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Regarding Disfellowshipping of [BCH]

In November 2002 it came to light that [BCH] had pleaded guilty in a public court of law to molesting two of his daughters. He had been disfellowshipped over 10 years earlier for molesting one of his daughters, amongst other things. As a second daughter was now involved Bro.Pencheff and Bro.Hatton met with [BCH] to explain that we needed to deal judicially with the accusation of the second daughter. At this meeting he denied he had molested either of them. We thought this to be a lie, as prior to making his court plea he had asked Bro.Gee what he should do and was told "to just tell the truth". As a result a judicial committee was formed composing of Bro.Pencheff, Bro.Hatton and Bro.Gee was formed to handle the matter as very serious and damaging lies had been involved. It came to light from another source that a third daughter had also claimed [BCH] had molested her. As we investigated [BCH] history we found that he had been carrying on lies about these matters for many years. For example, at the appeal committee that disfellowshipped him he at first denied his daughters accusation but then confessed. At a re-instatement attempt he made he hid these facts. When they probed and the facts came to light he again denied the molestation claims. However when he realised that by denying things he was not getting anywhere, he then confessed to them he had molested one of his daughters. At that time he was not re-instated because of his deception. Now, at our judicial hearing he told us he had changed his plea of guilty to not guilty to the law court. He admitted that this was as a result of his meeting with Bro.Pencheff and Bro.Hatton where it had been explained to him that if he pleaded guilty in court and not guilty to the congregation he would be disfellowshipped. He keeps changing his story to what appears to him to be the most expedient thing at the time. He has three daughters claiming he molested them and he denies their claims and lies about whatever happened to bring about what he thinks will be the best outcome for him at the time. Based on Rev22:15 ("Those liking and carrying on a lie will be excluded from Gods kingdom") we had no choice but to disfellowship him. We explained that he needs to come to grips with the truth and reconcile things to the best of his ability with his daughters in the spirit of Matt5:23,24. He did not appeal this decision.

Bro.Allan Pencheff

Bro.Albert Hatton

Bro. David Gee

