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But miscarriages of justice can occur as happens in even murder cases which is a reason that even in secular society capital punishment has been outlawed. For us informing to authorities and certainly in instances where likely rape can occur in jail is like capital punishment. Even halbonus pnei chavayroi borabim etc is like murder etc.etc. which I believe these reasons are the basis for the carefully crafted detailed statement of the Agudah...Anyway my main issue was not so much for the victims themselves but also and mainly that heresay allegations that we must report i.e. in the loshoin of the act reasonable risk of significant harm, if in doubt, should be first determined by a Rabbi who would also do his utmost not just for the victim but also keeping in mind messiro in any gray area that the authorities in conjunction with an expert wouldn't consider...

On Wed, Jul 27, 2011 at 3:11 PM, Meir Shlomo Kluwgant <REDACTED> wrote:
 Yossi

I trust you will keep the following in confidence and not post to 165 rabbis.

You have done a serous disservice to the community with your public banter (by now you know that when you send out emails to long lists of people, many of whom you don't know, it is like sending a public email directly to the AJN and secular press). Sad, but true.

No one (certainly no one in Melbourne) is really concerned with whether you personally have a problem with our statements or not. If you had an issue re SDC you should have called us up to enquire what we have been doing about it and not relied on a few minutes of discussion with Tuffy.

We will in all cases continue on our path of encouraging all people with allegations of abuse to go to the police and to report them. The police work with us, and where there is no substance they drop the case (as evidenced a few times in recent weeks here in Melb).

Your rachmonus is wonderful thing, but it has no place when coming to make leadership decisions that affect the kllal. As president of the RCNSW you should have declared your conflict (personal friendship vs leadership position) and kept this out of the public arena.

You have done a lot of damage here – I am sure with the best of intentions. I consider you a friend, so I am giving you some friendly advice - back off and let this be. If you continue your campaign we will all be losers here.

We cannot be seen to be in ANY WAY supporting the covering up of such crimes – telling people not to go to the police but to come to us first so we can decide whether they should go or not - is wrong!

I am not going to get into debate with you about this. Do as you wish, but beware the consequences.

In friendship

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From: Yossi Feldman <REDACTED>
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To: Rabbi Moshe D Gutnick <[REDACTED]>

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Dear Uncle R' Moshe

I just saw Yoram in Yeshiva and he told me that there will be a public statement from the Botei Dinim to report abuse. The only real problem I have with the statement even though it's beikor a klolus statement and now more for PR is that this statement is now noygaya bepoyel in Melbourne with SDC even though that I hear that he's done Tshuva according to what I heard. BTW I know him well (not in the biblical sense...) and I was and am a friend of his and I really have rachmonus on him...I believe his life and family (including, I've heard from another family member, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] is being ruined now for no good reason... Now you can also understand why I have been Shtureming lately and "not listening" and I do really believe that this is the view of Agudas Yisroel as I elaborated on and should be leHalochu Lemaase for all (even though not necessarily publicised)... I spoke to Tuffy Aron re this whole issue when I saw him a few days ago for a few minutes and he really agreed to me bichlul and to be therefore very careful how and when to report to authorities and how and when these statements should be publicly issued that encourage more reporting of and embarrassing of this and similar cases...