

Robert Corfield circumstances

WINGS Note: This letter was written by a professing man and sent to all workers in leadership in western US. WINGS is publishing this letter because it is a good example of professing men standing up and giving the workers guidance based on their professional positions and experience. It is also a reminder of how important it is to let professionals and law enforcement deal with victim statements and perpetrator contact.

It is also a reminder that further action is likely in some cases.

From (name redacted):

Many situations of late have landed in my care, simply because I've been in the right place at the right time on more than one occasion and was able and willing to help. I'm not passive when it comes to children's welfare and also vulnerable adults. My background also lends itself to understanding how to handle these situations maybe better than most. I spent 8 years with Spokane County working oftentimes side by side with the Sheriff's Department personnel on many issues. I was formally trained on investigations, interrogations, and body language and used this training extensively while doing investigations from a Risk Management perspective.

Matt Smith has also been a big help. He is retired military and now works in Law Enforcement as a training officer at the police academy here in Helena, MT. He has penned a few letters describing how CSA/SA situations within the church MUST be handled from a legal standpoint as well as a moral standpoint. The workers have also appreciated his input and help.

Information was shared with me with details from Robert Corfield's primary victim in Saskatchewan. I waited for as much detail as possible and vetted the information.

Since the information gathered was horrible, with lots of detail, I decided it was best that Matt Smith and I drive directly to the Manhattan grounds and meet face to face with Robert. We were hoping Scott Rauscher was also present when we got there, but felt it was best to not give anyone forewarning that we were coming. Unfortunately, I've also been involved in a couple of visits where the individual was given forewarning and thus, was able to make up a story to deny things and plan ahead on how they would respond. This is precisely why it was necessary to drop in on Robert without notice.

Robert was in charge of the preps at Manhattan and was leaving soon to join the crew at Ronan convention before returning for Manhattan preps. It was imperative with the information I had, that he did not have any more opportunity to be in close contact with minors and that quick handling of the situation was critical.

We found Robert in the brother worker quarters at Manhattan and he was alone. We told him we needed to visit with him and he agreed. Robert knows us, and mentioned that he was grateful for all the help we had been giving the workers and friends with the current issues.

I explained to him that we were there to address an issue that involved himself. He was surprised. I told him that I would read to him all the facts and details we had and once I was finished, we could discuss it.

When I finished reading, Robert hung his head and said, "it's all true".

Without going into much of the details of that conversation, I will say that Robert's response was very humble and honest. He acknowledged that he still struggles with the desire for pedophilia and understood that he could no longer be allowed access to children. He mentioned multiple times that what Matt and myself were doing, and how we had come directly to him was "the right thing to do". He thanked us. As hard as the discussion was for him, he seemed quite relieved that he would no longer have to face his temptation on a daily basis.

We called Scott immediately after our visit and informed him of what had taken place and that Robert could no longer fill a role in the ministry. We also informed him that Robert could no longer attend any meetings where children would or could be present. Scott said he understood and asked us for permission to have Robert drive to Ronan where he was and they could work on a plan for him. I told him as long as there were no children present that would be fine, but he would need to leave before family's arrived for preps later in the week.

Matt and I helped Scott write the notification letter to be sent out to the MT/WY friends.

We did this so that he would not use any 'triggering' comments for former victims or for victims we did not know about yet.

Incidentally, there have been two more victims speak out since the news on Robert was sent out. This is also why workers should never pen these types of letters without help on how they need to be worded.

We know when these things arise, that the workers and overseers have virtually zero experience or, quite frankly, the credibility currently to handle the situation correctly. This is why this situation was handled in the manner it was, without involving other workers first.

It worked perfectly and this is how these situations should be handled. The result has been best for all involved.

Another side note. Robert will likely be facing criminal charges since there is no statute of limitations in Canada or MT. He committed crimes in both locations. **Those who also knew of Robert's crimes and failed to report (Dale Schultz, primarily) will also likely face criminal charges. Dale was horrible to Robert's primary victim and needs to be held accountable for that situation and many, many others he has handled horribly and with utter disdain for victims.**

As we have been asked to, and moved to help, we are keenly aware of the need to address these situations with God's help and Spirit leading. God does expect action, but it must be according to his Will and in His timing. Without God's leading we would be no better than those who have committed these horrific acts.

Hopefully this is helpful to you and others.

Sincerely,