

NOTIFICATION OF DISFELLOWSHIPING OR DISASSOCIATION

(Please type or print neatly in ink.)



Individual's full name: Nava-Reyes, Maximo (Last, First, Middle, Jr, Sr, II, III, etc.)

5-15-49 Date of birth, April 1, 2004 Date of announcement of ng or disassociation

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Check if applicable: [ ] Elder [ ] Ministerial serva [ ] Special pioneer [ ] Listed with the branch office as the person to receive literature and/or magazine shipments for the congregation.

1. [ ] DISFELLOWSHIPING. Specify offense(s) for which disfellowshipped (See ks91 92-6.): Fornicia

At any point, did the wrongdoer confess to the committee? Yes If not, what evidence substantiated the wrongdoing? Admitted to Fondling genitals of a 8 yr. old Boy at least 3 Times.

[ ] DISASSOCIATION. Specify by what action(s) the person disassociated himself (such as resignation, non-neutral activity, failure to abstain from blood, or joining another religion):

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Did the individual submit a signed letter of resignation? If not, what evidence substantiated the disassociation?

2. Give a detailed summation of the case, explaining exactly what took place. (Use additional sheet only if more space is needed.) For a disfellowshipping, include the reasons why you judged the person to be unrepentant. For a disassociation, include what led to the person's decision; how he responded to efforts to assist him, and what convinced you that his position was adamant.

One of the victims came forward + informed 2 elders of the sexual abuse of himself from the age of 8 yrs. to 12 yrs old. The abuser was his stepfather, He also related that his sister had informed him of similar sexual abuse from 10 yrs to about age of 15. Both related a pattern of ongoing sexual abuse, which started shortly after the marriage. When maximo was confronted by the investigative committee he denied all accusations. Two days later when confronted by his wife, he admitted to fondling her son on 3 occasions over a two yr. period. The judicial committee all agreed the testimony of the two victims was more credible, we felt maximo was unrepentant based on the seriousness of the sin, his unwillingness to confess, and that it was carried on over a long period of time. We also felt the clarity + the children and the reputation of the cong. needed to be protected, with 1-1 pp. 26-29 esp. p. 29 par 2.

3. Did the individual appeal your decision? (If so, follow the instructions on the reverse side regarding appeals.)

4. If individual was previously disfellowshipped or disassociated show: Date of previous action, Person's full name at that time, Date of previous reinstatement, Congregation that took the action, Name of congregation, City, State

5. Each member of the appointed committee should sign this form and any additional sheets. (Type name below each signature.)

Glenn Wilson, Ken Riech, Don Herberger (CHAIRMAN, Name of congregation, City, State)

[X] Reinstated Date: June 16 2005 (Month, Day, Year) Glenn Wilson (Signature of secretary)

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To the body of elders of the Thompson Falls congregation,

As you are aware, I have recently disclosed information regarding the sexual abuse received from my stepfather Max, while under his and my mother's guardianship. This is my written testimony of some of the incidents.

Within weeks after their marriage in September of 1994, I would sometimes wake up to Max touching, fondling, and kissing me inappropriately, namely, the genitalia and breast regions. Being as I was too embarrassed to tell anyone, this only continued on until I was fifteen. Throughout that time, however, the touching and kissing had progressed to much more brazen acts. I believe it was the summer of 1995, we had taken a trip to Calgary, Canada for the District Convention. When we arrived at our friend's house, I had gone downstairs to take a nap on the air bed that was provided. Not long after I had fallen asleep, I was awakened by Max inserting his fingers to me, and then trying to force intercourse on me. I was able to squirm away and go upstairs. This instance however began a new threshold, as he became much more bold in his actions. From that time on he would not hesitate to try to force intercourse or oral sex on me. This would occur just about any time we at the house alone, and sometimes even with others around. About every evening Max would lie down for a nap. He would then call for me and sometimes Peter to come and cuddle with him. No matter how much we fought it, my mother would send us in there saying that we needed to show Max that we loved him and make him feel accepted. Many times extensive fights would break out over such matters and we would be reprimanded for being disrespectful and insensitive until we would give in and go cuddle with him. During this time, I was unaware that Max was fondling Peter as well, but he would do even with Peter lying right next to him.

Other times Max would say he needed to run some errands in town and would ask that I go with him. While in the car, would again fondle me, sometimes pulling over and trying to undo my pants, place my hand on his parts, and force me to perform oral sex. Many times I would get out of the car and move to the back seat. He would show disgust swearing in Spanish to me and then apologize for what he had done. However he never hesitated from doing it again.

Many times I had try to tell my mother of what was happening, but she was so quick to defend him when we would try to discuss other things that were bothering us, I

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knew she would never believe anything like this. As with less significant grievances we had, telling her would just make it worse. She would first say that we were lying and only trying to stir up problems because we had never liked Max in the first place. This is why I had waited until I moved away to tell her. I told her I wasn't too surprised or upset if she didn't believe me because it would be made known soon enough. I do think however that deep down she knows the truth even if she doesn't admit it, not even to herself.

I want to thank Jehovah's shepherds for looking after his flock and for taking care of this situation.

Sincerely your sister,

Holly J. Benavides

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April 21, 2004


Dear Brothers,

This letter is in response to your letter dated April 12, 2004, SDJ:SSM. According to the testimony of the two victims, Peter and Holly McGowan, the abuse started late in the year 1994. At that time Maximo was 45 years old and just newly married to their mother. Peter was 8 and his sister Holly was 11 years old when the abuse started.

According to Maximo's testimony, he committed the abuse against Peter only and he admitted to three times over a two year period. But according to Peter and Holly the abuse extended over a 4 to 5 year period. The judicial committee believes the testimony of the children is more reliable. Both children testified that the abuse was on-going and to quote Peter "to many times to remember".

The community nor the authorities are aware of this matter. The members of the congregation are also at this time unaware of what took place. The only ones that we are aware of that know are Maximo, his wife and mother of the children, Joan, Peter and Holly and an older sister, Ivy.

The victims feel disgust toward Maximo.

  
Glenn Wilson, Chairman

  
Ken Riech

  
Don Herberger

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Dear Brothers:

Enclosed please find the S-77 forms you submitted to report the disfellowshipping of Maximo Nava-Reyes. We express our thanks to the judicial committee for handling matters of this sort in behalf of the congregation. Please have the judicial committee sign both forms, and type or print their names underneath the signatures, then return them in a special blue envelope.

In addition, the judicial committee should also compose a brief letter that answers each of the following questions: How long ago did he commit the sin? What was his age at the time? What was the age of his victim(s)? Was it a one-time occurrence or a practice? If it was a practice, to what extent? How is he viewed in the community and by the authorities? Has he lived down any notoriety in the community? Are members of the congregation aware of what took place? How do they and/or his victim(s) view him?

Thank you for providing this supplemental report and for signing the forms. When returning the forms, please mark the outside of the envelope with the date and desk symbols of this letter. We use this occasion to assure you of our warm love and best wishes.

Your brothers,  
*Christian Congregation  
of Jehovah's Witnesses*

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