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THE NEW YORK TIMES OF DECEMBER 1 HAS RUN A STORY ON ITS FRONT PAGE ENTITLED "DEATH OF A SCIENTOLOGIST HEIGHTENS SUSPICIONS IN A FLORIDA TOWN." THIS STORY IS ABOUT THE DEATH OF LISA MCPHERSON. SHOULD ANY MISSION GET ANY ENTHETA ON THEIR LINES, THEY NEED TO IMMEDIATELY CONTACT THEIR LOCAL ORG DSA OR YOU, SO THAT YOU CAN COORDINATE THE HANDLING FOR THEM WITH OSA EUS. USE THE BELOW DATA THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS BEING TELEXED TO YOU SO YOU ARE BRIEFED AND CAN DEAL WITH IT ACCORDINGLY. ALERT OSA EUS AT ONCE IF THERE IS ANY MEDIA INTEREST ON THIS STORY.

THE INFORMATION IS IN THE FORM OF A STATEMENT THAT GIVES THE TRUTH ABOUT THE MCPHERSON STORY AND CORRECTLY INTERPRETS THE NY TIMES ARTICLE. BELOW THAT IS ALSO INCLUDED A MORE DETAILED BRIEFING ON DIFFERENT POINTS THAT HAVE COME UP IN RELATION WITH THE MCPHERSON CASE THAT ARE NOT COVERED IN THIS STATEMENT. THE STATEMENT SHOULD ALSO BE USED TO HANDLE ANY PUBLIC THAT MAY HAVE QUESTIONS ON THIS SITUATION.

CHURCH DENOUNCES OUTRAGEOUS ACCOUNT BY NY TIMES:

THE NEW YORK TIMES FRONT-PAGE ARTICLE "DEATH OF A SCIENTOLOGIST HEIGHTENS SUSPICIONS IN A FLORIDA TOWN" IS AN OUTRAGE. LAST FRIDAY, ITS AUTHOR, DOUG FRANZ, WAS INFORMED BY CHURCH ATTORNEYS AND CHURCH STAFF MEMBERS THAT SHOCKING NEW EVIDENCE WAS RECENTLY UNCOVERED THAT PROVED THE ENTIRE AFFAIR TO BE A COVER-UP BY LOCAL POLICE AND THE MEDICAL EXAMINER AND THAT HE WOULD RECEIVE THIS EVIDENCE EARLY THIS WEEK. FRANZ SAID HE WOULD AWAIT THE EVIDENCE BUT INSTEAD HE RUSHED THE ARTICLE OUT BEFORE THE AGREED UPON NEXT CALL AND HAS MADE HIMSELF UNAVAILABLE FOR COMMENT SINCE.

HERE ARE THE FACTS DOUG FRANZ DID NOT INCLUDE IN HIS ARTICLE EVEN THOUGH HE WAS FULLY AWARE OF THEM:

IN DECEMBER 1995, LISA MCPHERSON DIED VERY SUDDENLY OF A SUDDEN, UNPREDICTABLE DEATH BY PULMONARY EMBOLISM.

THE CHURCH WAITED FOR THE AUTOPSY TO FIND OUT WHY - AS DID HER FELLOW PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS. FINALLY, A YEAR LATER, THE AUTOPSY REPORT WAS RELEASED, NOT TO THE CHURCH OR ITS ATTORNEYS BUT FIRST TO THE [ST PETERSBURG TIMES] AND A MEDIA FRENZY LED BY MEDICAL EXAMINER JOAN WOOD AND CLEARWATER POLICE OFFICER ANDREWS WAS LAUNCHED. THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME THE CHURCH HAD BEEN ACCUSED OF SOME WRONGDOING IN THE CASE.

NOT ONLY DID JOAN WOOD FEED HER FALSE INFORMATION TO THE LOCAL MEDIA, SHE ALSO WENT ON TWO DIFFERENT TABLOID TV SHOWS, HARD COPY AND INSIDE EDITION, AND MADE THE SAME OUTRAGEOUS ACCUSATIONS THAT ARE NOW REPEATED BY DOUG FRANZ.

TO START WITH, WOOD ALLEGED THAT SHE HAD PERFORMED THE AUTOPSY. IN FACT, THE CHURCH LATER FOUND OUT THAT AN ASSISTANT MEDICAL EXAMINER HAD AND HE TESTIFIED UNDER OATH THAT JOAN WOOD WAS NOT EVEN PRESENT.

THE CHURCH HAD TO BRING SUIT TO BE ALLOWED ACCESS TO THE MEDICAL RECORDS AND TO HAVE THESE RECORDS EXAMINED BY EXPERTS, AS IT WAS CLEAR THAT WOOD WAS LYING AND HER REPORTS HAD NO RESEMBLANCE TO WHAT HAPPENED TO LISA MCPHERSON.

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A FURTHER PROOF OF BHS, THE ST PETE TIMES, THE DISCLOSURE OF ATTORNEYS IN TO DEFEND JOAN WOOD AND TO ARGUE AGAINST THE RECORDS. THIS WAS AN UNPRECEDENTED ACTION FOR THE MEDIA TO TAKE, CONSIDERING THAT THESE SAME ATTORNEYS (GEORGE RADHART AND PAT ANDERSON) HAD BEEN RETAINED FOR MANY YEARS BY THE ST PETE TIMES TO LITIGATE FOR ACCESS TO GOVERNMENT RECORDS. WHEN IT CAME TO THE CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY, FOR THE FIRST TIME THESE LAWYERS TURNED THEIR EXPERIENCE IN THE OTHER DIRECTION TO BLOCK PUBLIC ACCESS TO GOVERNMENT RECORDS.

DESPITE HER BEST EFFORTS, THE MEDICAL EXAMINER, JOAN WOOD, WAS ORDERED BY A COURT TO TURN OVER ALL TISSUE SAMPLE SLIDES FOR REVIEW BY OUR MEDICAL EXPERTS IN FEBRUARY OF THIS YEAR. SHE TURNED OVER 19 SLIDES REPRESENTING THAT THESE WERE ALL THE TISSUE SAMPLES THAT WERE TAKEN.

HOWEVER, RECENTLY WHEN WE WERE ALLOWED BY THE STATE TO OBTAIN ORIGINAL TISSUE SAMPLES TO HAVE THEM REVIEWED BY EXPERTS WE FOUND OUT THAT THERE WERE IN FACT 21 SEPARATE TISSUE SAMPLES, NOT THE MERE 19 THAT WOOD HAD SWORN TO. THESE SLIDES WERE REVIEWED BY THREE OF THE FOREMOST MEDICAL EXAMINERS IN THE COUNTRY - ALL CURRENT STATE MEDICAL EXAMINERS - AND ALL REACHED THE SAME CONCLUSION:

A. WOOD WITHHELD THE MOST IMPORTANT EVIDENCE IN THE CASE. THE TWO CRITICAL SLIDES WHICH DISPROVE EVERYTHING SHE SAYS - EVERYTHING THAT SERVES AS THE PREDICATE FOR ANY ALLEGATIONS OF SUSPICION - WERE THE TWO THAT WERE WITHHELD FROM PRODUCTION IN THE PUBLIC RECORDS ACT SUIT.

B. LISA MCPHERSON DIED INSTANTANEOUSLY OF A SUDDEN, UNPREDICTABLE PULMONARY EMBOLISM. HAD SHE BEEN IN A HOSPITAL THE ENTIRE TIME, THE RESULT WOULD HAVE BEEN THE SAME.

C. THERE WAS NO SEVERE DEHYDRATION AND DEHYDRATION WAS NOT THE CAUSE OF DEATH.

D. THERE IS NO EVIDENCE OF HER SUFFERING ANY COMA.

E. THE CLOT FORMATION WAS DUE TO INJURY TO HER LEG THAT LIKELY OCCURED PRIOR TO HER COMING TO THE CHURCH - MOST LIKELY FROM THE CAR ACCIDENT SHE SUFFERED TWO WEEKS BEFORE HER DEATH.

CIVIL SUIT DISCOVERY HAS UNCOVERED EVIDENCE THAT:

A. JOAN WOOD'S OFFICE DESTROYED DOCUMENTS CONCERNING THIS MATTER THAT CONTAINED EVIDENCE SHOWING THE CHURCH'S INNOCENCE.

B. JOAN WOOD'S OFFICE COVERED UP EVIDENCE THAT PROVES HER ALLEGATIONS FALSE AND PROVES LISA MCPHERSON'S DEATH WAS ACCIDENTAL AND UNPREDICTABLE.

THIS ADDS UP TO OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE.

THOSE ATTORNEYS WHO REPRESENTED WOOD IN ATTEMPTING TO WITHHOLD EVIDENCE, AND LATER PRESUMABLY ADVISED HER ON WHAT EVIDENCE TO PRODUCE AND WHAT EVIDENCE TO WITHHOLD, CONTINUED TO REPRESENT THE ST PETE TIMES - WHICH WAS CONTINUALLY HAMMERED THE CHURCH WITH ALLEGATIONS OF WRONGDOING FOR THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS.

IT IS PRESUMPTUOUS TO ASSUME THE ST PETE TIMES DID NOT KNOW ALL ALONG OF THE CHURCH'S INNOCENCE. AFTER ALL, IT WAS THEIR ATTORNEYS WHO WERE BUSY COVERING UP THE EVIDENCE OF THAT INNOCENCE. REMARKABLY, WHEN DOUG FRANZ OF THE NEW YORK TIMES CAME TO CLEARWATER FLORIDA, THE CHURCH WAS PUT ON NOTICE THAT THESE SAME ATTORNEYS NOW ALSO REPRESENT THE NEW YORK TIMES ON THE VERY SAME MATTERS.

V MORE GROTESQUE CONFLICT OF INTEREST COULD NOT BE IMAGINED. WE HAVE
RETAINED COUNSEL WHO ARE NOW REVIEWING ALL THE EVIDENCE WITH A VIEW
TOWARD BRINGING CONTEMPT CHARGES AGAINST RADHART, ANDERSON, AND WOOD; AS
WELL AS BRINGING OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE AND CONSPIRACY TO VIOLATE CIVIL
RIGHTS CHARGES WITH THE U.S. JUSTICE DEPARTMENT.

THERE ARE MILLIONS OF SCIENTOLOGISTS INTERNATIONALLY WHO ARE PROBABLY AT
THE TOP 1/10 OF THE TOP 1 PERCENT OF PERFECT HEALTH. ONE SCIENTOLOGIST
DIES AND TWO YEARS LATER THE NEW YORK TIMES FINDS THIS NEWSWORTHY?
THERE ARE 10,000 SCIENTOLOGISTS IN CLEARWATER AT ANY GIVEN MOMENT. WE
HAVE RESEARCHED IT AND THEY HAVE THE LOWEST DEATH RATE PER CAPITA OF ANY
GROUP WE COULD FIND.

TO USE ONE WOMAN'S UNFORTUNATE DEATH AS A MEANS TO TRY TO ATTACK AND
SULLY HER RELIGION IS DESPICABLE. THAT ASSAULT WAS ACCOMPLISHED ONLY
THROUGH ILLEGAL EVIDENCE TAMPERING AND COVER UP. WE VOW TO PROSECUTE
THOSE ILLEGALITIES TO THE FULL EXTENT OF THE LAW.

OTHER KEY FACTS OMITTED FROM THE STORY ARE AS FOLLOWS:

* LISA'S AUNT, DELL LIEBREICH, QUOTED IN THE TIMES STORY AND SEEKING
\$800K IN A CIVIL SUIT FILED AGAINST THE CHURCH, WAS INTENSELY DISLIKED BY
LISA. SHE SHOWED NO INTEREST IN THE LIVING LISA. SHE DISPLAYED NO
INTEREST IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF LISA'S DEATH AND DID NOT FILE SUIT
UNTIL A YEAR AFTERWARDS, WHEN THE MEDIA STARTED MANUFACTURING THE
CONTROVERSY.

* LISA MCPHERSON WAS A SCIENTOLOGIST OF NEARLY 20 YEARS. SHE WAS WELL
KNOWN AND LOVED BY HER CHURCH AND HER MANY FRIENDS WHO WERE ALSO
PARISHIONERS. THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF HER DEATH WERE TRAGIC AND THE CHURCH
OF SCIENTOLOGY COOPERATED FULLY WITH THE POST-DEATH INVESTIGATIVE
PROCESS AND MADE NUMEROUS WITNESSES AVAILABLE TO AUTHORITIES. THE ONE
THING THE CHURCH DID [NOT] DO WAS OPEN ALL OF ITS FILES AND TESTIMONY OF
WITNESSES ON THE PERSONAL DETAILS OF LISA'S LIFE TO THE MEDIA OUT OF
RESPECT FOR HER AND HER MEMORY. THE MEDIA HAVE SHOWED NO SUCH SCRUPLES.

THE NEW YORK TIMES SUGGESTS THAT LISA WAS FINANCIALLY STRAPPED. ON THE
CONTRARY, FROM A BROKEN HOME WITH ALCOHOLIC PARENTS, SHE HAD RISEN TO A
135,000 PER YEAR EXECUTIVE. WHEN SHE DIED, SHE OWNED A JEEP CHEROKEE
AND A FULLY AND TASTEFULLY FURNISHED APARTMENT OF WHICH SHE WAS QUITE
PROUD -- A FACT CLEAR FROM THE PHOTOGRAPHS SHE HAD TAKEN OF HERSELF
AFTER SHE PURCHASED THE NEW FURNITURE. ALL OF THIS FURNITURE WAS
TRANSPORTED TO HER RELATIVES IN DALLAS AFTER LISA DIED. LISA HAD SO
MANY CLOTHES THAT SHE KEPT ANOTHER CLOSETFUL STORED IN HER FRIEND'S
HOUSE -- ALL OF WHICH WERE TURNED OVER TO THE FAMILY. SHE HAD THOUSANDS
OF DOLLARS IN HER BANK ACCOUNTS.

CONTRARY TO WHAT THE NEW YORK TIMES SUGGESTS, LISA NEVER DESIRED TO
LEAVE THE CHURCH AND NEVER EXPRESSED SUCH SENTIMENT TO ANYONE. THIS IS
IDENTICAL FROM ALL TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE IN THE CASE, [INCLUDING] SWORN
TESTIMONY FROM LISA'S AUNT DELL LIEBREICH AND CHILDHOOD FRIEND KELLIE
WIS. FURTHER, AGAIN CONTRARY TO THE TIMES, LISA DID NOT REJECT
MEDICAL TREATMENT AND SAW A DOCTOR WHEN NECESSARY.

4 DANDAR AND DELL LIEBREICH:

7 SOURCES FOR THE NEW YORK TIMES WERE ATTORNEY KEN DANDAR AND LISA'S
AUNT DELL LIEBREICH.

LESS THAN A YEAR AFTER LISA'S DEATH, AND FOLLOWING THE [TIMES']
SALUBRATORY AND FALSE COVERAGE OF THAT TRAGEDY, TAMPA PERSONAL INJURY
ATTORNEY KENNETH DANDAR...

THE CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY -- UNDOUBTERLY PROMISING MUTUAL FINANCIAL GAIN, ACCORDING TO LIEBREICH.

LISA'S MOTHER, FANNIE MCPHERSON, WANTED NO PART IN IT. SHE EXPRESSED STRONG APPRECIATION FOR THE CHURCH'S CONCERN AND HELP AND FOR EVERYTHING ELSE THAT THE CHURCH AND INDIVIDUAL SCIENTOLOGISTS HAD DONE. THAT INCLUDED NUMEROUS PERSONAL EXPRESSIONS OF COMPASSION AND SUPPORT, AS WELL AS MORE THAN \$11,400, AND OTHER AID.

HOWEVER, DANDAR --- WHO MAY HAVE SET A RECORD BY FILING 333 LAWSUITS IN HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY ALONE, THE LARGEST PERCENTAGE OF THEM AUTOMOBILE-RELATED --- FOUND A PARTNER IN LIEBREICH, AN EMOTIONALLY DISTANT RELATIVE WHO NEVER CARED FOR LISA WHILE SHE WAS ALIVE BUT WHO RUSHED FORWARD WITH A CLAIM FOR MONETARY DAMAGES IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE DEATH OF LISA'S MOTHER.

LISA INTENSELY DISLIKED LIEBREICH, YET IT IS LIEBREICH WHO IS SEEKING TO PROFIT FROM HER DEATH.

DANDAR AND LIEBREICH HAVE CONSISTENTLY FED THE PRESS TIDBITS OF LISA'S PERSONAL LIFE TO KEEP MEDIA ATTENTION ON THE CASE. THEY EVEN GAVE THE MEDIA LISA'S PERSONAL DIARIES. THEY ALSO HANDED OUT OTHER RECORDS AND DOCUMENTATION OF LISA'S PERSONAL AFFAIRS THAT THEY OBTAINED THROUGH LITIGATION, WITH NO REGARD TO WHAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN LISA'S PRIVATE CONCERNS.

DANDAR HIRED AS "CONSULTANTS" INDIVIDUALS WITH A HISTORY OF GRINDING THEIR OWN AXES AGAINST THE CHURCH, SUCH AS VAUGHN YOUNG, A FORMER PORNOGRAPHY EDITOR, AND JEFF JACOBSON, DJ AT A SINGLES CLUB. NONE HAD EVER MET LISA OR KNEW ANYTHING ABOUT THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF HER DEATH.

LIEBREICH ASSERTED TO THE [ST. PETERSBURG TIMES] AND OTHERS THAT SHE WAS SUING TO FIND OUT WHAT REALLY HAPPENED WITH LISA. IF THAT WERE THE CASE, ONE WONDERS WHY IT HAD TAKEN MORE THAN A YEAR FOR HER TO ASPIRE TO THIS MOTIVE.

HER ACTUAL MOTIVATION EMERGED IN SWORN TESTIMONY AFTER FILING THE CIVIL CASE. WHEN ASKED WHY SHE AND FANNIE MCPHERSON HAD NOT DONE ANYTHING TO FIND OUT THE RESULTS OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATION, SHE ASSERTED SHE HAD -- BUT, AS TESTIMONY REVEALED, IT WAS ONLY TO "GET A DEATH CERTIFICATE TO SELL LISA'S CAR."

LIEBREICH ALSO TESTIFIED THAT THE MEDICAL EXAMINER WAS ALSO APPROACHED FOR THE DEATH CERTIFICATE, BUT WAS ONLY WILLING TO PROVIDE A TEMPORARY DEATH CERTIFICATE. LIEBREICH SAID, "SHE COULDN'T SELL THE CAR WITH THAT," AND COMPLAINED THAT THE CAR HAD DEPRECIATED BY ABOUT \$3,000 DURING THAT TIME.

IN SWORN TESTIMONY, LIEBREICH WAS FORCED TO REVEAL THAT SHE HARDLY KNEW LISA AND WAS NOT INTERESTED IN HER WHEN SHE WAS ALIVE. "I DIDN'T SEE THEM [FANNIE AND LISA] REAL OFTEN WHEN THEY WERE YOUNGER BECAUSE I WAS LIVING OUT OF STATE A LOT OF THE TIME," SHE SAID. WHEN ASKED, "WAS THERE EVER A TIME WHEN YOU SAW LISA VERY FREQUENTLY?", HER ANSWER WAS A SIMPLE "NO."

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AND SHE ADMITTED THAT SHE DID NOT KNOW WHAT LISA'S FAMILY LIFE WAS LIKE. ASKED, "HAVE YOU EVER HAD --- DID YOU EVER HAVE --- AN IN-DEPTH CONVERSATION WITH LISA AS AN ADULT ABOUT HER LIFE?", HER ANSWER WAS AGAIN "NO."

LIEBREICH STATED THAT SHE NEVER PHONED OR WROTE LISA, NOR DID SHE EVER VISIT HER AT HER HOME. SHE ALSO ADMITTED THAT SHE REMAINED DEVOID OF INTEREST IN LISA'S PERSONAL AMBITIONS AND ACTIVITIES, AND THAT SHE NEVER TALKED TO LISA ABOUT RELIGION, SCIENTOLOGY OR HER FRIENDS.

STATUS WITH IRS:

REPORTER DOUG FRANTZ REPEATS SOME OF THE FALSE STATEMENTS HE MADE IN A REPORT HE WROTE FOR THE NEW YORK TIMES ABOUT THE CHURCH'S TAX EXEMPTION EARLIER THIS YEAR. HE CLAIMS THAT FOR 25 YEARS, THE IRS CONSIDERED SCIENTOLOGY A COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISE; IN FACT, THE IRS STIPULATED AS EARLY AS 1980 THAT SCIENTOLOGY IS A RELIGION AND GRANTED TAX EXEMPTION TO MANY SCIENTOLOGY CHURCHES IN THE 1970S AND 1980S. HIS STATEMENT THAT "EVERY COURT" UPHELD THE IRS EXEMPTION REFUSAL IS ALSO FALSE; THE CHURCH BROUGHT AND WON SEVERAL CASES AGAINST THE IRS IN THE 1980S, SETTING PRECEDENTS THAT HAVE HELPED PROTECT TAXPAYERS AND ALL CHURCHES FROM ABUSIVE IRS PRACTICES. THE 1993 EXEMPTION GRANTED BY THE IRS TO MORE THAN 150 CHURCHES, MISSIONS AND SOCIAL REFORM ORGANIZATIONS CAME AFTER THE MOST EXHAUSTIVE SCRUTINY EVER CONDUCTED OF A TAX EXEMPT APPLICANT. THE PUBLIC RECORD OF THE EXEMPTION PROCEEDING SHOWS THAT THE CHURCH WON EXEMPTION FOR ONE REASON ONLY: IT HAD EARNED IT.

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