

DSS Attacks Church!!! No Fear

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Kings, Queens, Pharaohs, Dictators, Emperors, governments and hostile governmental agencies have attacked Christian Churches for two thousand years. Crucifixions, Inquisitions, Jihads and other such methods have been used against Christians and by Christians against other Christians over all these years. Now, the Word of Faith Church in nearby Spindale, NC has been under attack for over 20 years for their so called unconventional practices without success. By all accounts the Word of Faith Church has over 700 local members and over 2,000 members in foreign countries. The Word of Faith Church in Spindale also operates a K-12 Church School.

Now, the attackers have come up with a new way to attack the Word of Faith Church. They called the DSS claiming child abuse by the Church at the Church School. Then they called the Associated Press and apparently the AP called the Shelby Star. This story, totally one sided, has been plastered all over the Star and TV news. The State Bureau of Investigation is investigating and the Rutherford County DSS Director John Carroll (previously from the Cleveland County DSS) says their case is closed. People with grudges against the Word of Faith are coming forward with potential tall tales, and the DSS hides behind confidentiality. The Word of Faith Church either is not talking either or , most likely, the Star and the AP are not reporting what the Church has to say. I smell a rat when I read theses kinds of articles.

So far the fallout of all this salacious news has been two attorneys who were members of the Word of Faith Church and Assistant District Attorneys for the 25th Judicial District which includes Catawba, Caldwell and Burke Counties have been forced to resign, demoted or fired by the High DA David Learner. Church member Lori Cornelius of the Cleveland County

DSS has resigned as well, most likely under tons of pressure from Cleveland County DSS Director Karen Ellis.

All this stuff regarding the Catawba County District Attorney's Office and Cleveland County DSS forcing people to resign, and such, jogged my memory. Both the Catawba County DA's Office and the Cleveland County DSS are involved with Federal Civil Rights Lawsuits as we speak.

First, the Catawba County DA's Office and the Cleveland County connection:

Catawba County Civil Rights lawsuit:

Jay Gaither was the previous District Attorney in District 25. Whitney Nicole "Nikkie" Shaffer, daughter of former Cleveland County DA Rick Shaffer, was a lawyer working for Gaither in the 25th District. By law Nikkie Shaffer couldn't work for pay for her daddy in Cleveland County so she ended up on Gaither's payroll in Catawba County. Scroll on back to my October 17, 2014 article titled "Dirty Tricks in the District Attorney Race, Democrat Runs Clean Campaign, Not so for the Republicans" for my predictions of a dirty political setup for Nikkie Shaffer to eventually be set up for the Cleveland County DA job.

Anyway, Nikkie Shaffer files a Federal Civil Rights lawsuit against Jay Gaither alleging Gaither had made what Nikkie Shaffer called unwanted sexual advances toward her and then fired her when she wouldn't come across with the sex she alleged Gaither was after. Gaither fired Nikkie Shaffer alleging Shaffer was having sexual relations with an unnamed married man, a defense attorney on cases Nikkie Shaffer prosecuted within the legal system in Judicial District 25 that was causing problems. Shaffer had allegedly saved a bunch of text messages from Gaither that she used in her lawsuit, but somehow managed to lose all those text messages as well as those messages between Nikkie Shaffer and her "paramour." Note "paramour" is not my word but is the word Federal Magistrate

Judge Max Cogburn used to describe Nikkie Shaffer's admitted sexual partner-the married man defense lawyer-Gaither alleges he fired her because of.

In any event, guess who was the winner of this mess in Catawba County? David Learner. Learner used the Nikkie Shaffer lawsuit against DA Jay Gaither to beat Gaither in the District 25 District Attorney Primary Run-Off Election in 2014. Learner, from Morganton, had once been involved with a "pyramid scheme" that the Federal Trade Commission shut down. The news media got a bigger kick out of the sex scandal than the pyramid scheme so all the bad news, probably inflated, caused Gaither to lose the runoff election to Learner.

Now, DA David Learner has fired or demoted two assistant district attorneys for allegedly being Word of Faith Church members who also allegedly gave free legal advice to the Church, which is outside the 25th Judicial District. It may be very well that DA David Learner may soon find himself involved with a Federal Civil Rights lawsuit as well.

As far as the Nikkie Shaffer v. Jay Gaither lawsuit, it appears to still be going on but not necessarily to Nikkie Shaffer's liking. From the start, Nikkie Shaffer seemed to have the advantage as the press came down on Gaither and caused him to lose the election. Now the facts of the matter have come out that Nikkie Shaffer was indeed having a sexual fling with a defense attorney just like Jay Gaither said she was. Nikkie Shaffer has hired some high dollar Charlotte attorneys to apparently help her get out from under a lawsuit that she started but now is hiding from. Stay tuned on this story as things appear to be happening.

Cleveland County DSS Civil Rights lawsuit:

Former Cleveland County NAACP President Rev. Dante Murphy has filed a Civil Rights lawsuit against the Cleveland County DSS as well as DSS Director Karen Ellis. Murphy alleges the CCDSS, under Ellis's direction, withheld promotions, withheld Family

Medical Leave approval as well as told Rev. Murphy he could not preach at his Church while on leave. Rev. Murphy as well as Rev. Melvin Clark spoke to the County Commissioners asking that the Commissioners investigate the corruption at the CCDSS but the commissioners have refused to do so. An EEOC complaint has been issued against the commissioners, but I do not know where that stands right at this minute. Rev. Murphy resigned from the CCDSS as he believed he was being retaliated against and feared being setup in some sort of scheme. I can believe that. That is how Cleveland County DSS operates.

Now, a Word of Faith Church member who also worked for the CCDSS. Lori Cornelius, has resigned from DSS while under pressure. Doesn't Cleveland County ever learn that cow horns will hook??? I expect Cleveland County will soon have another lawsuit that taxpayers will have to bail them out of.

As far as the Rutherford County DSS, who has the lead authority to investigate the apparently false allegations against the Word of Faith Church, they have closed the case. Apparently the RCDSS has been involved with previous dirty tricks against the Word of Faith Church and got themselves sued. And lost. And apparently learned their lesson.

It is to bad that the Cleveland County Commissioners, the CCDSS, the Nikkie Shaffer and the Karen Ellis's of this world don't learn their lessons. I will add the School Board and Cleveland Community College to that list. But stay tuned. Sources say scandals equal to atomic bombs are getting ready to go off in Cleveland County very, very soon. Since the Star won't print anything about the corruption going on right at their door steps, you will probably only get a true story from me. And I ain't paid off or too scared to tell.