLATOR, PETER HOAGLAND AND STATE BANKING DIRECTOR ROGER BEVERAGE. BEVERAGE RESPONSE TO HOBBS WAS "WE'VE BEEN WATCHING LARRY KING FOR SOME TIME. WE ARE AWARE OF HIS LIVING BEYOND HIS MEANS. HOWEVER, THE DEPARTMENT CAN'T DO ANYTHING BECAUSE WE DON'T WANT TO SEEM LIKE "THE BIG BAD WHITE GUY JUMPING ON THE TINY, BLACK CREDIT UNION."
- 04-00-84 DANNY MEETS LARRY KING AT ALAN BAER RESIDENCE. (TWIN TOWERS)
- 05-00-84 SAW BAER AT THE MAX - WENT TO TWIN TOWERS FOR 2 DAYS - BAER TOOK PORNOGRAPHIC POLARIDS - \$40. (TROY BONER)
- 07-00-84 TROY BONER FIRST MET LK AT THE MAX BAR - (ALAN BAER HAD TOLD LK ABOUT

HIM) CONTINUED HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH LK UNTIL OCT. '86.

- 08-00-84 SUMMER - LARRY KING HOLDS LAVISH PARTY AT DALLAS TV SET SOUTHFORKS FOR GOP CONVENTION.
- 08-00-84 MEETS TROY BONER. (ALISHA OWEN)
- 08-17-84 THE MAX - LK GAVE HIM \$100 - WENT TO RED LION INN - ORAL SEX - ADDITIONAL \$50 - TWO WEEKS - DAILY \$50 EACH TIME. (TROY BONER)
- 09-00-84 END OF SEPT. FIRST TWO AND ONE HALF WEEKS OF OCT. LK MOVED HIM TO TRAVELODGE ON 48TH AND DODGE - 3 WEEKS \$800 - URINATED ON LK (GOLDEN SHOWERS) FIRST ANAL SEX \$100. (TROY BONER)
- 09-00-84 THRU 10-84 LISA WEBB TAKEN TO CHICAGO BY LARRY KING ALONG WITH 15-20 BOYS FROM OMAHA (ROD EVANS AND TWO OTHERS NAMED EVANS ON THE PLANE).
- 11-00-84 310 NO. 34TH - LARRY KING RENTED HIM AN APT. (LANDLORD MRS. TICE) SAW HIM WEEKLY FOR ORAL AND ANAL SEX (8TH GRADER NAMED SCOTT) (TROY BONER)
- 11-00-84 JEPSSEN - FORMER REPUBLICAN U.S. SENATOR FROM IOWA - WAS DEFEATED BY

TOM HAWKINS - PRESIDENT REAGAN APPOINTED JEPSEN NATIONAL CREDIT UNION ASSOC. (NCUA) CHAIRMAN.

- 12-00-84 A PARTY WAS HELD WITH PAUL BONACCI, PETER CITRON, HAROLD ANDERSEN AND LARRY KING IN ATTENDANCE.
- 00-00-85 (11TH GRADE) BEGINS TO RECEIVE THREATS FROM ANDERSEN, BURKE, AND CARLSON THRU 1986. (PAUL BONACCI)
- 00-00-85 FALL - WALLY WEBB RUNS AWAY FROM HOME MAKES ALLEGATIONS OF PHYSICAL BRUTALITY AGAINST THE WEBBS.
- 00-00-85 SPRING - ADDITIONAL MEETINGS AND HUMAN SACRIFICES (3 CHILDREN). (PAUL BONACCI)
- 01-00-85 PARTY AT BRANDEIS BLDG WITH LK. (TROY BONER)
- 02-00-85 SEEING LK APPROX. ONCE A WEEK. (TROY BONER)
- 03-00-85 SEEING LK APPROX. ONCE A WEEK. (TROY BONER)
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- 04-00-85 SEEING LK APPROX. ONCE A WEEK. (TROY BONER)
- 05-01-85 AMANDA JAYNE OWEN IS BORN. (ALISHA OWEN)
- 05-00-85 SEEING LK APPROX. ONCE A WEEK. (TROY BONER)
- 05-00-85 TROY BONER TALKED WITH FRIEND DANNY KING ABOUT WHERE HE WAS GETTING HIS MONEY. WENT TO ALAN BAER'S APT. AT TWIN TOWERS WITH FRIEND DANNY KING (AGE 16) DANNY REC'D \$400.
- 06-00-85 WENT TO PARTY AT BRANDEIS BLDG WITH LK (ALCOHOL AND COCAINE).
- 06-10-85 DSS RECEIVES CALL FROM WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT STATING MCCHRISTIAN CHILDREN HAD BEEN REMOVED FROM HOME OF JARRETT AND BARBARA WEBB DUE TO CHILD ABUSE COMPLAINTS.
- 07-00-85 WENT TO PARTY AT BRANDEIS BLDG WITH LK (ALCOHOL AND COCAINE). (TROY BONER)
- 08-12-85 PARTY AT WOODMAN TOWER BALLROOM. LK TOOK THEM TO AN OFFICE 7-8 FLOORS DOWN FORCED TO HAVE SEX WITH HIS FRIEND DANNY BY LK (PLAYING "BURN-

OUT") (RUSTY NELSON TOOK PICTURES) \$200. (TROY BONER)

10-00-85 TROY BONER INVITED ALISHA OWEN TO PARTY AT TWIN TOWER, INTRODUCED ALISHA TO ROB WADMAN AT REQUEST OF LK (SHE CONTINUED HER RELATIONSHIP WITH WADMAN UNTO APPROX OCT. '86.)

10-00-85 PARTY IN DUNDEE. (TROY BONER)

12-19-85 OMAHA - THIRTEEN ARRESTED IN PORN OPERATION IN OMAHA (CONNECTIONS TO LINCOLN BUT MOST NAMES NEVER REVEALED).

12-25-85 CURTIS D. TUCKER "APPARENT SUICIDE" SIGNATURE ON SUICIDE NOTE DID NOT MATCH OTHER SAMPLES OF DECEASED SIGNATURE.

12-30-85 PAT FLOCKEN APPOINTED GUARDIAN AD LITEM FOR LISA AND TRACY WEBB - BARBARA WEBB REQUESTS THEY BE REMOVED FROM THE WEBB HOME.

01-00-86 THRU 2-86 TASHA AND ROBERT WEBB REMOVED FROM HOME. PAT FLOCKEN APPOINTED G.A.L. LISA TOOK 4 POLYGRAPH TESTS AND PASSED ALL. WASHINGTON COUNTY ATTORNEY (PAT TRIPP) MAKES DECISION NOT TO PROSECUTE.

01-02-86 LISA AND TRACY WEBB AT NEW FOSTER HOME OF KATHLEEN AND RON SORENSEN IN BLAIR FIRST ALLEGATIONS BY LISA OF SEXUAL ABUSE BY JARRETT WEBB.

02-02-86 LISA WEBB PASSES LIE DETECTOR TEST ON SUBJECT OF SEXUAL CHILD ABUSE - CHILD ACCOMPANIED BY KATHLEEN SORENSEN, FOSTER MOTHER OF MANY RITUALLY ABUSED CHILDREN.

02-00-86 PETITION BY STATE DEPT. OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO TAKE GIRLS AWAY FROM PARENTS, (BARBARA WEBB IS A COUSIN OF LARRY KING) - BASED ON REPORT ALLEGING CHILDREN WERE ABUSED BY THE WEBBS.

03-00-86 JULIE WALTERS PREPARED REPORT FOR CAROL STITT RE: INTERVIEW WITH LISA AND TRACY WEBB IN 1986.

03-00-86 JULIE WALTERS INTERVIEWS LISA AND TRACY WEBB WHILE SHE IS EMPLOYED BY BOYS TOWN.

03-00-86 HOLIDAY INN - CROWN ST. BELLEVUE SAW BOB WADMAN HAVING SEX WITH UNIDENTIFIED BOY (15-16). (TROY BONER)

03-00-86 PAT FLOCKEN CONTACTED BY JULIE WALTERS OF BOYS TOWN RE: ALLEGATIONS.

MADE BY LISA WEBB AND INDIVIDUALS FROM BOYS TOWN BEING AT THE PARTIES.

- 03-00-86 KIRSTIN HALLBERG CONTACTED OPD - BILL SKALESKE RE: WEBB CHILDREN AND LARRY KING (SKALESKE IS NOW DEC'D)
- 03-00-86 JULIE WALTERS PREPARES REPORT FOR BOYS TOWN.
- 03-10-86 WADMAN ATTENDED PARTIES AT KINGS.
- 03-20-86 RICHARD CHADEK (FT. CALHOUN) ABDUCTED AND MURDERED.
- 03-25-86 LISA WEBB BEGINS REVEALING ALLEGATIONS CONCERNING PROSTITUTION AND ABUSE BY LARRY KING AT VARIOUS PARTIES IN SEVERAL CITIES. (WALLY AND TRACY ALSO PRESENT).
- 04-11-86 KIRSTIN HALLBERG AND KATHLEEN SORENSEN GIVE INFO TO NSP JIM AVERY AND LT. GALLARDO RE: LARRY KING PARTIES AND YOUNG CHILDREN ALSO TO OMAHA PD SGT. GREG HOFFMAN AND MARY KAY BRUNER
- 04-21-86 PAUL BONACCI REVEALS HIS HISTORY OF SEXUAL ABUSE TO SCHOOL AUTHORITIES AT NORTHWEST HIGH SCHOOL. OPD CONTACTED. REPORTS ON CARLSON , BURKE ,
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- BRUNER, ANDERSEN, CLARK, BAER, KING - OPD COVER UP. HOSPITALIZED AT NPI, REVEALS ABOVE NAMED AND DOZENS OF OTHER MEN.
- 06-00-86 HAROLD ANDERSEN RAISED \$600,000 TO PAY FOR RENOVATION OF FRANKLIN CREDIT UNION.
- 06-29-86 WADMAN ATTENDED PARTIES AT KINGS.
- 11-10-86 CHARLIE ROGERS, LARRY KING'S LOVER COMMITS SUICIDE (HE TOLD HIS FAMILY IF ANYTHING HAPPENED TO HIM CONTACT ASST.COUNTY ATTORNEY SIGLER)
- 11-14-86 WADMAN IS FIRED BY MAYOR BOYLE FOR INSUBORDINATION.
- 12-05-86 KIRSTIN HALLBERG & KATHLEEN SORENSEN SPOKE WITH JOHN EVANS FBI OMAHA RE: LARRY KING ALLEGATIONS - EVANS STATED FBI HAD LOCATED 3 WITCHES COVENS WHILE INVESTIGATING CHADEK MURDER.
- 03-00-87 JUDGE DAVIS (WHO LATER PRESIDED OVER THE OWEN PATERNITY CASE) REINSTATES POLICE CHIEF WADMAN. (WHO HAD BEEN IN WASHINGTON, D. C. IN THE INTERIM).

- 06-00-87 KING SPENT \$4.6 MILLION ON ELABORATE PARTIES, EXPENSIVE GIFTS, DONATIONS AND ENTOURAGES OF YOUNG MEN WHO ACCOMPANIED HIM BETWEEN 6-87 AND 10-88.
- 06-00-87 KING DONATED \$16,000 TO OMAHA PRESS CLUB BETWEEN 6-87 AND 10-88.
- 12-00-87 MARY LEWIS AT UTA HALLEE RECEIVES INFO ABOUT YOUNG CHILDREN IN OMAHA BEING USED IN PORNO MOVIES.
- 12-15-87 FOSTER CARE REVIEW BOARD REVIEWS CASE OF TASHA WEBB.
- 12-30-87 FOSTER CARE REVIEW BOARD (CAROL STITT) ADVISED BY GUARDIAN AD LITEM (PAT FLOCKEN) OF SEXUAL ABUSE ALLEGATIONS AGAINST LARRY KING MADE BY THE WEBB CHILDREN (LISA) (MRS. WEBB A COUSIN OF LARRY KING)
- 01-02-87 PAT FLOCKEN RECEIVES FIRST INDICATION FROM LISA WEBB RE: SEXUAL ABUSE AND PARTIES AROUND THE COUNTRY AND TO BAHAMAS. (NOTIFIED NSP JANE TOOLEY AND COUNTY ATTORNEY PAT TRIPP).
- 01-25-88 EXECUTIVE BOARD (FOSTER CARE REVIEW BOARD) MEETS INFORMS PAT FLOCKEN OF REVIEW, TOLD THAT FR. VAL PETERS OF BOYS TOWN HAD BEEN CONDUCTING

HIS OWN INVESTIGATION OF LARRY KING (LATER DENIED HE HAD DONE ANY INVESTIGATION.) (SEE JULIE WALTERS)

- 03-00-88 SPRING - GREG HOFFMAN OPD - INVESTIGATION OF FT. CALHOUN CAVE FOR CULT ACTIVITY.
- 03-00-88 FRANKLIN PROBE BEGAN.
- 03-00-88 KIRSTIN HALLBERG MET WITH JIM AVERY NSP AND WAYNE FLORA WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF RE: ALLEGATIONS AGAINST THE WEBBS AND KING.
- 04-00-88 MAYOR CALLINGER AND WIFE QUIT FRANKLIN'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS (4TH OMAHA MAYOR IN TWO YEARS).
- 04-00-88 PAT TRIPP, COUNTY ATTORNEY, RESIGNS AFTER WRITING LETTER TO PARENTS OF CLIFF MORRIS TO SAY THERE WAS INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE TO FILE CHARGES AGAINST SCHOOL PRINCIPAL, KENT MILLER.
- 04-00-88 DEWARD FINCH RESIGNS AS FT. CALHOUN SCHOOL SUPT. CITING ILLNESS AS THE REASON (CITIZENS INVESTIGATION WAS GOING ON CONCERNING HIS HANDLING OF SCHOOL FINANCES).

- 05-00-88 LARRY KING FORMS COUNCIL OF MINORITY AMERICANS WITH ALEXANDER HAIG, JACK KEMP, AND FORMER PRES. FORD ON THE COMMITTEE - THREE MONTHS LATER, COUNCIL SPONSORS \$100,000 GALA PARTY AT THE NEW ORLEANS REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION.
- 05-00-88 OMAHA FBI AND KEN LANNING FBI CONTACTED BY HALLBERG.
- 05-01-88 THRU 6-15-88 CAPT JOHN F. MITCHELL OPD RECEIVES SEVERAL BRIEFINGS FROM LT. GOODRICH OF THE ROBBERY SEXUAL ASSAULT UNIT CONCERNING THE LARRY KING INVESTIGATION (THIS IS PRIOR TO CHRIS CARMEAN INTERVIEWING THE 15 YEAR OLD GIRL AT RICHARD YOUNG HOSPITAL ON 6-28-88.)
- 05-04-88 MARGARET BITZ - DSS - INQUIRES OF CAROL STITT CONCERNING ALLEGATIONS AGAINST LARRY KING.
- 05-05-88 LYNN CUNNINGHAM KCPD - "WHEN ARE YOU PEOPLE IN NEBRASKA GOING TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT LARRY KING?"
- 05-17-88 FOSTER CARE REVIEW BOARD RECEIVES A CALL FROM KIRSTIN HALLBERG GIVING INFO ON SEXUAL ACTIVITIES OF LARRY KING WITH CHILDREN (UTA HALLE HOME

FOR GIRLS, BOYS TOWN AND OMAHA GIRLS CLUB).

- 06-00-88 TESTIMONY OF CAROL STITT THAT SHE HAD CONTACTED LYNN CUNNINGHAM (KCPD) WHO GAVE INFO THAT LARRY KING HAD BEEN IN THEIR AREA, MADE CONTRIBUTIONS TO A BOYS HOME AND, THAT WHEN HE LEFT - 3 BOYS CAME FORWARD WITH ALLEGATIONS OF SEXUAL ABUSE.
- 06-00-88 SUMMER - OPD RECEIVES ALLEGATIONS CONCERNING LARRY KING AND PHOTOGRAPHING "YOUNG LADIES" AT TWIN TOWERS APT.
- 06-00-88 GRADUATES FROM HIGH SCHOOL. (PAUL BONACCI)
- 06-27-88 15 YEAR OLD GIRL ADMITTED TO RICHARD YOUNG HOSPITAL.
- 06-28-88 KIRSTIN HALLBERG SPEAKS TO CHRIS CARMEAN OPD RE: ALLEGATIONS MADE BY LISA AND TRACY WEBB AGAINST THE WEBBS AND LARRY KING.
- 06-28-88 OPD RECEIVES INFO FROM RICHARD YOUNG HOSPITAL CONCERNING PATIENT, ALLEGATIONS OF SEXUAL ABUSE AND WITNESSING A HOMICIDE (OFFICER CHRIS CARMEAN ASSIGNED - LATER TAKEN OFF THE CASE THRU TRANSFER).

07-00-88 HALLBERG CONTACTED REVIEW BOARD RE: 15 YR. OLD GIRL AT RICHARD YOUNG HOSPITAL AND LARRY KING AND HOMICIDE.

07-00-88 KIRSTIN HALLBERG PERSONAL VISIT WITH CHRIS CARMEAN OPD (CARMEAN REFERRED TO LARGE FILE ON LARRY KING) ALSO MORE INFO RE: LISA AND TRACY WEBB.

07-00-88 CAROL STITT CONTACTS KERMIT MCMURRY, HEAD OF DSS.

07-13-88 GOVERNOR ORR GIVES GO AHEAD TO CAROL STITT TO PURSUE ALLEGATIONS.

07-15-88 CAROL STITT RECEIVES COPY OF JULIE WALTERS BOYS TOWN INVESTIGATION FROM PAT FLOCKEN.

07-18-88 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING OF FOSTER CARE REVIEW BOARD - DECISION MADE TO TURN ALL INFO OVER TO ATTORNEY GENERAL BOB SPIRE AND OPD.

07-20-88 DENNIS CARLSON CONTACTS OPD CHRIS CARMEAN. IS TOLD THEY ARE ALREADY INVESTIGATING LARRY KING AND THAT CHIEF WADMAN HAS NOT BEEN TOLD.

07-20-88 FOSTER CARE REVIEW BOARD REPORT ON SEXUAL ABUSE OF FOSTER CHILDREN.

07-20-88 FOSTER CARE REVIEW BOARD CONTACTS ATTORNEY GENERAL ROBERT SPIRE BY PHONE.

07-21-88 DENNIS CARLSON MEETS WITH ASST. AG BILL HOWLAND.

07-25-88 STATE FOSTER CARE REVIEW BOARD ASKED ATTORNEY GENERAL, ROBERT SPIRE TO INVESTIGATE.

07-25-88 OPD INVESTIGATORS HOCH AND CARMEAN BRIEFED BY FOSTER CARE REVIEW BOARD MEMBER DENNIS CARLSON IN HIS OFFICE.

07-25-88 DENNIS CARLSON MEETS WITH AG INVESTIGATOR TOM VLAHOULIS AND DELIVERS INFO THEY HAVE.

08-00-88 SUMMER - KING HOSTED \$100,000 PARTY AT NEW ORLEANS GOP CONVENTION. PAUL BONACCI GOES TO NEW ORLEANS FOR KING'S PARTY AT GOP CONVENTION - HAS SEX WITH KING AND MANY OTHER MEN AND BOYS.

08-29-88 OFFICER CHRIS CARMEAN TELLS DENNIS CARLSON HE WILL BE REINTERVIEWING THE GIRL AT RICHARD YOUNG (HE NEVER DID).

09-00-88 POLICE OFFICER CARMEAN (WHO WAS A PROFESSIONAL AND SYMPATHETIC TO THE VICTIMS) TRANSFERRED OUT OF SEX ASSAULT UNIT.

09-02-88 ERICKSON AND SEDERSTROM WROTE AN IN-HOUSE MEMO ABOUT STATUS OF GRAND JURY (WILLIAM MORROW, ATTORNEY, REPRESENTED LARRY KING).

09-20-88 MONA WAY - DSS CONTACTS DENNIS CARLSON TO INFORM HIM KERMIT MCMURRY WAS MEETING WITH THE GOVERNOR THAT MORNING AND NEEDED INFO TO PRESENT - WAS TOLD TO CONTACT AG OFFICE FOR INFO.

10-00-88 LARRY KING SPENT \$5,000 FLYING CAST OF "LA CAGE AUX FOLLIES" A LOS ANGELES NIGHT CLUB ACT OF FEMALE IMPERSONATORS TO OMAHA FOR A BENEFIT FOR AIDS TREATMENT.

10-02-88 LARRY KING FUND RAISERS FOR D.C. BOARD OF HUMAN RIGHTS CAMP FUND - LOBBY FOR GAY AND LESBIAN RIGHTS FUNDRAISER AT N.Y. WALDORF ASTORIA DONATES \$18,000 OF FRANKLIN FUNDS.

10-17-88 DENNIS CARLSON CONTACTS BILL HOWLAND ON WHY NO FOLLOW UP BY OPD ON 15 YR. OLD GIRL. ASSURED "HE WAS ON TOP OF THE SITUATION." SAID THERE "WAS GOOD REASON" CARMEAN HAD NOT REINTERVIEWED THE GIRL.

10-28-88 CAROL STITT HAS FOLLOW UP MEETING WITH KERMIT MCMURRAY "TRULY A TRAGIC SITUATION AND WE'RE STAYING WITH IT."

11-10-88 L. HARMAN TUCKER, SUPERINTENDENT OF VOCATIONAL EDUCATION, COUNCIL BLUFFS PUBLIC SCHOOL FOUND SLAIN IN GEORGIA

11-00-88 LOWNDES COUNTY - VALDOSTA, GA - JURY INDICTS IN MURDER AND KIDNAP OF L. HARMAN TUCKER.

11-04-88 FRANKLIN CREDIT UNION CLOSED BY FBI AND IRS. IMMEDIATELY AFTERWARDS \$37,000,000 IN SECRET LIABILITIES WERE DISCOVERED. PREVIOUSLY FRANKLIN CREDIT UNION LEDGERS SHOWED \$2.6 MILLION IN LIABILITIES. A TOTAL OF OVER \$39,000,000 WERE DISCOVERED DESPITE FEDERAL AGENCY'S POLICIES WHICH REQUIRE UNANNOUNCED EXAMS OF CREDIT UNIONS ONCE A YEAR.

11-07-88 KIRSTIN HALLBERG CONTACTS FBI.

11-18-88 LEGISLATURE PASSES RESOLUTION TO INVESTIGATE FRANKLIN CREDIT UNION

11-21-88 SENATOR ERNIE CHAMBERS MEETS WITH AG ROBERT SPIRE TO DETERMINE WHAT

PROGRESS IS BEING MADE ON THE ALLEGATIONS BROUGHT BY STATE FOSTER CARE REVIEW BOARD. NONE REPORTED.

- 11-21-88 FOSTER CARE REVIEW BOARD RECEIVES ADDITIONAL INFO FROM RICHARD YOUNG HOSPITAL RE: NEW ALLEGATIONS OF CULT ACTIVITIES AND SACRIFICES OF SMALL CHILDREN AND SEXUAL ABUSE.
- 11-22-88 DENNIS CARLSON CONFERS WITH U.S. ATTORNEY TOM THALKEN WHO MENTIONS THE SCOPE OF THE FEDERAL INVESTIGATION.
- 11-22-88 DENNIS CARLSON ASKS MIKE HOCH OPD IF CHIEF WADMAN KNEW OF INVESTIGATION. HE REPLIES, "YES."
- 11-22-88 CAROL STITT AND DENNIS CARLSON MEET WITH ASST AG BILL HOWLAND TO TURN OVER ADDITIONAL INFO ON RICHARD YOUNG PATIENT - APPARENTLY NOTHING OF SUBSTANCE HAD BEEN DONE ON THE CASE.
- 11-29-88 CAROL STITT'S ASSISTANT TOLD BY GOVERNOR ORR STAFF MEMBER "THE GOVERNOR DOES NOT WANT TO BECOME INVOLVED AT THIS TIME."
- 11-29-88 KIRSTIN HALLBERG CALLS SENATOR ERNIE CHAMBERS.
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- 11-29-88 KATHLEEN SORENSEN AND KIRSTIN HALLBERG MET WITH ERNIE CHAMBERS TO DISCUSS ALLEGATIONS BY LISA AND TRACY WEBB AGAINST LARRY KING.
- 11-30-88 KIRSTIN HALLBERG TALKED WITH JIM FLANERY OMAHA WORLD HERALD REPORTER WHO SAID HE WAS CHECKING ON "SUICIDES" OF CHUCK ROGERS AND CURTIS TUCKER (BOTH ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED WITH KING) DID NOT GET PERMISSION FROM OWH TO RUN HIS STORIES.
- 12-06-88 KIRSTIN HALLBERG MEETS WITH TOM VLAHOULIS AND BILL HOWLAND OF AG OFFICE AT THE STATE PATROL OFFICE.
- 12-07-88 OMAHA WORLD-HERALD - "SUNDAY, KING SAID HE SUSPECTS THAT THE FRANKLIN CASE INVOLVES MORE THAN THE CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT ALLEGATIONS. HE DECLINED TO BE SPECIFIC, BUT NOTED THAT FBI AGENTS CONVERGED ON THE CREDIT UNION WHEN THE NCUA CLOSED IT NOV. 4TH."
- 12-07-88 LARRY E. KING, JR. DENIED DIVERTING MORE THAN \$34,000,000 FROM FRANKLIN'S FUNDS. HE ASKED THAT THE COURT DISMISS THE CIVIL LAWSUIT AGAINST HIM BY NCUA. HE ALSO ASKED FOR A JURY TRIAL.
- 12-13-88 LINCOLN JOURNAL ARTICLE "SPIRE TOLD OWH MONDAY THAT HIS OFFICE HAS

BEEN INVESTIGATING THE MATTER SINCE IT FIRST CAME TO THEIR ATTENTION - MID JULY." (THEY HADN'T DONE ANYTHING OF SIGNIFICANCE).

- 12-14-88 FBI, JERRY TUCKER, AND STATE PATROL CONTACTS FOSTER CARE REVIEW BOARD AND QUESTIONS CHILDREN'S RELIABILITY AND CREDIBILITY. ALSO STATED CHILD ABUSE ISSUES ARE HANDLED IN THE LOCAL AREA AND ARE NOT A MATTER THE FBI GETS INVOLVED IN.
- 12-15-88 KIRSTIN HALLBERG MEETS WITH TOM VLAHOULIS OF AG OFFICE AND PETER BRADY FBI AT STATE PATROL OFFICE. VALHOULIS INFORMED HER HE WOULD NO LONGER BE CONNECTED WITH THE INVESTIGATION BUT THAT CHUCK PHILLIPS NEBRASKA STATE PATROL (NSP) WOULD BE TAKING OVER.
- 12-16-88 15 YR. OLD GIRL REHOSPITALIZED UNDER ORDER OF DOUGLAS COUNTY ASST. LIZ CRNKOVICH. COURT ORDER FALSELY STATED SHE WAS "SUICIDAL" AND HAD BEEN "LIVING ON THE STREETS FOR TWO WEEKS."
- 12-19-88 KIRSTEN HALLBERG RECEIVES THREATENING PHONE CALL.
- 12-19-88 6:00 EVENING TV NEWS IN OMAHA MENTIONED THAT JIM FLANERY OWH WAS COVERING THE "SEX AND DRUGS" ANGLE OF THE KING CASE (FIRST MENTION OF

DRUGS BY THE MEDIA?).

- 12-19-88 OMAHA WORLD HERALD ARTICLE QUOTES CHIEF WADMAN AS SAYING "I'M UNAWARE OF PROBE" (SEE STATEMENT OF HOCH TO CARLSON, 11-22-88.)
- 12-20-88 SENATOR CHAMBERS TOLD BY 2 OPD OFFICERS WADMAN HAD STAYED IN KINGS WASHINGTON HOME. ALSO VERIFIED BY BURRELL WILLIAMS.
- 12-20-88 KIRSTIN HALLBERG ADVISED BY JIM AVERY NSP THAT AG OFFICE IS TURNING EVERYTHING OVER TO STATE PATROL.
- 12-21-88 JIM FLANERY INTERVIEW WITH JULIE WALTERS.
- 12-24-88 KIRSTIN HALLBERG RECEIVES CALL FROM JIM FLANERY STATING HE HAD RECEIVED A PHONE CALL ALLEGING THE POSSIBILITY OF KINGS INVOLVEMENT IN THE DEATH OF DAN RYAN, A CREIGHTON UNIVERSITY STUDENT DISCOVERED DEAD IN A CAR BY ASPHYXIATION.
- 12-25-88 STATE FOSTER CARE REVIEW BOARD TURNS OVER FILE REPORT OF SEXUAL ABUSE VICTIMS TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF NEBRASKA LEGISLATURE.
- 01-06-89 FOLLOWING CONTACTS BY FBI AND NSP, LISA WEBB INDICATES SHE IS

UNWILLING TO TESTIFY (CONCERNED ABOUT BEING THE ONLY ONE TO TESTIFY)

- 01-10-89 FRANKLIN COMMITTEE CREATED BY LB 5 - NEBRASKA STATE LEGISLATURE SENATOR LORAN SCHMIT, CHAIRMAN.
- 02-00-89 SENATOR SCHMIT RECEIVED INTIMIDATING CALL FROM ROBERT WADMAN, "I'VE GOT SOMETHING ON ALL OF YOU."
- 02-00-89 WARREN BUFFETT WHO HAD SERVED ON THE WORLD HERALD BOARD RESIGNED FROM BOARD.
- 02-02-89 OMAHA FBI HEAD - NICOLAS O'HARA AND ROBERT WADMAN, OMAHA POLICE CHIEF, SAY THEY ARE UNSUCCESSFUL IN EFFORTS TO FIND EVIDENCE OF FRANKLIN RELATED CHILD ABUSE.
- 02-05-89 JIM FLANERY ARTICLE ABOUT JARRETT AND BARBARA WEBB APPEARS IN OMAHA WORLD HERALD.
- 02-09-89 FBI TURNS INVESTIGATION BACK - NICOLAS O'HARA SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE SAYS, "STORIES OF CHILD ABUSE DON'T STAND UP TO OUR SCRUTINY."
- 02-10-89 15 YR. OLD GIRL INTERVIEWED BY OMAHA WORLD HERALD REPORTER JIM FLAN-

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- 02-19-89 SENATOR SCHMIT MEETING WITH LARRY KING. LARRY KING SAID HAROLD ANDERSEN CALLS HIM ALL THE TIME "A LARGE NUMBER OF BLACKS IN OPD AND FBI ARE RELATED TO HIM," "CHIEF WADMAN WAS A DEAR FRIEND" OFFERED USE OF HOUSE IN WASHINGTON D. C. WORLD HERALD REPORTER JIM FLANERY TO CAROL STITT RE: "SUICIDE" OF CHARLIE ROGERS. WADMAN DENIED KNOWING KING.
- 02-27-89 DOUGLAS COUNTY SHERIFF RICHARD ROTH SAYS "ONE OF HIS SUBORDINATES HAS AN EXTENSIVE FILE ON LARRY KING.
- 02-28-89 PAT FLOCKEN -NOW DEPUTY COUNTY ATTORNEY IN WASHINGTON COUNTY (BLAIR) INDICATED SHE WAS EXTREMELY CONCERNED ABOUT LISA WEBBS SAFETY DUE TO "WHAT LISA KNOWS."
- 05-19-89 FRIDAY - LARRY AND ALICE KING ARRESTED BY AN FBI AND IRS AGENT ON GRAND JURY INDICTMENT TO GO BEFORE U. S. MAGISTRATE KOPF. CHARGED WITH 40 COUNTS OF FRAUD AND FEDERAL INCOME TAX EVASION. GRAND JURY STARTED ON MONDAY.
- 05-19-89 FEDERAL GRAND JURY RETURNS INDICTMENTS AGAINST LAWRENCE E. KING JR. - ALICE PLOCHE KING, NOEL SELZER - LARRY J. MURRAY - ROBERT MORLEY, EARL

THOMAS HARVERY JR. - MARY JANE HARVEY.

05-23-89 KINGS PLEAD NOT GUILTY.

06-00-89 GOES WITH ALAN BAER TO BOARDWALK IN LINCOLN. (PAUL BONACCI)

06-12-89 E. THOMAS HARVEY, JR. AND MARY JANE HARVEY (MOTHER OF THOMAS) PLEAD GUILTY TO BANK FRAUD AND TAX EVASION

06-22-89 CHRIS CARMEAN TESTIFIED BEFORE FRANKLIN COMMITTEE THAT WITNESSES ARE CREDIBLE.

06-29-89 INVESTIGATION BREAKS IN WASHINGTON D. C. OF HOMOSEXUAL PROSTITUTION RING INVOLVING OFFICIALS OF ADMINISTRATION, DEFENSE DEPT, ETC.

07-00-89 O'HARA - OMAHA HEAD OF FBI CLAIMS "NO CREDIBLE WITNESSES."

07-01-89 IN AN ADDENDUM TO THE FRANKLIN COMMITTEES INTERIM REPORT, CHAIRMAN LORAN SCHMIT STATES HIS INTENT TO "FOLLOW THE MONEY." "FIND WHERE THE MONEY WENT, AND YOU WILL FIND HANGING ON THE LIMBS OF THESE EXPENDITURES THE INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED AND THE IMPROPRIETIES INVOLVED, IF

ANY." THIS STATEMENT IS INTERPRETED AS AN ABANDONMENT OF THE CHILDREN AND CREATES A FIRESTORM REACTION.

07-13-89 KIRK NAYLOR RESIGNS AS COUNSEL TO THE LEGISLATURES FRANKLIN COMMITTEE. THIS IS FOLLOWED BY THE RESIGNATION OF INVESTIGATOR JERRY LOWE.

07-13-89 AS A RESULT OF THE "MONEY TRAIL" STATEMENT, SENATOR ERNIE CHAMBERS RESIGNS FROM THE COMMITTEE. (HE HAD ALSO RESIGNED FROM THE COMMONWEALTH COMMITTEE 3-4-84.)

07-17-89 JOHN STEVENS BERRY RETAINED AS COUNSEL TO THE LEGISLATURES FRANKLIN COMMITTEE.

07-18-89 KIRSTIN HALLBERG, AN EARLY INFORMANT, REFUSES TO COOPERATE ANY FURTHER WITH THE INVESTIGATION.

07-20-89 COMMITTEE MEMBER SENATOR JAMES MCFARLAND RESIGNS FROM THE COMMITTEE.

07-23-89 WORLD-HERALD EDITORIAL.

07-25-89 CONCERNED PARENTS GROUP WAS FORMED IN OMAHA TO PRESS FOR CONTINUED IN-

VESTIGATION INTO ALLEGATIONS OF FRANKLIN RELATED SEXUAL ABUSE.

- 08-21-89 GARY CARADORI HIRED AS CHIEF INVESTIGATOR FOR LEGISLATURES FRANKLIN COMMITTEE.
- 09-00-89 SENATOR SCHMIT THREATENED.
- 10-04-89 KATHLEEN SORENSEN DIED IN A CAR ACCIDENT (THE OTHER CAR WAS ALLEGED TO BE DRIVEN BY A CONTRACT SUICIDE DRIVER).
- 10-23-89 WADMAN TAKES OVER AS POLICE CHIEF OF AURORA, ILLINOIS.
- 11-25-89 TROY BONER INTERVIEW BY GARY CARADORI - RESIDENCE INN.
- 11-22-89 WADMAN OFFICIALLY RESIGNED - OMAHA.
- 12-27-89 VIDEOTAPED TESTIMONY OF VICTIM WITNESSES SHARED WITH NEBRASKA ATTORNEY GENERAL ROBERT SPIRE AND U.S. ATTORNEY RON LAHNERS.
- 12-27-89 FRANKLIN COMMITTEE GIVES COPIES OF TAPES TO FBI (SUBSEQUENTLY LEAKED TO NEWS MEDIA).
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- 01-18-90 JOHN DECAMP WRITES MEMO TO OMAHA WORLD HERALD REPORTER BOB DORR. IN IT HE MENTIONS OWH PUBLISHER HAROLD ANDERSEN, LARRY KING, FORMER OPD CHIEF ROBERT WADMAN, PETER CITON, AND AK-SAR-BEN FINANCIER ALAN BAER AS CENTRAL FIGURES IN THE FRANKLIN INVESTIGATION.
- 01-30-90 ATTORNEY GENERAL SPIRE CALLS FOR GRAND JURY.
- 02-00-90 ROBERT FENNER, GENERAL COUNSEL FOR THE NCUA IS ADVISED BY THE FBI NOT TO COOPERATE WITH THE FRANKLIN COMMITTEES INVESTIGATOR GARY CARADORI.
- 02-00-90 ATTORNEY FOR VICTIM WITNESSES, PAM VUCHETICH BEGINS COMPROMISING THE POSITION OF HER CLIENTS BY STATEMENTS TO THE PRESS, ALLOWING WITNESSES TO BE INTERVIEWED, AND TURNING CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION OVER TO THE FBI.
- 02-06-90 FORMER LANCASTER COUNTY DISTRICT JUDGE SAMUEL VAN PELT APPOINTED SPECIAL PROSECUTOR FOR THE DOUGLAS COUNTY GRAND JURY INVESTIGATING THE FAILED FRANKLIN CREDIT UNION (BECAUSE OF OTHER COMMITMENTS HE CAN ONLY DEVOTE PART TIME TO THE EFFORT).

02-14-90 FRANKLIN INVESTIGATOR CARADORI MEETS WITH FBI TO OUTLINE DETAILS OF HIS INVESTIGATION TO DATE.

02-14-90 U S. MAGISTRATE RICHARD KOPF ORDERS A "MENTAL EVALUATION" OF LAWRENCE E. KING JR.

02-20-90 THREE WOMEN WERE FOUND GUILTY OF ASSAULTING ALISHA OWEN IN YORK (ONE OF WHOM WAS JAILED FOR MURDER) .

02-23-90 SEX CHARGES WERE FILED AGAINST PETER CITRON.

03-09-90 ALISHA OWEN'S CELL WAS SEARCHED BY FBI AND STATE PATROL.

03-12-90 DOUGLAS COUNTY GRAND JURY CONVENES.

03-16-90 FRANKLIN COMMITTEE SHARES ITS EVIDENCE WITH SPECIAL PROSECUTOR SAMUEL VAN PELT.

03-19-90 MARK COLEMAN WAS CHARGED WITH EXTORTION. (ALAN BAER)

03-19-90 DOUGLAS COUNTY GRAND JURY STARTED.

03-29-90 LARRY KING DECLARED INCOMPETENT TO STAND TRIAL.

03-30-90 MEDIA REPORTS TWO MALE VICTIM WITNESSES FLUNK FBI LIE DETECTOR TEST (NONE WERE EVER TAKEN) .

04-10-90 CONDENSED VERSION OF THE VICTIM/WITNESSES VIDEOTAPED TESTIMONY SHOWN TO MEMBERS OF THE NEBRASKA LEGISLATURE

04-18-90 TROY BONER IS SAID TO RECANT ABUSE STORY.

04-19-90 HAROLD ANDERSEN TESTIFIES BEFORE THE GRAND JURY.

04-22-90 WORLD HERALD ARTICLE ON MIKE CASEY BRINGS OUT WORD "HOAX" FOR THE FIRST TIME.

04-26-90 MAYOR MORGAN TESTIFIED BEFORE THE DOUGLAS COUNTY GRAND JURY OF "OUT-RAGE" AT ACCUSATION THAT HE ATTENDED PARTIES.

05-06-90 STATE SENATOR LORAN SCHMIT OF BELLWOOD SAID THERE WERE "MANY TIMES MORE" VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ABUSE THAN THE THREE WHO MADE VIDEO TAPES.

THEY FEAR THAT THEY WILL RECEIVE THE INTENSE PUBLIC SCRUTINY GIVEN TO THE FIRST THREE.

- 05-12-90 IRS SPECIAL AGENT (JOSEPH BREAZIER) SAID THEY BEGAN INVESTIGATION OF KING IN 1985 AND FBI JOINED INVESTIGATION IN 1987 (AGENT MICHAEL MCCRERY).
- 05-14-90 FRANKLIN COMMITTEE INVESTIGATOR GARY CARADORI TAKES A VIDEOTAPED STATEMENT FROM PAUL BONACCI.
- 05-15-90 FORMER OMAHA WORLD HERALD ENTERTAINMENT COLUMNIST, PETER CITRON, FOUND GUILTY OF TWO COUNTS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT OF CHILD AFTER PLEADING NO CONTEST IN DOUGLAS COUNTY DISTRICT COURT.
- 05-15-90 DOUGLAS COUNTY GRAND JURY VIEWS THE PAUL BONACCI TAPE.
- 05-19-90 FORMER OMAHA POLICE CHIEF, ROBERT WADMAN, WHO WAS FIRED, IS SURROUNDED BY A NEW CONTROVERSY INVOLVING HIS NEW JOB IN AURORA, ILLINOIS. WADMAN WAS ACCUSED OF USING EXCESSIVE FORCE IN THE DISCIPLINE OF AN OFFICER.
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- 05-24-90 CANDIDATE IN 4TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT RACE, DENNY HENSON AGREES TO SETTLE SUIT AGAINST HOMES BY MILLARD LUMBER CO. AND IS CLOSING HIS HOME BUILDING BUSINESS. HENSON WON MAY 15TH PRIMARY.
- 05-25-90 JUDGE MURPHY ISSUES HIS ORDER FOR A BLOOD TEST ON ALISHA OWEN AND HER CHILD STATING "THAT THERE IS PROBABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE AN OFFENCE TO WIT; SEXUAL ASSAULT IN THE FIRST DEGREE MAY HAVE BEEN COMMITTED," NO INDICTMENTS AGAINST THE PERPETRATOR (ROBERT WADMAN) WERE EVER FILED - ORDER WAS SUBSEQUENTLY VACATED AS AN ILLEGAL ORDER.
- 05-26-90 JARRETT WEBB, FOSTER CARE HOME, IN WASHINGTON COUNTY CHARGED WITH SEXUAL ASSAULT ON A CHILD BY NEW COUNTY ATTORNEY. ORIGINAL ALLEGATIONS WERE IN REPORT BY STATE FOSTER CARE REVIEW BOARD IN DEC.1988.
- 05-31-90 FEDERAL JUDGE CAMBRIDGE HAS ORDERED A \$4,000,000 DEFAULT JUDGEMENT AGAINST CONSUMER SERVICES ORGANIZATION, AN AFFILIATE OF FAILED FRANKLIN CREDIT UNION.
- 07-08-90 DOUGLAS COUNTY ATTORNEY RON STASKIEWICZ APPEARS BEFORE GRAND JURY.

07-11-90 GARY CARADORI AND SON ANDREW KILLED IN PLANE CRASH (LEE COUNTY ILLINOIS). PLANE CAME APART IN THE AIR, CRASHED, EXPLODED AND BURNED.

07-12-90 FEDERAL GRAND JURY SUBPOENAS CARADONRI'S RECORDS (1 DAY AFTER HIS DEATH).

07-16-90 TROY BONER MEETS WITH SENATOR SCHMIT IN HIS OFFICE TO "RECALL HIS RECANTATION." TOLD SENATOR SCHMIT BEFORE 8 OTHER WITNESSES THAT HE HAD "TOLD GARY CARADORI THE TRUTH."

07-23-90 PETER CITRON WAS SENTENCED TO 3-8 YEARS AFTER PLEADING NO CONTEST IN MAY FOR SEXUAL ASSAULT.

07-23-90 POLLS TAKEN ON LOCAL RADIO AND TV STATIONS SHOW THAT 70-90% OF THE PEOPLE BELIEVE THERE IS A COVER UP.

07-23-90 PAUL BONACCI INDICTED WITH THREE COUNTS OF PERJURY BY THE DOUGLAS COUNTY GRAND JURY.

07-23-90 ALAN BAER INDICTED ON COUNTS OF FELONY CHARGES OF PANDERING.

07-23-90 ALISHA OWEN INDICTED ON EIGHT COUNTS OF PERJURY.

07-24-90 THE GRAND JURY "THROWS THE WHOLE THING OUT," LABELING IT A "CAREFULLY CRAFTED HOAX" IN ISSUING AN UNUSUAL AND UNPRECEDENTED REPORT.

07-26-90 ALAN BAER PLEADS INNOCENT AND WAS RELEASED ON A SIGNATURE BOND.

07-26-90 A GRAND JURY WITNESS MAKES A STATEMENT THAT SPECIAL PROSECUTOR VAN PELT MAY HAVE HAD IMPROPER CONTACT BY DRIVING HER FROM ANOTHER TOWN TO OMAHA TO APPEAR BEFORE THE GRAND JURY. HIS DISCUSSION INCLUDED TESTIMONY OF OTHER WITNESSES.

07-28-90 DONNA OWEN FILES PATERNITY SUIT AGAINST ROBERT WADMAN ON BEHALF OF AMANDA OWEN (ALISHA'S DAUGHTER).

07-29-90 TROY BONER'S NAME FOUND IN BAER'S INDIGENT FUND RECORDS OF 1985, A WEEK AFTER BAER DENIES KNOWING BONER.

08-01-90 JAMES DANIEL KING FILES SUIT AGAINST ROBERT ANDRESON ON SEX CHARGES (WHOM THE GRAND JURY NAME).

08-07-90 VAN PELT IS ALLOWED TO WITHDRAW FROM PROSECUTION OF THREE PEOPLE INDICTED BY COUNTY GRAND JURY.

08-08-90 ALISHA OWEN & PAUL BONACCI ENTER INNOCENT PLEAS TO PERJURY CHARGES.

08-09-90 ATTORNEY J. WILLIAM GALLUP CALLS ALISHA OWEN "SHORT, FAT AND UGLY" AT A ROTARY CLUB MEETING.

08-14-90 WADMAN'S LAWYER FILES REQUEST FOR GENETIC TESTING ON HIM, AMANDA AND ALISHA.

08-17-90 JOHN DECAMP FILED SUIT AGAINST DOUGLAS COUNTY GRAND JURY.

08-28-90 ARREST WARRANT IS ISSUED FOR DR. DANIEL SCHREIN, PEDIATRICIAN ON FOUR COUNTS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT.

09-04-90 BLOOD SAMPLES ARE TAKEN FROM WADMAN, ALISHA AND AMANDA FOR PATERNITY SUIT.

09-05-90 DECAMP FILES AS LAWYER FOR BONACCI.

09-06-90 DR. SCHREIN ARRESTED IN LOS ANGELES ON SEXUAL ASSAULT CHARGES.

09-21-90 SIX NEW SEX CRIME CHARGES ARE FILED AGAINST DR. SCHREIN, PEDIATRICIAN.

09-26-90 FEDERAL GRAND JURY ENDS. INDICTED ALISHA OWEN ON EIGHT COUNT OF PERJURY.

10-17-90 FACT FINDING COMMITTEE PRESS CONFERENCE.

10-24-90 DONNA OWEN WITHDRAWS PATERNITY SUIT WITHOUT PREJUDICE. THE SUIT WAS NOT RULED ON AND SHE MAY GO BACK AND FILE AGAIN.

10-26-90 FEDERAL GRAND JURY ISSUED A THREE PAGE REPORT DISCREDITING WITNESSES.

11-07-90 LARRY KING CALLED COMPETENT TO STAND TRIAL.

11-09-90 ALISHA OWEN'S BROTHER IS FOUND DEAD IN CORRECTION CENTER CELL - SAID TO HAVE COMMITTED SUICIDE BY HANGING.

11-14-90 JOE MALEK, JR. OWNER OF PEONY PARK COMMITS SUICIDE.

11-16-90 ERNIE CHAMBERS FILES MOTION TO EXPUNGE GRAND JURY ALLEGATIONS.

12-07-90 MARCH 4TH COURT DATE SET FOR LARRY AND ALICE KING'S TRIAL.

12-27-90 SEX ASSAULT CHARGES AGAINST JARRETT WEBB (FOSTER PARENT) DISMISSED ON THE BASIS OF ONE OF THE FOSTER CHILDREN BEING THREE DAYS OLDER THAN THE AGE OF CONSENT.

01-01-91 DR DENSEN-GERBER, A PSYCHIATRIST AND NATIONALLY KNOWN FOR HER EXPERTISE ON MULTIPLE PERSONALITIES, EXAMINED PAUL BONACCI AND HIS TIE WITH INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED IN THE FRANKLIN CREDIT UNION. A PRESS CONFERENCE WAS HELD.

01-04-91 DECAMP SUIT AGAINST THE GRAND JURY WAS DISMISSED.

01-08-91 DECAMP APPEALS DISMISSAL OF SUIT AGAINST THE FRANKLIN GRAND JURY.

01-11-91 THE NEBRASKA LEGISLATURE REFUSES TO CONTINUE THE FRANKLIN COMMITTEE SENATOR SCHMIT AND SENATOR LABEDZ LOST IMPORTANT COMMITTEE

CHAIRS.

01-17-91 SHAWN BONER DIES OF RUSSIAN-ROULETTE GUN SHOT WOUND (BROTHER OF FRANKLIN FIGURE TROY BONER).

01-21-91 CLAIRE HOWARD (ALAN BAER'S EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT) IS FOUND DEAD IN HER BED. SHE HAD NOT BEEN ILL - CAUSE OF DEATH NOT DETERMINED.

01-25-91 RETIRED COUNTY JUDGE ELIZABETH PITTMAN, WHO HAD BEEN ON THE FRANKLIN BUILDING DRIVE, SERIOUSLY INJURED AFTER BEING STRUCK BY A CAR IN FRONT OF TWIN TOWERS.

01-30-91 DR. SCHREIN'S TRIAL IS RESCHEDULED FOR MARCH 7TH.

02-01-91 DECAMP FILES CIVIL RIGHTS SUIT ON BEHALF OF PAUL BONACCI, AGAINST THE CATHOLIC ARCHBISHOP OF OMAHA, LAWRENCE KING, PETER CITRON, ALAN BAER, HAROLD ANDERSON, ROBERT WADMAN, MICHAEL HOCH, KENNETH BOVASSO, NE PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOC., CITY OF OMAHA, OMAHA PUBLIC SCHOOLS, OMAHA WORLD-HERALD, J. L. BRANDEIS, DOUGLAS COUNTY GRAND JURY, MICHAEL FLANNIGAN AND SAMUEL VAN PELT.

- 02-02-91 NEBRASKA LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE HELD A MEETING IN LINCOLN TO "STOP THE COVER UP."
- 02-04-91 DENNY HENSON FILES FOR BANKRUPTCY AFTER MONTHS OF BEING DISCREDITED IN THE MEDIA AND OF BEING HARASSED FINANCIALLY AFTER DISCLOSING AND DISTRIBUTING DECAMP'S MEMO.
- 02-06-91 OWEN PATERNITY SUIT RULED NOT FRIVOLOUS.
- 02-11-91 LARRY KING AND ALICE KING PLEA BARGAIN TO STAY OUT OF OPEN COURT.
- 02-12-91 JUDGE WON'T NAME DECAMP SPECIAL DEFENDER FOR PAUL BONACCI.
- 03-04-91 SPECIAL PROSECUTOR GREG SHATZ, FILED PAPERS OPPOSING THE REQUEST OF ALAN BAER'S ATTORNEYS THAT THE PANDERING CHARGES AGAINST BAER BE DROPPED.
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On July 23rd, 1990, after hearing many hours of testimony a Douglas County Grand Jury issued an unusual and unprecedented report throwing out all of the allegations of sexual child abuse connected with the "Franklin Case" and labeling them a "carefully crafted hoax." Two of the victim/witnesses were indicted for Perjury on the basis of their testimony before the Grand Jury. Two other victim/witnesses, both of whom had previously given detailed accounts of involvement with known pedophiles in the area, recanted their testimony. Many residents of Omaha and Nebraska felt that the Grand Jury report was the closing of a very painful and turbulent chapter in the city's history.

But the Franklin Case did not begin with the closing of the Credit Union in November of 1988. Nor did it end with the Grand Jury Report in July of 1990. Many events transpired before and after these dates. These facts are the subject matter of this report, whose purpose is to help unravel the "Mystery of the Carefully Crafted Hoax."

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