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From: Rabbi Glasman (REDACTED)
 Sent: Monday, 23 December 2013 3:03:53 PM
 To: AVB (REDACTED)

Hi AVB

Thanks for sharing this with me. I just saw this exchange today as you had sent it to my Yahoo address which I do not check often.

Please let me know if there is anything you want or need me to do in this regard.

Kol tuv, and in continued confidence,

Yanki.

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 Date: Mon, Dec 23, 2013 at 2:57 PM
 Subject: Fw: PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL
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On Thursday, 12 December 2013 4:39 PM,
 <REDACTED> wrote:

AVB

From: rabbi@jewishcare.org.au
 To: REDACTED
 Subject: RE: PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL
 Date: Thu, 24 Oct 2013 05:21:53 +0000

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Hi AVB

Thanks for your email. Of course you can trust my confidentiality, I just think you should understand that the more people you share your story with, the less likely it will be that it will remain confidential.

AVB I cannot begin to know your pain, and I can only hope that you will find comfort, relief, peace and harmony in your life.

As I have mentioned to you, I am not aware of any individual who has become the victim of vicious attacks by members of the RCV, the broader rabbinate or the religious community, **for having gone to the police to report on abuse.** I and the RCV would absolutely and unequivocally condemn any such action taken by any members of the community, religious leader or otherwise.

Again, as I mentioned to you directly, no one has suggested (to me) any negative perceptions about your going to the police. I'm not even aware of anyone who knows to any degree of certainty that you have. If anything negative has been said to me in the past it would relate directly to going to the press on these issues; something which I personally believe can actually hinder police investigations.

As mentioned above I have not been privy to any "defenders of the perpetrators" continuing to block investigations and personally attack victims and those who support them."

In relation to all other matters I certainly hear you loud and clear, and as much as I can, I try to feel your pain.

I certainly stand beside you as a victim, and will forever stand prepared to publicly take on any individual who causes you or any victim of sexual abuse to relive their abuse, pain and suffering every single day.

As rabbis we take the drafting of press releases very seriously and we give them our full and undivided attention. Making sure that we get them right and that every word is meaningful. You make it sound as though we are crafting press releases to cover up on sexual abuse. Nothing could be further from the truth. Our media releases are prepared in such way to send an unequivocal message to the community that it is not against halacha to report abuse to the police and that we absolutely encourage people to do so.

I hope this response has given you what you were looking for in your communication to me. AVB I consider you a friend. Not long before he died, your father asked me to keep an eye on his boys. I have been doing this as best I can in my own way ever since.

Please know that you can always come to me on any issue, and feel safe in doing so.

Best wishes
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From: AVB [mailto:REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 23 October 2013 12:37 PM
To: Rabbi Kluwgant
Subject: PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

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Dear Rabbi Kluwgant,

Thank you for meeting with me on Thursday 12 September.

As I told you, I am a victim of child sexual abuse by multiple perpetrators within the Jewish community. (This is not widely known, and is a very personal, painful and sensitive matter, and thus I ask that you respect my ongoing right to privacy and confidentiality in this regard).

It is within this context that I have actively assisted the police and certain other victims, only for me and my family to become the subject of vicious character attacks, including by members of the Rabbinate, in Shule, socially and anonymously on blogs. These are well documented, and the main protagonist is unfortunately well known to you.

I came to you, as I was aware that REDACTED and members of the Lesches family had spoken to you re: my involvement with the Police Investigation, and cast me in a negative light for assisting the Police, and telling them the truth.

Sadly, irrespective of press releases and public statements, I and others watch helplessly while defenders of the perpetrators continue to block investigations and personally attack victims and those who support them. Rather than championing the victims, we are made to feel as if we are on trial. It is difficult enough to deal with the pain and humiliation of the repeated sexual abuse committed against me as a child without being subject to further shame, torment intimidation and accusation.

I hope that you can hear and feel my pain.

I long for the day when the Rabbinate will demonstrate true courage and leadership by standing side by side with victims and unequivocally censuring those who make us relive our abuse and pain every single day. A day when cleverly drafted press releases, will be replaced with true empathy and action. Sadly, I continue to be disappointed.

Kind regards,

AVB

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