

Distressing Sexual Assault by Former Brother Worker

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[Redacted] distress ... please share with your field

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To: AR/MO/OK Friends and Staff

Some disturbing news has been brought to me lately and I feel the need to address it directly with all of you.

Just a few weeks ago on Tuesday July 11, in Springfield [Redacted] and her advocate Jan Beasley told us about a horrible sexual assault that [Redacted] had suffered at the hand of a former brother worker. This man has a long history of sexual assault allegations, some of which he has admitted to. The detailed facts of this story are far more horrible than most of you have heard or could even imagine.

We know without a doubt that she did suffer a horrible assault. This has been confirmed by the medical professionals who looked after her following the incident. The medical professionals also found that she had been given a date rape drug and have explained that this was used to render her unable to fight back or remember the details of the assault.

[Redacted] did nothing wrong in any of this. She was not wrong to seek medical attention, and would have likely died if she hadn't done so. She was not wrong to tell her story earlier this month. We need to know about these types of things so we can make sure they do not happen again. And she certainly did nothing wrong in the way of inviting this attack upon herself. The man who attacked her had pre planned it, insomuch as he had an illegal date rape drug on hand to use to facilitate the attack.

It has come to my attention that since the July 11th meeting, some have been speculating on the validity of her story and even have gone so far as to tell others that she is likely making it all up. While it is a natural thing to question when we hear things that are as horrible as this it isn't right to sow doubt, telling others that this is a false story. I understand that all of you don't have all of the details of this incident, and should not have

them. But I can assure you that those who do understand all the details, have absolutely no doubt that this happened and that **[Redacted]** deserves our utmost respect, deepest compassion and most sincere prayers.

Any rumors that **[Redacted]** made this story up or that she was somehow at fault or shouldn't have spoken up, needs to STOP NOW. We need to work together as Christlike people with compassion for one another to support any who have survived such tragedy and do everything we can to ensure that it doesn't happen again.

Thank you.

.... Craig