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1 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
2 FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA
3 BILLINGS DIVISION
4 TRACY CAEKAERT, and
5 CAMILLIA MAPLEY,
6 Plaintiffs, Case No. CV-20-52-BLG-SPW
7 vs.
8 WATCHTOWER BIBLE AND TRACT
9 SOCIETY OF NEW YORK, INC.,
10 WATCH TOWER BIBLE AND
11 TRACT SOCIETY OF
12 PENNSYLVANIA, and BRUCE
13 MAPLEY SR.,
14 Defendants.
15 WATCHTOWER BIBLE AND TRACT
16 SOCIETY OF NEW YORK, INC.,
17 Cross Claimant,
18 BRUCE MAPLEY, SR.,
19 Cross Defendant.
20 _____
21 ARIANE ROWLAND, and JAMIE
22 SCHULZE Cause No. CV 20-59-BLG-SPW
23 Plaintiff,
24 vs.
25 WATCHTOWER BIBLE AND TRACT

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1 A. (Nods head.)

2 Q. And then Helena.

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Which -- Which Kingdom Hall is in Helena?

5 A. I'm in Canyon Ferry congregation.

6 Q. Okay. And have you been a member of
7 other congregations in Helena?

8 A. No.

9 Q. Just that one?

10 A. Just that one.

11 Q. Okay. And is that the full list of the
12 congregations where you've served as a member?

13 A. All the -- All those places that I've
14 been.

15 Q. Yeah.

16 A. In Helena, this is the only one, yeah.

17 Q. Okay. All right.

18 Let's talk about paragraph 3 of your
19 affidavit. The first sentence you state that
20 Bruce, Sr. was a pedophile who started molesting
21 Tracy when she was four. And then you say [As
22 Read]: "This came out in 1977 when we learned that
23 another Ministerial Servant in the Hardin
24 congregation, Gunner Hain, had sexually molested
25 Tracy at his home."

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1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Why do you say 1977? You fairly -- How
3 do you feel about that number, that year? Pretty
4 certain about that?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Tell me why.

7 A. Because it was brought to my attention
8 all this stuff had happened, and I --

9 Q. How -- How was it brought your attention?

10 A. Well, because of Gunner Hain, it came
11 out. He was reprovved, but they didn't do anything
12 to Bruce 'cause he -- Anyway. I was told what had
13 happened, and then Bruce admitted he had too,
14 so -- but they didn't do anything with Bruce but
15 they did something -- they -- Gunner Hain was
16 reprovved is all.

17 Q. Who told you that?

18 A. Harold Rimby.

19 Q. And so when you say this came out in
20 1977, that -- that -- Harold Rimby told you
21 personally --

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. -- about Gunner Hain.

24 A. And my ex-husband.

25 Q. And your ex-husband molesting Gunner's

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1 stepdaughter. Gunner had molested his
2 stepdaughter and Tracy.

3 A. (Nods head.)

4 Q. How did Mr. Rimby know that?

5 MR. SWEENEY: Objection. Speculation.

6 A. Do I still answer?

7 BY MR. SHAFFER:

8 Q. Yeah, go ahead. Yeah.

9 A. Well, because Gunner told Harold.

10 Q. And then Harold told you.

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Okay. Sounds like Harold told you about
13 Gunner. Did -- In -- In the same conversation he
14 told you that Bruce had done the same thing?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. And do you know how Harold knew
17 that -- that Bruce had molested Tracy?

18 MR. SWEENEY: Objection. Speculation.

19 BY MR. SHAFFER:

20 Q. Go ahead. It's okay.

21 A. Well, Bruce admitted to Harold that he
22 had.

23 Q. Okay. And then Harold told you.

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Okay. In 1977 -- Why do you say 1977 as

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1 opposed to 1978?

2 A. Because it was the year after we were
3 baptized.

4 Q. Okay. So you feel -- you're certain
5 about that number, 1977.

6 A. (Nods head.)

7 Q. Yeah. Where were you when you had this
8 conversation with Mr. Rimby?

9 A. In our home at Fort Smith.

10 Q. Who else was there?

11 A. My ex-husband.

12 Q. So just the three of you?

13 A. Yeah. Well, my children were there, too.

14 Q. Okay. And had Mr. Rimby announced he was
15 going to come over to have this conversation with
16 you or did he just show up, or how'd that happen?

17 A. I guess just showed up. I don't
18 remember. We didn't make announcements; we just
19 came --

20 Q. Okay.

21 A. -- to each other's homes.

22 Q. I take it it was a surprise. It was
23 shocking.

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Is that fair?

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1 A. And the first thing I said was "We need
2 to call the authorities."

3 And Harold said, "I'll take care of it."

4 Q. Okay.

5 A. So I assumed he would, but he didn't.

6 Q. Okay.

7 A. I mean, maybe he did. He didn't call the
8 authorities, though. And that was my mistake.

9 Q. Was Harold an elder at that point?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. And you're new to the church at that
12 point in time.

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. You understood that if Harold -- Harold
15 was essentially directing how to take care of this
16 situation. Is that right?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. And would there be a consequence to you
19 as a member if you did -- if you disobeyed
20 Mr. Rimby's command to not tell the authorities?

21 A. No, there wouldn't have been a problem.
22 I just assumed he was going to do it. He said he
23 was.

24 Q. He said he was going to tell the
25 authorities or he was going to handle it?

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1 A. He was going to handle it.

2 Q. Okay. So he didn't say he was going to
3 tell the authorities.

4 A. No, but I thought that's what he would
5 do.

6 Q. I see. And if he had done -- Let's say
7 he -- Let's say he told you not to, did you
8 understand you could go to the authorities if you
9 wanted to?

10 A. Yeah. He didn't tell me I couldn't, but
11 I assumed he was going to take care of it.

12 Q. Okay.

13 A. And I should have done it.

14 Q. When did you -- When did you follow up
15 with him on that?

16 A. I never had any contact with -- I mean, I
17 never had any more conversations with him or
18 anybody else about it after that.

19 Q. Okay. Did other people in the
20 congregation know that Gunner had molested Tracy
21 and Ronda?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. How did they find out about it?

24 A. Same way I did, I guess. I never asked
25 them.

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1 Q. And is that because -- Was Tracy there
2 when Gunner molested Ronda?

3 A. I'm assuming. I -- I don't know.

4 Q. Okay. Okay. But so you learned that
5 from Tracy.

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Okay. So going back here, you're talking
8 about you're in the home, Bruce sits the family
9 down, he asks Tracy to tell the family what
10 happened to her at Gunner's house, is that right,
11 essentially?

12 A. Yes. And then he admitted he did it
13 to -- and he was sorry, he'd never do it again.
14 Back in those days we didn't know about all
15 this -- terrible things, so we assumed when
16 somebody says you're sorry and they're not going
17 to do it again, they don't, but that was wrong,
18 too.

19 Q. And so in 1977 in your home when Bruce
20 has Tracy tell the family what Gunner had done to
21 her, in that same conversation, he told your
22 family, that would be you, Tracy, Camie, and
23 Bruce, Jr., right?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. That -- That he had been molesting Tracy

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1 as well.

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Was Tracy upset during that? Was she
4 crying or?

5 A. Course she was.

6 Q. She was?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. How about Camie?

9 A. Camie never said much.

10 Q. Okay. What did Bruce say he'd been doing
11 to Tracy?

12 A. You know, he never did say. He just said
13 he molested her, so I used my imagination.

14 Q. Okay.

15 MR. SWEENEY: Mind if we take a break?

16 MR. SHAFFER: Yeah, that's fine.

17 MR. SWEENEY: Thank you.

18 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Let's go off the
19 record. It's 10:23.

20 (Recess taken from 10:23 a.m. to
21 10:36 a.m.)

22 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We're back on the
23 record. It's 10:36.

24 BY MR. SHAFFER:

25 Q. Ms. Mapley, I should have mentioned