

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT SEATTLE

JASON SCOTT,)
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 Plaintiff,)
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 vs.) Case No. C94-0079C
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 RICK ROSS, MARK WORKMAN,)
 CHARLES SIMPSON, CLARK ROTROFF,)
 CULT AWARENESS NETWORK, a)
 California non-profit)
 corporation, et al.,)
)
 Defendants.)

DEPOSITION UPON ORAL EXAMINATION
OF
JASON SCOTT

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1 my handcuff chains and was pulling and dragging me
2 back on the cement out across the lawn, and then we
3 got to the van.

4 Then they tipped me up, face in --
5 face towards the van and put my arms -- my
6 handcuffed arms up over the roof. And actually, at
7 first I grabbed onto the door handle and braced
8 myself with a step, and then Rick came and
9 immediately pried my hand off the door handle, and
10 then he grabbed onto the roof, and then they were
11 driving into me from my back, pounding -- tackling,
12 football style, driving into my back, trying to push
13 me into the van.

14 And Rick was getting really
15 frustrated because he was looking at his watch,
16 because I was turned back looking at him, you know.
17 I was in a lot of pain because they were thrashing
18 on my back. And then finally I gave in and I fell
19 into the van face down, and then they moved -- my
20 head was towards the back of the van face down or
21 stomach down with handcuffs underneath me, and then
22 Mark sits on my butt. That just cramps the
23 handcuffs so tight that I started losing sensation
24 in my hands, and I just started screaming.

25 And then Rick said, We need to quiet

1 him up. We need to quiet him up. By this time we
2 were starting to pull way. Rick was saying that
3 about quieting me up. He was saying, Shut up, quit
4 praying. Quit chanting, shut up. And Chuck Simpson
5 threw Rick a roll of duct tape. He ripped off
6 about an eight-inch piece and stuck it on me ear to
7 ear.

8 Q. Who did that?

9 A. Clark did.

10 MR. BOWLES: You just said Rick.

11 THE WITNESS: I said Chuck threw --

12 MR. BOWLES: You were saying that

13 Rick put the tape on you?

14 THE WITNESS: No, Clark did. I'm
15 sorry. They were in the van and Clark put the tape
16 on.

17 A. And then we were on -- we left. I did
18 not know where we were going. There was towels
19 on the windows. I was face down. Mark was sitting
20 on my back. I had duct tape on my mouth, handcuffs
21 on, and then Mark bent my knees back and put this
22 one-inch nylon cinch strap around my ankles to keep
23 me from kicking around, because I was still, you
24 know, trying to squirm about.

25 Q. Let me stop you and go back a little

1 bit, into the house. Do you remember anything more
2 about what was said while you were in the house?

3 A. No, no, just --

4 Q. Did you --

5 A. You know, just things like, Grab his arms,
6 grab his arms, you know.

7 Q. Did you and your mother talk any more than
8 what you have told me about so far?

9 A. No. I was just screaming, How can you do
10 this to me? I have my rights.

11 MR. RIVES: Why don't we stop and
12 take a lunch break.

13 (Luncheon recess taken at 12:15 p.m.)

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16 EXAMINATION (Continued)

17 (1:31 p.m.)

18 BY MR. RIVES:

19 Q. Before lunch, Mr. Scott, you were telling
20 us what happened. Once you were in the van, tell me
21 about the trip to Ocean Shores.

22 A. Okay. They pushed me my face down into
23 the van, and then Mark jumped up and sat on my butt
24 and grabbed my legs, put a cinch strap around them,
25 and Chuck Simpson threw Clark a roll of duct tape,

1 and Clark ripped off a piece, put it on my mouth.
2 And when Mark sat on my butt, my hands were down
3 like this (indicating), and it cinched down the
4 handcuffs until the circulation was almost cut off.
5 I couldn't even feel my hands. About a half hour
6 later, I couldn't feel my hands, and I was like
7 screaming, Can you please loosen the handcuffs, and
8 they wouldn't the whole ride down.

9 It was -- my brother was in there.
10 Rick Ross was in there for about a half hour and
11 then we stopped to get burgers somewhere. I don't
12 know where they stopped, but they offered me a
13 burger and I said, I can't eat, and so we got back
14 on the road and Mark and Clark didn't get out of the
15 van. They were still sitting on top of me.

16 Q. Did you stay in the van while they went to
17 guess something?

18 A. Yes. We were all in the van the whole
19 time. Then Rick Ross transferred to my mom's
20 Suburban, and then there was my brother, Chuck
21 Simpson, Mark Workman, Clark Retroff and me in the
22 van. And Mark and Clark were in the back with
23 me, and my brother was sitting in the passenger seat
24 and Chuck Simpson was driving.

25 Clark and Mark were talking about

1 Viet Nam war stories and what they used to do to the
2 Vietnamese, what they used to do to the Viet Nam
3 vets and the torture, all that other stuff. I guess
4 it was like a fear tactic or something.

5 And I was in a lot of pain. My back
6 was killing me. I had scuff marks and pieces of
7 dirt and, you know, grass stains on my knees and on
8 the back of my shirt from struggling. My neck was
9 hurting and I was -- did not know where we were
10 going. They had towels over the windows. They had
11 me pinned down. I would try and turn my head and
12 look up out the front windshield. And when Mark was
13 sitting facing the rear of the van and saw that I
14 was trying to look at the windshield, he would,
15 like, put an arm up in front of my face and Clark
16 would do the same, block my vision with his hand or
17 something.

18 And then -- I don't know, about
19 an hour and 15 minutes into the ride down, I turned
20 my head, and before they could block my vision, I
21 saw a sign that said "Yelm" on it, so I knew we were
22 heading south. And then we kept on going, made some
23 turns and, you know, I -- I could feel the turning
24 of the van and what have you. And then about an
25 hour and a half after that, we -- I heard the

1 crunching of gravel underneath the tires of the van.
2 And so I knew we were on a driveway. And they
3 opened a garage door, backed the van in and -- the
4 sliding door was facing the wall, parked on -- if
5 you were look at the house, they parked on the left
6 side of the garage.

7 So when we opened the right side of
8 the van, it was facing out against the wall. And so
9 we pulled in and Chuck got out, walked around the
10 van real quick. Clark, Mark -- they just said, wait
11 here for a second, and then there was some
12 conversation. I didn't really hear it too much
13 because of Mark and Clark talking in the van.
14 They were -- Chuck and Rick were talking outside.
15 I didn't know what was said. And then they came
16 around and Rick said, It's time to go upstairs. He
17 says, Don't you make any stupid moves. He said,
18 Don't make any stupid moves or you're not going to
19 like this experience at all. And so I said, Okay.
20 I'll cooperate. I said, I am in a lot of pain right
21 now, and you guys are really messing with my back.

22 And then they moved the cinch strap
23 up around my knees. I still had the tape on my
24 mouth. They would not loosen it the whole time. I
25 couldn't even feel my hands. And then -- let's see.

1 Then all -- in a group, we walked up, close little
2 huddle with me in the middle, all walked upstairs
3 to the second floor and then we went into the
4 bathroom. And --

5 MR. BOWLES: Excuse me. He just
6 asked you the question on the van. Rather than go
7 through the whole thing, why don't you --

8 THE WITNESS: Okay.

9 Q. So what happened next?

10 A. Then they --

11 Q. I say that in jest. Let me ask you a
12 specific question about that. Once you got into the
13 house, did they take you to the bathroom?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. How long did you stay in there?

16 A. About 40 minutes total in the bathroom. I
17 had the handcuffs on for about four hours, and they
18 finally loosened up the handcuffs at the end of the
19 40 minutes in the bathroom.

20 Q. Did your mother arrive at some point?

21 A. Yeah, she arrived when we did.

22 Q. When did you first talk to your mother
23 after you got to the place at Ocean Shores?

24 A. I talked to her in the bathroom.

25 Q. What did the two of you discuss?

1 A. I was disgusted with her, so I just said,
2 How can you do this to me? I said, I'm 18 years
3 old. I have my rights. I'm an adult now. You're
4 going to have to let me go. I said, I'm going to
5 press charges to the fullest. She is, like -- she is
6 -- like, You're my son. This is for your own good.
7 She was totally, really kind of freaking out, you
8 know.

9 Q. When you say "freaking out," was she really
10 upset?

11 A. Yes, she was excited about the whole
12 situation. I don't know if she was happy or sad or
13 mad or what. She just -- she was acting in a way
14 that I had never seen before. And first they put me
15 in the shower and -- they put me in the shower and
16 the duct tape was still on my mouth. And I asked
17 them, I said, Can you take the duct tape off?
18 They said yes. He took my hand and pulled it, the
19 duct tape, off.

20 The cinch strap was still around my
21 knees in the shower. They kind of loosened it up.
22 I was sitting in this little cramped shower, and it
23 was really, really hard on my back because of what
24 they had done to me. Plus, the seat was only about
25 this big, about 10 inches long to sit on. Plus I

1 had to straighten my back to sit up on the seat, and
2 it was very uncomfortable. I started complaining
3 about my back hurting, having -- and my mom says,
4 Well, why don't you just sit in the bathtub. I said
5 okay.

6 She said, You best not make any
7 moves. I said Mom, I'm already here. I'm not going
8 to do anything. I walked over to the bathtub and
9 sat down in the bathtub and said, This is even
10 worse. She said, Well, let me go get a pillow for
11 you. She got me a pillow and it was still real
12 uncomfortable. She brought in a sandwich and she
13 said, Are you hungry, and I said yes, and I ate
14 it.

15 I was real skeptical of eating the
16 sandwich, because I didn't know if they were going
17 to drug me or what. I didn't know what was going to
18 happen to me. And while I was in the bathroom, I
19 heard -- while I was in the shower, I heard some
20 drilling and pounding going on outside of the house.
21 And when I had gotten out of the bathroom, I looked
22 on the windows and there was nylon webbing on the
23 windows, in about ten-inch squares. It was nailed
24 and drilled. It was -- with sheetrock type screws,
25 one-inch white nylon seat belt strap. There was

1 three windows there off to the deck.

2 MR. BOWLES: Jason, just respond
3 to his questions, all right?

4 THE WITNESS: Okay.

5 MR. BOWLES: You're going on.

6 MR. RIVES: Okay.

7 Q. At some point, I take it, the handcuffs
8 were taken off, and the strap around your legs was
9 taken off?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. When did that happen?

12 A. Handcuffs were taken off in the bedroom,
13 and then the strap was taken off when I was in the
14 shower. They kind of loosened it on my leg and
15 it dropped.

16 Q. What happened the rest of that evening?

17 A. They took me into the bedroom, and the
18 bedroom was gutted. There was two twin beds, and
19 the only thing that was in there was a big chest of
20 drawers and a nightstand with all the drawers taken
21 out of it and a TV set. That's it.

22 Q. What happened for that evening? Was there
23 any discussion, any further discussion with your
24 mother or with Rick Ross?

25 A. Yeah. My mom and Rick Ross came in and I

1 said to Rick -- I actually -- I was screaming at
2 Rick. I said, You can't do this to me. I'm 18
3 years old. I have got my rights. You have to let
4 me out of here right now. I said, I want the police
5 called. I want this taken care of right now. He
6 laughed at me. He said, The police aren't coming
7 here. He said, And you're staying right here. I
8 said, Rick, So -- I said, So you're going to make me
9 change my mind against my will? He said, Yes,
10 that's what I'm paid to do.

11 Q. Was that the extent of your conversation
12 with him that night, or did you have any further
13 discussions with him?

14 A. After that, he just started drilling me
15 about the church and --

16 Q. That evening?

17 A. Yeah, until about midnight. We got there,
18 I think, about -- we got there about somewhere
19 around 11:00 at night.

20 Q. Did your mother participate in any of
21 this?

22 A. No. She was only in the room for a few
23 minutes, and then she left.

24 Q. After that, who else stayed in the room?

25 A. There was -- my brother was in the room.

1 Mark, Clark and Chuck, they were all in the room.
2 They slept in the room with me.

3 Q. Was there any communication between you
4 and Thyssen? Did the two of you talk about anything
5 that night?

6 A. No.

7 Q. What about Retroff, Simpson and Workman?
8 Did you have any discussions with them that night?

9 A. Yes, I did.

10 Q. Tell me about that.

11 A. It was mostly threats from them. They
12 were threatening me with if I were to do any stupid
13 moves, they would handcuff me to the bed frame and I
14 had -- they would all jump on me. They were all
15 uncomfortable.

16 It was basically threats for about a
17 half hour, and then Rick came in and he said, Enough
18 of this, I guess, and then we all went to bed. And
19 then one of the bodyguards -- one of the bodyguards
20 was by the entrance to the door, and there was an
21 entrance out on the deck. One would sleep by the
22 door and one would sleep by the entrance of the
23 other door, and then one would sleep in the other
24 twin bed right beside me. They set up motion
25 detectors, too. They put the handcuffs -- put them

1 right on top of that television set for me to look
2 at.

3 Q. What did you and Rick Ross talk about
4 the first night?

5 A. First night?

6 Q. Yes.

7 A. He said, When I'm done with you, you're
8 not going to go to that church anymore, he goes,
9 and -- I can't really remember the whole context,
10 what it was we were talking about, because I was so
11 traumatized by the trip down. I can't really
12 remember the whole conversation. We only talked for
13 about a half hour before it was midnight.

14 Q. Do you have any general recollection of
15 the kind of things you talked about, other than what
16 you just told me?

17 A. That's it.

18 Q. Did you get into any discussion about your
19 church and your beliefs that night?

20 A. No.

21 Q. What happened the next day?

22 A. Next day they went up to -- well, to go
23 back -- to go back to the night before, when I
24 took off my clothes -- I just want to add this
25 quickly. When I took off my clothes, they -- Chuck

1 Simpson came by. He took my shoes away from me and
2 took my clothes, and the next morning my mom brought
3 some new clothes in for me.

4 Q. Tell me about the next day.

5 A. Woke up around 7:00 in the morning, and I
6 had to go bathroom. So I asked if I could go to
7 the bathroom and we went in -- I went in the
8 bathroom and then -- I had to go number two and --
9 I forget -- Mark went in the bathroom the first time
10 with me. They would take turns on going to the
11 bathroom with me in there while I am urinating and
12 taking a shower and the whole thing. It's very
13 humiliating.

14 Q. I take it after you took a shower you got
15 dressed?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. What was the next event of the day?

18 A. Went in -- they took me back into the
19 bedroom and I was really mad. I was just really
20 infuriated. My mom came down in the morning,
21 brought me some breakfast, and then Rick came in and
22 I said, Rick, I said, I want out of here. I said, I
23 want the police called right now. I said, I want my
24 rights read to me. I want the situation taken care
25 of right now. He started laughing at me again. He

1 You know, went back over making fun of Kathleen
2 again and the church standards. Just said that
3 I got ripped off by buying the truck that I bought
4 from my pastor, so --

5 Q. Did you spend time with your mother the
6 second day?

7 A. No.

8 Q. That was on Sunday.

9 A. She just brought the food down.

10 Q. What happened at the end of that? Did
11 you go to bed again Sunday night?

12 A. Uh-huh.

13 Q. And what about the following day, Monday?
14 what did you do on Monday?

15 A. Monday, the third day, we got up, and it
16 was the first time on Monday -- Monday was the
17 first day that they let me take a shower alone, and
18 they didn't accompany me in the bathroom, which was
19 a great relief. But Rick came in and then he
20 started in again on all the other same things, just
21 ragging on me about the church again and the pastor
22 and Kathleen again and how my mom felt, just
23 everything, and that went on probably 12 hours that
24 day on Monday and --

25 Q. Was this like a debate back and forth

1 between the two of you?

2 A. No. Argument, always arguing.

3 Q. He would stake out some position and tell
4 you what his views were, and then you would argue
5 back with him?

6 A. No, he would badger me with his voice. I
7 wouldn't state opinions and what have you. He would
8 attack me.

9 Q. Did you stand up for yourself?

10 A. Of course I did.

11 Q. You told him what your views were?

12 A. Uh-huh. Then Monday night -- Monday night
13 he showed me a video, a 48 Hours video with Aaron in
14 it. And then I -- I was thinking in the back, of
15 my mind, I was saying, I got to get out of this.
16 And I said, I got to find some way to make them
17 believe that I cracked.

18 And so Monday night I -- after we
19 watched that 48 Hours video, I started crying, and
20 then Rick went up and got my mom and I started
21 bawling real hard and, you know, putting on a big
22 show. It was all fake. I planned it. My mom and I
23 were hugging, and she said, like, I got my son back.

24 And I didn't renounce. I didn't say
25 that I was going to leave the church. I didn't

1 renounce my faith. I didn't say anything bad against
2 the church or nothing; I just cried. They thought I
3 cracked, and Rick came in and Rick came over, and he
4 goes, So now you see what I'm saying? And I said
5 yes, I see what you're saying.

6 And then he looks me in the eyes and
7 gave me this weird look, and he goes, Either I did
8 my job or you're the world's best actor, and I said,
9 I see your point. And then my mom and I spent
10 a little bit of time together alone, talked, what
11 have you. And then she goes, Well, we're going
12 to take you to another place and you can rest up
13 awhile from this experience. And I didn't really
14 ask any questions about where we were going or
15 nothing.

16 And then we went to bed that night.
17 The guards every single night slept at each
18 entrance, still. They still had the handcuffs there
19 and the motion detectors. Nothing was removed;
20 everything was the same. And then -- that's it for
21 that day.

22 Q. How much time did you spend talking with
23 your mother that night?

24 A. Oh, about an hour.

25 Q. What did the two of you talk about, other

1 than what you just told me?

2 A. My mom was just saying, I got my son back,
3 and, you know, I love you. Do you remember when you
4 were a baby and this and that, you know, mushy stuff
5 like that.

6 Q. What were you feeling inside at the time?

7 A. I was afraid to blow my cover. I was
8 really just watching what I was -- watching what I
9 was saying and things like that. They thought I
10 was done, thought I was done.

11 Q. What about the next day, Tuesday? What
12 occurred then?

13 A. Tuesday we got up, and Tuesday was video
14 day. Rick brought in this big chest of videos, and
15 we watched videos of all different types of things
16 pertaining to deprogramming and --

17 Q. How long did you do that?

18 A. Did that eight to ten hours. Between each
19 video there was discussion, and I was like, yes,
20 yes, I see it, I see it. Okay. I didn't really talk
21 that much.

22 Q. Did you take any breaks other than going
23 to the bathroom and eating?

24 A. No. I did -- during that day I did -- I
25 was thinking of the future, and in case the thugs

1 got away -- I'm somewhat of an artist -- I drew
2 their faces on a piece of paper, just in case
3 something went wrong and later was found by the
4 police when they came. It was pretty funny.

5 Q. At the end of the videos, did you have
6 some time with your mother again on Tuesday?

7 A. No. My brother and I went down and played
8 some ping-pong in the garage, and they were real
9 skeptical because Tuesday was the first time that
10 they let me out of the room, and so they were just
11 giving me the high eyebrow all the time about it.

12 And Thyssen and I, we listened to
13 Terence Trent Darby and played ping-pong for about
14 an hour and a half after the videos, had dinner and
15 went to bed. I was during the whole time really
16 afraid that they were going to drug me or put
17 something in my food.

18 Q. What happened on Wednesday?

19 A. Wednesday, got up about 10:00 in the
20 morning. I got sleep in a little bit, and more
21 videos. Rick went on just like he had the whole
22 five days excursion, just beating down the church
23 even more and beating down my pastor and Kathleen
24 and everything, just like he did, and then we
25 watched about four or five hours of videos, I don't

1 know, about five hours of videos, after I had taken
2 a shower.

3 And then my mom wanted to go out for
4 a victory dinner. She put enough trust in Rick and
5 Rick thought that I was done, had been cracked,
6 deprogrammed. So this was the first time out of
7 the house in five days. So I got dressed and they
8 didn't put the handcuffs on me. They threatened me.
9 They said, You try to run away and we're going to
10 catch you, and we'll stay here as long as it takes,
11 so you better not be faking. I said, I'm not
12 faking.

13 And then I -- we all went outside. I
14 got to ride in the passenger seat. My mom was
15 driving.

16 Q. Let me stop you there and ask you a couple
17 of questions about things that happened up to that
18 time. There has been some talk in this case about
19 your taking a walk on the beach. Did you ever do
20 that?

21 A. No.

22 Q. Also, let me go back and ask you some
23 questions about what you said about Mr. Ross. You
24 said that he was beating down the church and he
25 beating down the pastor and beating down Kathleen.

1 Explain what you mean by that, if you would. Let's
2 take each one of those and give me some details on
3 what he said about your church and about your pastor
4 and about Kathleen.

5 A. Well, he just said the same things that he
6 did from the prior days. He just -- the whole
7 five-day experience he was like a broken record,
8 every day, just pounding it into me how evil and bad
9 and how controlling.

10 Q. Let's see if we can get a little more
11 detail here about this. Can you remember the key
12 points or main points that he was making about
13 the church?

14 A. Well, he said Kathleen was used as a pawn
15 to keep me under control and that Pastor Kern was
16 controlling Kathleen to keep me under control and
17 that the church, you know, was -- because what
18 happened to Thysen and Matt was over, they were
19 real sympathetic and nice to me, what have you,
20 so I wouldn't leave the church.

21 Q. Are those the main points? Was he trying
22 to challenge your beliefs?

23 A. Oh, yes.

24 Q. What were the main points he was focusing
25 on to challenge your beliefs?

1 A. The main points that he was trying to
2 prove was what my pastor was preaching was not
3 from the Bible and that all that my pastor was out
4 for was money.

5 Q. Can you give me some examples of the first
6 point, where he said that what your pastor was
7 preaching was not from the Bible?

8 A. The standards.

9 Q. The standards of conduct?

10 A. Standards that we went through earlier
11 about the dress and what have you.

12 Q. His point to you was that those are not
13 from the Bible?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Did he take the position that there were
16 other things that your pastor was preaching that
17 were not from the Bible?

18 A. Yeah.

19 Q. What else?

20 A. Our doctrine, our salvation method, in
21 other words.

22 Q. Can you explain that to me? What is your
23 belief?

24 A. Um, well, we go from the Book of Acts, and
25 in Acts 2:38, it says, you know, to repent and be

1 baptized in Jesus' name for the remission of sins
2 and you shall receive the gift of the Holiness.
3 That's just about verbatim what the Scripture says.
4 And that one -- and if I had a Bible with me, I
5 could take you through and build a foundation for
6 that one Scripture, proving that.

7 Q. What aspects of that or what part of that
8 did Mr. Ross disagree with?

9 A. He disagreed with it in the fact that he
10 took the Scripture Matthew 28:19. And when Jesus
11 said that for everyone to go out at baptize in the
12 name of the Father, Son and the Holy Ghost, well,
13 when Paul was preaching at that time, Jesus was
14 already crucified and dead. So Jesus' manifestation
15 was -- actually, it's kind of complicated.

16 Jesus manifested himself in three
17 ways. In the Old Testament he was the Father. In
18 between the Old and New Testament, when he was alive
19 in the 33-year period, he was the Son, Son of God,
20 and then in the New Testament, which Paul wrote, the
21 Epistles, he was the Holy Ghost, or actually is the
22 Holy Ghost, still around.

23 Those are the three manifestations,
24 just different time periods. Same person, three
25 manifestations, different time periods. He tried to

1 say no, there is three Gods, period. But he doesn't
2 look at the Bible and -- he doesn't look at it in
3 context in time. It all goes -- you know, God has
4 his plan and He works it out that way.

5 Q. Did you have a disagreement with Mr. Ross
6 over any other things that the pastor was preaching?

7 A. Um, not anything I remember right now.

8 Q. So it really boiled down to a couple of
9 points. That would be, I take it, the oneness
10 doctrine you have been talking about and the
11 standards?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Those were the two big issues that the two
14 of you --

15 A. And Kathleen.

16 Q. -- talked about? Tell me what he said
17 about Kathleen.

18 A. Other than what's --

19 MR. BOWLES: Other than what's
20 already been said?

21 MR. RIVES: Yes.

22 Q. I'm not asking you to repeat what you have
23 already said.

24 MR. BOWLES: Fair enough.

25 A. What I've said is about the length that he

1 talked about. Went over it every day, repetition.

2 Q. Tell me what he said about your pastor
3 only being out for the money.

4 A. He made a big deal about that because my
5 pastor wouldn't disclose his financial statement.
6 And that is my pastor's own business and it's not
7 public information. He made a big deal about that.

8 Q. Did your pastor's income come from the
9 money he received from church members?

10 A. Tithing, yes.

11 Q. Do you know if he had other sources of
12 income?

13 A. That's it, tithing.

14 Q. How much were you expected to tithe?

15 A. We weren't expected to tithe -- pay
16 anything. It's just we gave on our own free will.
17 Nothing was ever enforced.

18 Q. Did you have some recommended amounts?

19 A. Ten percent.

20 Q. Ten percent of what?

21 A. Of your gross income. And that's --
22 he didn't recommend that; the Bible does. He just
23 takes the word of God and applies it to the people.

24 Q. Where does the Bible say you should tithe
25 ten percent?

1 A. I wish I had brought my Bible. I have
2 about 20 different Scriptures I could give you,
3 literally.

4 Q. Have you remained in the church all of
5 this time?

6 MR. BOWLES: Objection. That's not a
7 relevant issue.

8 MR. RIVES: If Mr. Scott chooses
9 to answer that question --

10 A. Thyssen would.

11 Q. May I have an answer to the question?

12 MR. BOWLES: You can decline to
13 answer.

14 A. I will just decline to answer for now.

15 MR. BOWLES: On the basis of his
16 privacy and association rights.

17 Is that right, Jason?

18 THE WITNESS: That's right.

19 Q. Let's return to this trip you were
20 starting on when I had you go back in time. Who was
21 in the -- first of all, were you in the van or
22 mother's Suburban?

23 MR. BOWLES: Where are we again?

24 MR. RIVES: We're moving forward in
25 time, back to -- I think it's a trip when they went

1 out to dinner.

2 MR. BOWLES: Wednesday, the 23rd?

3 THE WITNESS: Yes.

4 Q. Were you in your mother's car?

5 A. In the Suburban.

6 Q. Who was in it with you?

7 A. Let's see. There was me, my mom, Rick,
8 Thyssen, Mark. Yeah, that's who was in the Suburban.
9 I sat in the passenger seat and my mom drove.

10 Q. Where did you go?

11 A. First went to a restaurant in downtown and
12 they didn't have any -- we went inside and they
13 didn't have any fresh seafood, so Rick wanted to
14 leave. And then I -- I had stomach problems all
15 day, and throughout the whole course of the time, I
16 had diarrhea and what have you the whole five days.
17 And so I said, Mom, my stomach is really hurting.
18 Can we go by the store?

19 Q. Did you do that?

20 A. Yeah.

21 Q. What store did you go to?

22 A. Shop Rite.

23 Q. Did you go inside with your mother?

24 A. Yeah, to get some Kaopectate.

25 Q. Had you already decided you were going to

TESTIMONY OF JASON SCOTT

FRIDAY THE 18TH

MY BROTHER, THYSEN, CALLED ME TO HAVE ME BRING SOME THINGS FROM WORK OVER TO HIM AT 12908 NE 78TH PL, WHICH WAS MY MOTHER'S HOUSE. I ASKED MY FRIEND TOM LYMAN TO GO ALONG FOR HELP AND COMPANIONSHIP. I BACKED IN THE DRIVE WAY, PARKED AND LEFT MY TRUCK SUGGESTING TOM STAY WITH THE TRUCK.

I WAS WALKING THROUGH THE CARPORT TO THE FRONT DOOR WHEN I WAS JUMPED BY THREE THUGS. THEY WRESTLED ME TO THE GROUND AND LITERALLY DRAGGED ME INSIDE THE HOUSE. I PANICKED AND STRUGGLED AS HARD AS I COULD TO GET FREE. I ALSO YELLED AT THEM "I HAVE MY RIGHTS AND THEY'RE BEING VIOLATED!" THE THREE THUGS THAT GRABBED ME ARE MARK WORKMAN, CHUCK SIMPSON, AND A MAN NAMED CLARK.

THERE WERE PEOPLE WHO I AM SURE SAW WHAT WAS GOING ON, BUT D DIDN'T DO ANY THING. MY MOM WENT OUT SIDE AND REASSURED THEM THAT I WAS GOING TO BE OK AND THAT "I WAS GOING TO BE TAKEN OUT OF A CULT." MEANWHILE, I WAS FIGHTING OFF THE KIDNAPPERS AS I WAS GOING DOWN THE STAIRS, GRABBING THE HAND RAILS AND KICKING AS HARD AS I COULD. CHUCK TOLD ME THAT I KICKED HIM IN THE GROIN AND MARK TOLD ME THAT I KICKED HIM IN THE LEG.

CHUCK PUT THE HANDCUFFS ON ME (WHICH WERE SO TIGHT MY HANDS A FEW MINUTES LATER WENT NUMB AND TINGLED AND BECAUSE OF THE LOSS OF CIRCULATION THEY WERE COLD). I LOOKED UP AT MY MOM AND SAID " HOW COULD YOU DO THIS." SHE LOOKED AT ME WITH A DEVILISH SMILE SHRUGGED AND SAID "IT'S FOR YOUR OWN GOOD... YOU'LL SEE LATER". AS THEY WERE FORCING ME DOWN THE STAIRS, THE PRESSURE CAUSED THE HANDCUFFS TO DIG INTO MY WRISTS LEAVING DARK THICK SWOLLEN RINGS AROUND MY WRISTS.

THEY DRAGGED ME OUT THE SLIDING DOOR IN THE BACK OF THE HOUSE. RICK WAS SAYING "HURRY GET HIM THE VAN". MY BACK WAS SCRAPING ON THE CEMENT PATIO AND LAWN AS THEY TUGGED ME TOWARD THE VAN. I GAVE MY BEST RESISTANCE STIFFENING UP LIKE A BOARD. THE THREE THUGS COULDN'T GET ME IN THE VAN SO RICK AND MY BROTHER STARTED SHOVING. I HAD MY HANDS ON THE DOOR HANDLE AND RICK TORE THEM OFF AS THE THREE GUYS FINALLY GOT ME IN THE VAN. THEY ALL JUMPED IN THE VAN INCLUDING RICK AND MY BROTHER.

I WAS CRYING AND PRAYING, TERRIFIED TO DEATH. I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT THEY WERE GOING TO DO WITH ME OR TO ME. THOUGHTS OF ABUSE, TORTURE, BEING TIED UP, AND WORSE RAN WILD THROUGH MY MIND.

THE VAN TORE OUT OF THE BACK YARD. I WAS PINNED FACE DOWN BY CLARK'S KNEE IN MY BACK AND MARK OVER MY LEGS AS HE TIGHTLY SECURED A 1 INCH LEASH-LIKE NYLON STRAP AROUND MY ANKLES. CLARK RIPPED OFF AN EIGHT INCH PIECE OF TWO INCH DUCT TAPE FROM A ROLL AND FASTENED IT TO MY FACE FROM EAR TO EAR. MY WRISTS WERE SCREAMING WITH PAIN AS CLARK HELD THE HAND CUFFS BY THE CHAIN IN THE MIDDLE. WE STOPPED SOME WHERE LONG ENOUGH FOR THYSEN TO PICK UP SOME BURGERS. I WAS IN A STATE OF SHOCK AND COULD NOT EAT.

I DECIDED TO COOPERATE AND TRIED TO MAKE THE TRIP AS COMFORTABLE AS POSSIBLE. THE CUFFS WERE SO TIGHT, I ASKED OVER AND OVER FOR THEM TO LOOSEN THEM, BUT THEY WOULDN'T. I PRESUME AS AN ATTEMPT TO INSTILL FEAR IN ME, CLARK, MARK AND CHUCK ALL TALKED ABOUT VIETNAM AND ALL HORRIFYING TORTURE STORIES ABOUT WAR. I OPENED MY MOUTH TO LOOSEN THE TAPE AND TOLD HIM I WOULDN'T TALK IF I COULD KEEP THE TAPE LOOSENED. CLARK REFASTENED IT AND SAID, "I DO WHAT THE BOSS TELLS ME TO."

I TRIED TO SEE WHERE WE WERE GOING AND LOOKED OUT THE FRONT WIND SHIELD TO SEE A SIGN READING "YELM," SO I KNEW WE WERE GOING SOUTH. MARK LEANED OVER AND BLOCKED MY VISION. DEALING WITH THE FEARS AND NOT KNOWING WAS THE HARDEST BATTLE OF THE TRIP.

WE PULLED INTO A GRAVEL DRIVE WAY AND BACKED INTO THE GARAGE. I SAT UP IN THE VAN AND WAITED FOR ABOUT TEN MINUTES WHILE MARK AND RICK SECURED THE HOUSE. CLARK STILL HELD ME BY THE CHAIN OF THE HAND CUFFS AND CHUCK STOOD BY HOLDING THE LEASH OF THE ANKLE RESTRAINT. RICK AND MARK RETURNED AND THREATENED ME NOT TO MAKE ANY "STUPID MOVES."

IN THE HOUSE, I WAS PUT IN THE SHOWER BUT THE HANDCUFFS WERE STILL NOT LOOSENED. THE FOOT RESTRAINT WAS LOOSENED AND FOOD WAS SERVED. I WAS THINKING THEY MIGHT PUT DRUGS IN MY FOOD.

THEY TOLD ME THAT MY CHURCH WAS A CULT AND TOLD ME BRIEFLY WHAT THEY WERE GOING TO DO TO ME. I ASKED THEM IF THEY WERE GOING TO FORCE ME TO LEAVE LIFE TABERNACLE. RICK SAID, "YES".

AFTER ALMOST FOUR HOURS, THEY LOOSENED THE HAND CUFFS AND I REQUESTED TO SIT IN THE BATH TUB BECAUSE IT WAS VERY UNCOMFORTABLE SITTING IN THE SHOWER. MY BACK ACHED.

MY MOM BROUGHT ME A PILLOW, BUT THAT DIDN'T HELP AND THEY BROUGHT ME SOME FOOD. IT WAS A CHICKEN SANDWICH AND SOME FRUIT JUICE. I DIDN'T TRUST THEM AND WAS SKEPTICAL ABOUT IT. I THOUGHT THEY WOULD PUT DRUGS IN IT SO THAT I

HUNGRY.

CHUCK RETURNED AND I WAS PUT IN A ROOM WHERE ALL THE DRAWERS HAD BEEN TAKEN OUT OF THE DRESSERS AND NIGHT STANDS. CHUCK WENT AROUND THE ROOM "CLEANING" AND TOOK MY SHOES.

RICK STARTED IN AGAIN RIDICULING ME ABOUT MY CHURCH ,MY GIRLFRIEND, MY PASTOR, OUR WORSHIP SERVICES, THE CHURCH SUPERINTENDENT, THE BIBLE, OUR SALVATION, OUR BAPTISM, OUR DOCTRINE, OUR HOLINESS STANDARDS, MY TRUCK, ME AND MY SELF WORTH.

HE CALLED ME NAMES LIKE "STUPID" AND "MUSH HEAD." HE DEGRADED ME AND MY SCHOOL. HE TORE APART EVERY THING THAT I WAS AND STOOD FOR. I WAS SO FURIOUS. HE HAS NO RIGHT TO PUT DOWN EVERY THING I LOVE.

I REQUESTED TO HAVE THE POLICE COME AND HE SAID "SORRY THAT'S NOT GOING TO HAPPEN AND IF YOU GIVE ME ANY TROUBLE I'LL HANDCUFF YOU TO THE BED FRAME AND IT WON'T BE COMFORTABLE!" HE CONTINUED TO YELL AND SAY THINGS THAT WOULD DEMEAN ME.

I TOLD MY MOM THAT WHAT SHE WAS DOING WAS WRONG AND THAT SHE COULDN'T FORCE ME TO CHANGE MY MIND. I TOLD HER I WAS EIGHTEEN AND I COULD DO ANYTHING THAT I WANTED TO DO WITH MY LIFE. THEY ALL SAID THIS WAS GOING TO BE FOR MY OWN GOOD AND NOT TO FIGHT IT.

RICK SAID THIS WHOLE PROCESS WAS GOING TO BE AS HARD AS I WAS GOING TO MAKE IT. I COULD FIGHT IT AND THEY WOULD FIGHT ME BACK UNTIL THEY WON OR HAD SUCCEEDED IN BEATING ME DOWN MENTALLY TO THE POINT OF SURRENDER. IT WAS JUST LIKE IN THE MOVIES WHEN A P.O.W. WAS IN THE CUSTODY OF THE ENEMY AND THEY POUNDED AWAY AT HIM MENTALLY BY MOCKING AND TEARING APART THE THINGS THEY STOOD FOR AND LOVED.

MY MOM EVEN USED MY FAMILY MEMBERS AGAINST ME IN SAYING THAT I WOULD NEVER BE ACCEPTED IF I, AFTER HE WAS DONE, WENT BACK TO THE CHURCH. SHE ALSO SAID I WOULD BE WRITTEN OUT OF THE WILL OF MY GRANDPA IF I TURNED BACK TO THE CHURCH. I SAID "I DON'T CARE ABOUT MY GRANDFATHER'S WILL. I'VE NEVER SEEN ONE DIME IN MY POCKET FROM HIM MY WHOLE LIFE SO I DON'T EXPECT ANYTHING FROM HIM."

RICK SAID, "THIS IS USELESS FIGHTING. ITS LATE. LETS ALL GO TO BED." ONE OF THE MEN SLEPT AT EACH OF THE TWO ENTRANCES OF THE ROOM AND WHEN I WENT TO THE BATH ROOM ALL THREE GUARDED THE BATHROOM. ONE CAME IN THE BATHROOM WITH ME FOR THE FIRST TWO DAYS WHILE THE OTHER TWO WAITED OUT SIDE THE TWO ENTRANCES OF THE BATHROOM.

DAY 1 THE 19TH-SAT

I WOKE UP AT 10:00 AM WITH A BACK ACHE AND REQUESTED SOME ASPIRIN. AS RICK CAME IN, STILL IN HIS BATH ROBE, HE IMMEDIATELY STARTED IN WITH THE INSULTS. I LISTENED FOR ABOUT 20 MIN AND GOT REAL TIRED OF HIM TELLING ME THAT THE WAY I WORSHIP GOD WAS UNBIBLICAL AND RADICALLY CRAZY.

HE MADE FUN OF IT BY JUMPING AROUND AND MAKING FUN OF MY GIRLFRIEND. I HAD MY ARMS FOLDED AND WAS MAD. MY MOM CAME IN THE ROOM AND I STARTED A COMMOTION. I YELLED, "I WANT THE POLICE RIGHT NOW! WHAT YOU GUYS ARE DOING IS AGAINST THE LAW AND I'M GOING TO PROSECUTE TO THE FULLEST!"

RICK LOOKED AT ME LIKE I WAS THE SADDEST THING HE'D EVER SEEN AND SAID, "SORRY, PAL. YOUR NOT LEAVING THIS ROOM AND YOU'D BETTER COOPERATE AND NOT GIVE ME ANY TROUBLE OR I'LL HAND CUFF YOU TO THE BED."

I LOOKED AT MY MOM AND SAID, "HOW CAN YOU PAY THIS MAN TO DO THIS!" SHE SAID THAT IT WAS FOR MY OWN GOOD AND LEFT. THYSEN CAME IN AND STARTED IN ON ME ABOUT BRO. KERN AND RICK DID THE SAME. I SAT QUIETLY ON THE BED FIGHTING THE LIES IN MY MIND. I KNEW THE TRUTH.

FOR THE REST OF THE DAY RICK HUMILIATED ME BY CALLING ME NAMES. I COULDN'T FIGHT BACK BECAUSE IT WAS NO USE. NO MATTER WHAT I SAID, IT WAS TORN APART, RIDICULED, MOCKED AND MADE FUN OF.

MY MEALS WERE VERY FILLING, HIGH CALORIE DISHES, BUT WITH VERY LITTLE VEGETABLES. I WOULD ONLY GET TWO CARROT STICKS OR CELERY EVEN THOUGH I REQUESTED MORE VEGETABLES. ALL MY MEALS WERE SERVED ON PAPER PLATES AND PLASTIC FORKS BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T TRUST ME. THEY THOUGHT I'D USE REGULAR PLATES AND SILVERWARE AS WEAPONS.

AS EACH DAY WENT ON I ATE LESS AND LESS AS I GOT MORE DEPRESSED. I WOULD HAVE TIMES OF NAUSEA IN THE BATHROOM AND FINALLY AT THE VERY END I HAD SYMPTOMS LIKE THE FLU.

THE FIRST DAY THEY DIDN'T SHOW ME ANY VIDEOS, BUT, FROM 10 A.M. TO AROUND MID NIGHT HE CONTINUED THE MOCKING AND NAME CALLING WITHOUT CEASING.

THE SECOND DAY THE 20TH

THEY ALL GOT UP AROUND 7 AM AND MADE SURE THEY MADE A LOT OF NOISE TO WAKE ME UP WHICH THEY DID. IT GOT SO BORING SITTING IN A BED NOT KNOWING WHERE YOU WERE AND BEING FORCED TO LISTEN TO A GUY WHO YOU DIDN'T WANT TO HAVE

ENJOYS BELITTILING PEOPLE.

RICK CAME IN AND WENT AT IT AGAIN ABOUT MY CHURCH AND HOW BAD IT WAS. TELLING ME ALL THIS MADE UP SLANDER ABOUT MY PASTOR AND ALSO REPEATING EVERY THING HE DID THE DAY BEFORE. THIS DAY HE REALLY STARTED RIDICULING THE PLAN OF SALVATION.

HE ALWAYS BROUGHT OUT HIS HEBREW PARALLEL AND SAID IF YOU WANT TO BELIEVE IN ONE GOD ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS PAY MY SYNAGOGUE \$350 A YEAR. WE'LL GIVE YOU A BEANY AND YOU CAN BECOME A JEW. BUT IF YOU WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN YOU HAVE TO BELIEVE IN THE TRINITY AND ONLY USE THE NEW TESTAMENT.

HE REALLY WENT ON TO RAG ON ME ABOUT MY STANDARDS . I THOUGHT IN MY MIND " I HAVE FAITH IN YOU GOD THAT YOU WILL DELIVER ME I'LL STAND ON YOUR WORD AND ITS PROMISES AND I KNOW YOU'LL DELIVER ME JUST SHOW ME THE RIGHT DOOR TO OPEN AND I'M OUT OF HERE."

I PRAYED A LOT UNDER MY BREATH PLEADING THE BLOOD OF JESUS OVER MY MIND AND THANKING GOD FOR THIS TRIAL. I HAD TO OBTAIN AN ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE THROUGH THIS WHOLE THING. I COULDN'T PUT UP ANY VISIBLE DEFENCE OR GET MAD OR BITTER BECAUSE FOR ONE THING IT'S NOT CHRIST-LIKE AND THE WHOLE PROCESS FEEDS OFF OF HATE, IT TURNS THE HATE THAT YOU HAVE IN YOUR HEART TOWARD SOME THING THAT'S NOT IN YOUR GROUP AND TURNS IT AROUND AT YOUR GROUP MAKING THE PEOPLE YOU USED TO LOVE SEEM LIKE HIDEOUS ENEMIES.

I COULDN'T BELIEVE THE SCRIPTURES THAT ROSS USED TO TRY TO DEPROGRAM ME. THEY WERE SO OUT OF CONTEXT IT WAS FUNNY. WHEN HE DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO ANSWER A QUESTION OF MINE HE SAID "WE HAVE TO GO TO THE GREEK AND FIND OUT WHAT IT REALLY SAYS."
THE ARGUMENTS WERE ALWAYS CHANGED BECAUSE HE COULDN'T ANSWER MY QUESTIONS.

RICK DESTROYED MY MOM'S FAITH IN GOD AND NOW SHE DOESN'T EVEN PRAY. MY BROTHER HAD AN AWESOME WALK WITH GOD AND NOW HE BELIEVES HE CAN BE A CHRISTIAN THAT CHEWS TOBACCO.

WE SAW A FILM CALLED MARJOE. A FILM ABOUT A SELF PROCLAIMED FAKE WORKING FOR MONEY. HE ADMITS BEING AN ATHEIST AND IN ONE PART OF THE FILM IT SHOWS HIM ON A MOTEL BED WITH A PILE OF MONEY IN FRONT OF HIM AND HIM CROUCHING OVER IT LIKE A VULTURE "THANKING JESUS" AND COUNT HIS DIVIDENDS FROM THAT NIGHTS "PERFORMANCE". RICK TRIED TO MAKE ME BELIEVE THAT ALL THAT MY PASTOR WAS OUT FOR IS MONEY.

AFTER THAT WE SAW SOME FILMS ON THE TV FOR ABOUT AN HOUR. THAT RICK HAS ATTACKED. IT WAS KIND OF FUNNY BECAUSE THE FILM CREW ALWAYS MADE THE PASTORS OF THESE CHURCHES LOOK LIKE THE BAD GUY AND RICK AS THE HERO SAVING THESE PEOPLE FROM A SO CALLED CULT. WE SAW A COUPLE OTHER FILMS ONE ON THE MOONIES AND A SALLY JESSIE RAPHAEL SHOW FEATURING RICK.

DAY THREE THE 21ST MONDAY

I WORE WITH THE SAME BACKACHE. I GOT SOME ASPIRIN FROM CLARK AND BREAKFAST. I GOT SO TIRED THIS DAY THAT I ALMOST FELL ASLEEP LISTENING TO RICK CONTINUE WITH HIS JUNK ABOUT MY CHURCH.

AROUND 2 P.M. THEY LET ME TAKE A SHOWER BY MY SELF IN THE BATHROOM AND I ENJOYED EVERY MINUTE OF PRIVACY. THE BATHROOM WAS THE ONLY WAY I COULD LET GO OF MY THOUGHTS AND TRUST IN GOD TO DELIVER ME. THEY WERE TIMES OF EXTREME ANGUISH BECAUSE I FELT LIKE A TRAPPED ANIMAL BEING TORTURED.

I COULD FEEL THE BATTLE GO ON IN MY MIND BETWEEN BELIEVING IN WHAT WAS RIGHT AND BEING FORCED TO BELIEVE WHAT WAS WRONG. MY CHURCH HELPED ME CLEAN UP MY ACT. THE CHURCH HELPED ME SORT THROUGH MY FEELINGS ABOUT THINGS AND GAVE ME OPTIONS I COULD TAKE IF I WANTED TO CHANGE MY LIFE. RICK'S DESTRUCTIVE COMMENTS DIDN'T REALLY PHASE ME BECAUSE I KNEW THE TYPE OF PERSON I WOULD RETURN TO BE IF I LEFT GOD.

THAT NIGHT MY MOM STARTED CALLING THE PEOPLE THAT SHE USED TO LOVE IN THE CHURCH BAD NAMES. SHE TOLD LIES. I EXPLODED ASKING, "WHY ARE YOU SAYING THIS STUFF ABOUT THE PEOPLE YOU USED TO LOVE. YOU KNOW THEY ARE LIES." SHE ARGUED WITH THAT AND DENYING IT.

RICK STEPPED IN TELLING MY MOM TO LEAVE. HE WENT ON FOR ANOTHER HOUR BEATING DOWN THE CHURCH LIKE BEFORE. I FELT SO HELPLESS. I HAD TO KEEP THE TEARS OF RAGE BACK AS I PRAYED UNDER MY BREATH ASKING GOD TO COMFORT ME. I FELT THE ANGUISH DRAIN FROM ME AS I REGAINED MY COMPOSURE AND SAT UP STRAIGHT READY FOR MORE OF RICK.

THAT NIGHT I DIDN'T SLEEP WELL. A MILLION QUESTIONS WERE GOING THROUGH MY MIND ON HOW MY BROTHER FEELS NOW AFTER HIS DEPROGRAMMING; ABOUT GOD AND MY MOM'S FAITH THAT RICK DESTROYED. ROSS TRIED TO MAKE ME BELIEVE A LIE.

THAT NIGHT WAS TERRIBLE BECAUSE NOT ONLY DID I FIGHT AGAINST MY MOM I FOUGHT FOR MY RIGHTS AND I KNEW BEFORE I FOUGHT THAT IT WOULD GO NOWHERE BUT DOWN HILL FOR ME. I WAS COMPLETELY ALONE. NO ONE AROUND ON MY SIDE TO HELP

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FEW HOURS. I FINALLY FELL ASLEEP AROUND 2 OR 3.

TUESDAY THE 22ND

I WOKE UP AROUND 9:30 AND ASKED TO GET CLEANED UP. THEY LET ME AND I ENJOYED THE ESCAPE TO THE SHOWER. TODAY WAS THE DAY OF VIDEOS AND RICK SAID THAT THE REST OF THE WEEK WOULD BE THE SAME. I WAS SO GLAD TO JUST HAVE VIDEOS AND NOTHING MORE BECAUSE HIS INSULTS WERE TIRING. HE SAW AROUND 5 VIDEOS TODAY, ONE ON JONESTOWN, AND ONE ON VARIOUS OTHER GROUPS.

ONE WAS A FILM OF 48 HOURS THAT FOLLOWED RICK TO ANCHORAGE ALASKA TO DEPROGRAM A 14 YEAR OLD NAME'D ERIN. THIS KID WAS A KID WHO LOVED GOD. AFTER WATCHING THIS FILM I WAS CRUSHED TO SEE HOW RICK DESTROYS PEOPLE'S WALK WITH GOD.

I ASKED MY MOM TO COME IN AND COMFORT ME. SHE CAME IN AND I PUT ON A BIG SHOW. FIRST, I PRAYED GOD PROTECT MY HEART. THEN I LET THE TEAR'S GUSH. FOR A GOOD FIFTEEN MINUTES I LET THE TEARS FLY. I DIDN'T RENOUNCE MY FAITH AND I DIDN'T SAY THAT I WAS GOING TO LEAVE MY CHURCH. I JUST SAID MOM I'M SORRY AND I LOVE YOU. I REALLY WANTED TO GET THE LOVE BACK FOR MY MOM THAT I LOST WHEN THYSEN WENT THROUGH HIS DEPROGRAMMING.

I "CRACKED" ABOUT 6 OR 7 AT NIGHT AND AFTER THAT RICK CAME IN SAYING THAT EITHER HE DID HIS JOB OR THAT I WAS THE WORLD'S BEST ACTOR. I GAVE HIM A HUG SAYING "COME ON RICK I SEE NOW." THROUGH TEARS WE ALL WENT UP STAIRS FOR THE FIRST TIME IN FOUR DAYS AND I FOUND OUT THAT I WAS IN OCEAN SHORES.

I GUESSED THAT WHEN WE FIRST GOT HERE BUT I WASN'T SURE. AND NOW ALL I HAD TO DO WAS WAIT FOR AN OPEN DOOR. THAT NIGHT EVERYONE WAS MORE RELAXED AND AROUND MIDNIGHT, I FELL ASLEEP.

WEDNESDAY THE 23RD

I AWOKE AT 9 AND GOT UP AND GOT ALL CLEANED UP. RICK HAD ONLY ONE GUARD IN THE ROOM AND THE OTHER ONES WERE ALLOWED TO GET SOME FRESH AIR. AFTER I GOT OUT OF THE BATH ROOM WE WATCHED MORE VIDEOS. REAL DEMENTED ONES THAT RICK TRIED TO COMPARE TO MY CHURCH. I WAS SO DISGUSTED I ALMOST GOT SICK TO MY STOMACH.

MY MOM WAS UPSTAIRS ON THE PHONE SCHEDULING PLANE TICKETS FOR ME TO GO TO OHIO TO A WELL SPRINGS REHAD CENTER AND TICKETS FOR RICK AND HIS GANG BACK TO ARIZONA. WE SAW

THE REST OF THE MORNINGS AND EVENINGS THEY WOULD BRING ME TO GO OUT TO EAT. I SAID "COOL." IT WAS THE FIRST TIME I WAS OUT OF THE HOUSE FOR FIVE DAYS.

WE PULLED INTO THE OCEAN SHORES INN, BUT RICK WAS NERVOUS ABOUT IT AND DECIDED TO LEAVE. I WAS PRAYING THAT GOD WOULD OPEN A DOOR! WE WENT TO THE SHOP RITE GROCERY TO GET SOME THING FOR MY STOMACH. I WAS NAUSEATED. WE PURCHASED SOME KAOPECTATE AND WHEN WE WERE AT THE CHECK OUT STAND RICK CAME IN TO CHECK ON US. I THOUGHT ABOUT CAUSING A STINK, BUT I DIDN'T FEEL COMFORTABLE ABOUT IT. RICK WENT OUT WHEN HE SAW ME NOT DO ANYTHING. IF I DID YELL, THE GROCERY PEOPLE WOULD HAVE FREAKED OUT AND PANICKED SO I DIDN'T.

AFTER THAT WE WENT TO THE HOME PORT RESTAURANT. AFTER ABOUT 20 MINUTES OF WAITING WE WERE SEATED AT THE OTHER END OF THE RESTAURANT. I THOUGHT I WAS GOING TO Puke BECAUSE OF THE STRESS. I KNEW GOD WAS GOING TO OPEN A DOOR AND I WAS GOING TO TAKE THE FIRST CHANCE I GOT.

AFTER WE GOT ALL THE STUFF AT THE SALAD BAR WE SAT DOWN AND I ASKED RICK IF I COULD GO TO THE BATHROOM BECAUSE I WAS GOING TO LOSE IT ALL OVER THE PLACE. RICK SAID GO AHEAD AND I LEFT TO GO TO THE REST ROOM ALONE FOR THE FIRST TIME IN FIVE DAYS. IT WAS THE FIRST CHANCE I GOT TO FREE MYSELF FROM THE BONDAGE.

I WALKED FOR THE BATHROOM AND INSTEAD OF TURNING LEFT FOR THE BATHROOM I TURNED RIGHT AND HIT THE FRONT DOOR. I WAS FREE AGAIN. I RAN ACROSS THE STREET TO USE THE PHONE.

SHE SAID NO AT FIRST, BUT THEN I SAID "I HAVE TO CALL THE POLICE. I'VE BEEN KIDNAPPED!" AS THE COPS PULLED IN, NICK, RICK ROSS AND THE BODY GUARDS WALKED ACROSS THE STREET. AT THE SAME TIME I RAN OUT TO MEET THE POLICE AND TOLD HIM THAT I WAS KIDNAPPED AND HELD AGAINST MY WILL FOR FIVE DAYS.

THEY WERE ARRESTED AND JAILLED, BUT LET OUT ON PERSONAL RECOGNIZANCE A DAY LATER. THANK YOU JESUS FOR DELIVERING ME!!!!

A PHYSICAL DONE THE DAY AFTER SHOWED TEN BRUISES FOUND ALL OVER MY BODY AND I HAVE SCOLIOSIS. I'M GOING THROUGH A LOT OF PAIN IN MY NECK. I'M IN COUNSELING FOR THE MENTAL DAMAGE DONE. I FEEL LIKE MY MIND WAS RAPED AND I GET FRUSTRATED SOME TIMES AND I HAVE A HARD TIME CONTROLLING MY FEELINGS. I'M TORMENTED DAY AND NIGHT BY THE ABUSE AND HAVE FLASH BACKS. I OFTEN FEEL INSECURE AND FEAR THAT IF I LET DOWN MYGUARD IT WILL HAPPEN AGAIN.

Frederic Scott