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**PERSONS AGAINST RITUAL ABUSE-TORTURE**

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Dear Honourable Minister Jean Augustine;

We will be as brief as possible in this letter as we expect that you and your department will contact us for further consultation.

Each year, June 26 is recognized by the United Nations and memorialized around the world by human rights activists as the United Nations International Day in Support of Victims of Torture. However, in Canada, and elsewhere, there are girl and boy infants, toddlers, children, youth, and captive enslaved women who are struggling to survive a horrific form of organized family/group violence identifiable as ritual abuse-torture. **Ritual abuse-torture is an emerging human rights violation and identified as a newly acknowledged form of torture that is inflicted by “non-state actors” unto the girl and boy infant, toddler, child, youth and the captive enslaved woman.**

**RITUAL ABUSE-TORTURE: FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND UNDERSTANDING:**

**Ten thematic issues** describe the organized crime of ritual abuse-torture that inter-generational families and like-minded groups perpetrate unto girl and boy infants, toddlers, children, youth, and captive enslaved women. Our work and research has been with women who spoke of their personal victimization and traumatization. They also spoke of the horror of witnessing the ritual abuse-torture victimization of other girl and boy children of all ages from infants to youth.

We do not know of research about the ritual abuse-torture of men, however, one man has submitted his statement (victim statements are addressed later in this letter) about his ritual abuse-torture victimization in childhood. His presence and victimization as a person will be acknowledged in this letter. This is in keeping with the United Nations and the Commission on the Status of Women's efforts of engaging boys and men in addressing all issues that continue to contribute to on-going relational violence.

The ten defining thematic issues of ritual abuse-torture victimization are:

1. "In-house" and "on-site" **organized child abuse** by families/groups
2. Family/group **terrorization** to keep victims silenced and enslaved
3. Family/group **cruelty to animals** including bestiality
4. Family/group acts of physical, sexualized, and mind-spirit **torture**
5. Family/group **pedophilia** that can and does begin with infants
6. Family/group pleasures related to **necrophilism and pedophilic necrophilic acts** such as inducing "death-like" immobility in the infant to youth or adult victim by suffocating into unconsciousness or over-drugging (date rape drugging is a common present day comparable analogy)
7. Family/group **violent ritualisms** that function as **group bonding** mechanisms, i.e. normalizes family/group raping of a toddler
8. Family/group actions that inflict **horrification** unto victims
9. Family/group acts that **council and enforce suicidal and other Self-harming acts** unto their victims for the purpose of ensuring victims remain silent
10. Family/group enslavement and forced involvement of their victims in the **pedophilic and adult pornographic and sexualized exploitation and trafficking trade** which can be local or transnational, as well as, forcing victims to commit other criminal acts such as forced participation in the illegal drug trade.

### **THE TORTURERS: 'STATE ACTORS' AND 'NON-STATE ACTORS'**

There is little that separates the human evil actions of one torturer from another, as the acts of torture they inflict result in consequences that were/are intentionally meant to be destructive to the humanness of the chosen victim.<sup>1</sup> For a reality insight we provide the following two examples:

#### **Sister Ortiz: Tortured by 'state actors'**

*Burned nearly 100 times with cigarettes; terrified; gang-raped; dogs used; horror; blood; suspended over a pit of the bodies of persons who had been murdered and persons who were still dying; a knife forced into her hands and held there by her torturers as they plunged it into another woman and this horror videotaped for blackmailing purposes; hearing the*

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<sup>1</sup> Staub, E. (1989). *The Roots of Evil* (p. 25). Cambridge, MA: Cambridge University Press.

torturer's "if you tell no one will believe you," statement; their laughter; humiliation—these are some of the over-whelming ordeals Sister Diana Ortiz reports were inflicted unto her during her 24-hour state of captivity by the Guatemalan army's counterinsurgency force, on November 2, 1989. Escaping back to the United States Sister Ortiz uncovers crucial information that convinces her of links between her torturers and the Guatemalan and U.S. governments.<sup>2</sup>

### **Sara: Tortured by 'non-state actors' ... ritual abuse-torturers**

*Burned with cigarettes, candles, hot light bulbs for more times than can be recorded; terrified; family/group and individually raped; suspended by her limbs; bestiality; horror; blood; forced involvement in real and/or sham murder rituals; a knife forced into her hands and held there by her torturers as they plunged it into another human being; horrified; horrors videotaped as trophies for future pleasures, for commercial trade on the pornography market, and for emotional blackmailing purposes; hearing the torturer's statement "if you live to tell no one will believe you,"; their laughter; humiliation—these are just a few of the over-whelming ordeals Sara describes experiencing during her 35-years of enslaved captivity and ritual abuse-torture by "the family". A co-culture of trans-generational kin and/or non-kin whose like-minded needs and desires for ritual abuse-torture (RAT) can be inter-connected regionally, nationally, internationally, and transnationally with other like-minded families/groups.<sup>3</sup>*

### **CANADA'S KNOWLEDGE AND INACTION: THE CANADIAN PANEL ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN**

Canada has known about the human rights violations and the acts of torture inflicted by ritual abuse-torture families/groups since 1993. That year, the Canadian Panel on Violence Against Women, whose membership was appointed, in 1991, by, the then, Honourable Mary Collins, Minister Responsible for the Status of Women, released their report, *Changing the Landscape: Ending Violence ~ Achieving Equality*. Women from **every region** of Canada told the panel that they had been ritually abused, tortured, and trafficked in childhood. As adults some expressed fearing for their lives for talking to the panel. The panel identified ritual abuse [-torture] as a crime that needed immediate attention in Canada (pp. 45-47).

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<sup>2</sup> Murphy, B. (2002). Nun's piercing memoir and her quest for the truth. *The Times*; Ortiz, D. , & Davis, P. (2002). *The Blindfold's eyes My journey from torture to truth*. New York: Orbis Books.

<sup>3</sup> Sara (pseudonym) is working to share her "story" in our book, *The torturers walk among us*, a work in progress.

Secondly, the panel reported being informed by persons who had survived that they found it extremely difficult to find useful therapeutic help; many told of enduring painful and unhelpful therapy and medical treatment.

Thirdly, the Panel stated survivors do not enjoy equal benefit and protection of the law and without recognition for the crime of ritual abuse-torture inflicted unto them any notion of a just or equitable society is impossible.

Fourthly, effective helpers have been targets of organized efforts to discount their work, to attack their support of victimized persons, have faced impossible conditions of practice, lack of support, suffer burnout, and frequently are forced to withdraw their services.

*Therefore;*

**Canada, by its failure to take reasonable steps to respond or prevent or to act to provide effective intervention remedies based on the knowledge gained from the Canadian Panel, with its mandate of focussing on violence against women, has failed to be responsible in its due diligence to act with political will and with sufficient effort to respect, protect, and fulfil its human rights and legal obligations to/for the girl and boy infant, toddler, child, youth, and captive enslaved woman who are victims of ritual abuse-torture by “non-state actors”—the ritual abuse-torture families/groups.**

### **THE RESULTS HAVE BEEN, ARE, AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE:**

#### **1. On-Going Human Rights Violations and Acts of Impunity;**

Canada has, for over eleven years, ignored the human rights violations and torture inflicted unto the girl and boy infant, toddler, child, and youth by “non-state actors”—the perpetrators of ritual abuse-torture. Canada has ignored its responsibilities and its accountabilities relating to the *Convention on the Rights of the Child* and its attached Protocol. Thus, Canada has impaired or nullified the human rights and fundamental freedoms of the victimized child.

*And;*

Canada has, for over eleven years, ignored the standard of due diligence that has been explicitly incorporated into United Nations human rights standards. For example, in the *Declaration on the Elimination of Violence against Women* it states that states are to ‘exercise due diligence to prevent, investigate and, in accordance with national legislation, punish acts of violence against women, whether those acts are perpetrated by the state or by private persons’ (*Respect, protect, fulfil Women’s human rights State responsibility for abuses by ‘non-state actors’*. Amnesty International UK, 2000, June, 7)

*And;*

Since 1993 persons with positional power and with governmental authority have chosen to ignore the Canadian and trans-national crime of ritual abuse-torture committed on the girl and boy infant, toddler, child, youth, and captive enslaved woman. They have permitted the “non-state actors”—the torturers of ritual abuse-torture—to act with impunity.

## **2. On-going Human Trafficking of the Girl and Boy Child and Woman;**

Canada has ignored holding responsible the specific population of “non-state actors”—the family/group ritual abuse-torturers—who are contributing to the national and global crime of human trafficking and modern day slavery. These specific family/group perpetrators are trafficking under the radar of preventing, combating, and prosecuting interventions because of the myths civil society holds about the image of the trafficker—the “gangster image” trafficker versus “the parental/caretaker image” of the trafficker. Such false perceptions are the same kind of “stranger” myths that have made children vulnerable to the family, friend, or neighbour pedophile. It is generally considered that 80% of perpetrators who inflict violence against a child are known to the child ... for the infant, toddler, child, or youth of ritual abuse-torture families/groups the reality is they are born into pedophilic families or their prime caregiver on whom they are dependant is the organizer of horrific ritual abuse-torture ordeals of family/group victimization and traumatization. Canada and civil society need reality education if they are to understand the modus operandi of the trafficking actions of the ritual abuse-torture family/group.

*Therefore;*

Canada has also chosen to ignore the fact that the ritual abuse-torture family/group “rent out” and engage in the “off-street” human trafficking and modern day slavery of the girl and boy infant, toddler, child, youth, or the captive enslaved woman. Thus, the failure to act is in violation of the *United Nations 2000 Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, Supplementing the United Nations Convention Against Transnational Organized Crime*.

## **3. On-Going Acts of Torturing of the Girl and Boy and Woman;**

Canada has also chosen to ignore that ritual abuse-torture involves acts of torture by “non-state actors”.

*Therefore;*

Canada is also in violation of many other UN declarations, conventions, and protocols relating to the elimination of torture and violence against the girl and

boy infant, toddler, child, youth, and captive enslaved woman. On December 10, 1984, the then, Secretary-General of the United Nations, Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, noted, when the *Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment* was adopted by consensus that "... one of the most insidious evils in this supposedly modern age is the continued practice of inflicting torture upon individual human beings." The *Universal Declaration of Human Rights*, Article 5, states, "no one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment." *The Rome Statute* establishes an international legal order to bring to justice those who commit the most heinous crimes—crimes against humanity. "Non-state actors" who commit ritual abuse-torture do inflict heinous evil acts of torture against the humanity of the girl and boy infant, toddler, child, youth, and the captive enslaved adult woman.

### **IT CAN BE STATED THAT:**

**Canada has not taken responsibility or respected, protected, or fulfilled or upheld its human rights obligations to the victimized girl and boy child or woman or practiced the standard of due diligence or devised a system to hold the 'non-state actor'—the perpetrator of ritual abuse-torture—accountable.**

*Since;*

We have become knowledgeable about the heinous crime of ritual abuse-torture we have, as Canadian citizens, been advocating that the human right violations and torture of the girl and boy infant, toddler, child, youth, and captive enslaved woman be recognized.

For the past eleven years, we have dedicated most of our personal and professional volunteer efforts into helping and researching the reality of ritual abuse-torture victimization and traumatization. Our most recent efforts involved presenting our 11 years of work and research on ritual abuse-torture as members on a panel entitled, "The Many Faces of Torture". Dana Raphael, PhD, Director, of The Human Lactation Center, with non-governmental organization (NGO) consultative status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, facilitated the side panel presentation at the 48<sup>th</sup> Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), March 1-12, 2004, at UN Headquarters in New York City. Dr. Raphael spoke with you about ritual abuse-torture and our Canadian research. The outcome of the panel presentation and the collaborative discussions with many at the CSW Session led to the following recommendation statement:

**Ritual abuse-torture is identified as an emerging human rights violation and a newly acknowledged form of torture**

**that is inflicted by “non-state actors” unto the girl and boy infant, toddler, child, youth, and captive enslaved woman.**

Since 1993, we have been witnesses listening to the horrific and brutal ordeals described by persons who struggle to go beyond their terrorization, torture, and horrification ordeals of ritual abuse-torture. And, when victimized persons—women and one man—became aware we were presenting at the NGO CSW Session we heard, not only from Canadians, but from 61 victimized persons in Costa Rica, England, Germany, Scotland, and the United States. They sent over 400 artifactual testimonials that described, with repetitive similarities, the brutal and horrific ordeals the ritual abuse-torture families/groups had perpetrated against them. Their artifactual testimonials were part of the side panel presentation.

In addition, Ms. Jeanette Westbrook, MSSW, CSW, a citizen of the United States, spoke as a panellist and as a survivor of being born into a ritual abuse-torture family and of her father, as her prime torturer—a “non-state actor”. Ms Westbrook also spoke of her adulthood victimization stating she was in her twenties before she was able to exit her ordeals of on-going ritual abuse-torture victimization. Her statement is included as representative of her courage to speak and to contribute to civil society’s need to develop awareness about ritual abuse-torture.

**WOMEN’S STATEMENTS AND ONE MAN’S STATEMENT: THEIR VOICES ARE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GIRL CHILD AND THE BOY CHILD;**

We bring to your attention that attached to this letter, as evidence, are testimonial statements. These statements are:

1. Ms. Westbrook’s testimonial, as just mentioned in the previous paragraph.
2. Canadian women’s testimonials, arranged in alphabetical order, who survived ritual abuse-torture, and their evidence that as Canadian women they are speaking out demanding to be heard; identifying that their fundamental human rights, their dignity, and their worth as human persons be respected (*Universal Declaration of Human Rights*, 1948).
3. In addition, we have attached brief statements from non-Canadian women, who, as children or youth, were trafficked into Canada—that is, Canada was a destination country for the ritual abuse-torture family/group traffickers. Canada, in the year 2004, continues to remain a destination country and this speaks to the reality of the Canadian demand and contribution to the multi-million dollar global organized crimes of sexualized exploitation and the trafficking of human persons—particularly of the girl and the boy infant, toddler, child, and youth, and of the captive enslaved woman.

4. The testimonial of one man who was born in Canada but lived most of his childhood in the US, who reports trans-border ritual abuse-torture victimization.
5. A one-page signed petition, a result of an information session we gave on May 26, 2004 to a small group who attended the St. John's Anglican Church Pastoral Ministry Committee sponsored presentation.

The statements provided by the women and the man are also representative of the voices of children—girls and boys who, today, are struggling to stay alive ... struggling to survive the terror, abuse, torture, and horror inflicted unto them by “non-state actors” involved in ritual abuse-torture families/groups ... and, who are struggling to survive the horrors of their trafficking victimization.

The testimonials also bring to your attention the reality that Canadian women who have survived ritual abuse-torture are presently being or were denied their fundamental rights to seek truthful justice as Canada's judicial system is not/was not prepared to assist them name and bring their ordeals of ritual abuse-torture to the courts in a manner that affords them equal benefit and protection of the law; a problem identified in the Canadian Panel's Final Report.

*Therefore;*

### **WE REQUEST CANADA INITIATE ACCOUNTABLE INTERVENTIONS:**

#### **(a) Globally, Canada as a member of the United Nations, must:**

Support victimized children and women's (and men's) human rights by recognizing, then educating appropriate United Nations committees, for example, the Committee on the Rights of the Child that meets in Geneva in June and October of this year, the UN Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, and to the Special Rapporteurs, that *ritual abuse-torture must be identified as an emerging human rights violation and a newly acknowledged form of torture that is inflicted by “non-state actors” against the girl and boy infant, toddler, child, youth, and captive enslaved woman.*

#### **(b) Nationally, Canada must:**

1. Recognize there are no laws in Canada that facilitate the victimized Canadian child's, woman's (and man's) ability to seek justice by having the crime of ritual abuse-torture committed against them truthfully named in a court of law. Canadian laws need to be enacted that name ritual abuse-torture as a specific crime. The Canadian Criminal Code, Section 269.1., presently only addresses acts of torture perpetrated by “state actors”. Amendments are necessary so that torture inflicted by “non-state-actors” becomes a criminal offence, thus, putting an end to the impunity presently afforded ritual abuse-torturers. Naming the crime of ritual abuse-torture will also facilitate informed Canadian police forces who will

- be better able to respond to the protective needs of the woman (or man) victimized by “non-state actors” of ritual abuse-torture.
2. Acknowledge the crime of ritual abuse-torture so inappropriate and harmful intervention services can be redirected into appropriately focussed recovery and wellness services specifically attentive to the needs of the girl or boy infant, toddler, child, youth, or the captive enslaved woman (or man) who has been, or who is being, or who is at risk of being victimized by perpetrators of ritual abuse-torture. Services that do not re-victimize; services that do not negatively label the victimized girl or boy child or the captive enslaved woman; services that do not negate the woman (or man) who suffered childhood victimization; services comparable to those offered to person’s who have had their human rights violated and who have survived torture by “state actors”.
  3. Help us and women (and men) who have been victimized gain consultation access to the governmental departments with responsibilities and accountabilities to use their positional powers to establish preventing, combating, and prosecuting interventions that ensure the evolution of a just and equitable society respectful of the victimized woman’s (or man’s) fundamental rights and freedoms.

**(c) Canada in relationship with its civil society citizens must:**

Help us and women (and men) who have been victimized gain access to the appropriate United Nations Committees that deal with Human Rights, violence against women, the Committee Against Torture, and the committees that work for the elimination of trafficking in persons, especially women and the girl and the boy child so that victimization and healing information and research data about the crime of ritual abuse-torture can be shared. So interventions aimed at preventing ritual abuse-torture and combating, and prosecuting the “non-state actors”—the ritual abuse-torturers—can begin.

We are expecting that you, as our representative in Canadian society and at the United Nations, promote best practices by taking action now. We expect your timely reply as to the consultative support you require, as to the interventions you initiate, and the support you can offer to us and to the children and women (and men) who have endured not only ritual abuse-torture victimization and traumatization but who have been marginalized, oppressed, and ignored by Canadian civil society including our government.

Respectfully submitted,

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Cc'ed to other individuals, groups, organizations whose work is to attend to the responsibility of creating a just Canada, to work for human rights, to eliminate torture and all forms of violence including human trafficking with attention given to the girl and the boy child and women, and whose work is for peace in our global community.

**Appendices:**

STATEMENT OF JEANETTE WESTBROOK

Canadian women's testimonial statements, as survivors of ritual abuse-torture:

1. STATEMENT OF GAIL M. BARCLAY
2. STATEMENT OF JENNIFER CALLOW
3. STATEMENT OF MARY MOORE KEATS
4. STATEMENT OF DENISE KEMP
5. STATEMENT OF ALEXANDRA LANE
6. STATEMENT OF JANET MILLS
7. STATEMENT OF LYNNE MOSS-SHARMAN, H.B.S.W.
8. STATEMENT OF KELLY WATT
9. STATEMENT OF ROBBIE WEATHERBEE

Non-Canadian women's statements who as children or youth, were trafficked into Canada:

1. STATEMENT OF JEANNE ADAMS
2. STATEMENT OF KAY ANDERSON
3. STATEMENT OF SUSAN FORD

One man's testimonial statement describing his ordeals of trans-border ritual abuse-torture victimization:

STATEMENT OF MICHEL BEAULIEU

A one-page signed petition a result of an information session we gave on May 26, 2004 to a small group who attended the St. John's Anglican Church Pastoral Ministry Committee sponsored presentation.

## **STATEMENT OF JEANETTE WESTBROOK**

My name is Jeanette McDonald Westbrook. I am a U.S. citizen residing in Louisville, Kentucky. I am writing to recount briefly, my history of ritual abuse torture and human trafficking at the hands of family members and other known and unknown persons. These acts of torture included:

- \*Incest-ages infancy to age 24 years by multiple family members
- \*Rape-by members of organized groups of known and unknown persons
- \*Trafficked to multiple states including Ohio, New York City, Kentucky for the purpose of organized, ritualized rape and the production of child pornography.
- \*Beatings-infancy to age 18 years by hands, whips, switches, and other objects.
- \*Torture-being tied up side down and threatened with hot welding rods, forced killing of animals, acts of bestiality, forced witnessing of torture of other children and adults, forced participation in acts of sexualized torture of others.
- \*Forced drugging with LSD and narcotics as a child.
- \*Use of mind control and psychological processes by family members and known and unknown persons for the purposes of control, secrecy, political blackmail, and experimentation.
- \*Stalking and harassment by perpetrators until age 38 years.

I pursued criminal prosecution of my biological father, a prominent US citizen, in the State of Kentucky. My decision to pursue criminal prosecution came after I received information that my biological father had continued to rape and molest children. It was not until I met and married a supportive husband at age 28, did I feel the love, safety and support that enabled me to tell what had happened to myself and others. I have suffered greatly as a result of these crimes against my person and it has taken many years of supportive therapy (14 years) and great financial resources (30,000) as well as insurance payments before I was strong enough emotionally, to pursue prosecution in a judicial system that is permeated with inconsistencies, prejudices, inadequate statutes, and a language of law foreign to most lay persons. I was often overcome throughout my life with physical illnesses, emotional and learning disabilities, including failing the first grade of school, inability to trust and form healthy relationships with peers, and as a young adult, substance abuse, inability to hold a job, therefore unable to obtain needed resources to sustain housing, education, and safety.

Many persons who have been subjected to these tortures are not alive to recount their ordeals, and fewer still are put back together enough to transcend their torture and abuse or become advocates as I have. Recently, I gave my testimony as a living witness to the United Nation's 48<sup>th</sup> Session of the Commission on the Status of Women with supporting legal and artifactual documentation in support of the ratification of Ritual Abuse Torture as an accepted and emerging issue with worldwide acknowledgement and reality.

**Jeanette M. Westbrook, MSSW, CSW**

Original message sent via e-mail Wednesday, May 26, 2004 9:28 PM

## 1. STATEMENT OF GAIL M. BARCLAY

My name is Gail M. Barclay and I am a survivor of ritual abuse torture.

As an infant and as a young child I was routinely transported by car to various locations in Alberta, Sask. and B.C. where I suffered ritual abuse torture.

I was also forcibly utilized as a child prostitute and in the manufacture of child pornography by the various members of a ritualistic organization catering to professional people and the wealthy.

By the time I was six years old I had already witnessed the murder of numerous individuals including the ritual killing of Blacks, Indians, and Jews.

Between 1956 and 1958 I witnessed the murder of 24 children aged 2 to 10 years, who had all been subjected to ritual abuse torture. In later years I witnessed the ritual murder of girls in their early teens utilized in the manufacture of snuff films.

Even with the assistance and support of my doctor and others familiar with my situation I have been denied access to justice or any means of obtaining compensation for my injuries.

The RCMP have failed me, as they refuse to pursue cases involving ritual abuse torture, despite the existence of physical evidence and detailed information pertaining to individual cases of abduction and murder.

Today I am a person with disabilities and suffer from a disassociative condition, which requires continuous home care, a daily regime of medications and regular psychiatric care. And after 19 years of continuous care and very hard work I am still a long way from recovery. I live in constant fear and I am continually at risk of disassociating to a state of full blown terror.

Thank you, I hope you will, HELP!

**Gail M. Barclay**

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## **2. STATEMENT OF JENNIFER CALLOW**

My name is Jennifer Callow. I live in Canada and several members of my family belonged to a ritual abuse-torture group. This group abused me from my birth until my late teens, when they left town and I chose to distance myself from most of my family.

On many occasions, my mother drove me to group rituals involving sexualized torture. Other group members would also come to my house or daycare and take me to be sexually tortured. Not only was I tortured during rituals, but I was also driven to different locations in the province where I was rented out as a prostitute. In particular, I was regularly rented out by a local, underground escort agency a group member operated.

I have not tried to obtain justice through the legal system because I fear the group would return to harm me, and I feel that no one would believe me. I have seen many stories in the paper where people who come forward about ritual abuse are condemned as liars and people who are crazy. I have no desire to put myself through that on top of the abuse I have already suffered.

**Jennifer Callow**

Original message sent by e-mail Tuesday, May 18, 2004 3:13 PM

### **3. STATEMENT OF MARY MOORE KEATS**

Although I was the victim of horrendous acts of torture and prolonged ritual abuse, now happily married, I try to live life to the fullest. I speak and have spoken out so others may gain hope. The loneliness I felt when the ritual abuse memories intensified was profound. I knew of no one going through the same thing that I could openly talk with. In time, I met other survivors which helped.

My parents have been dead for many years. To the outside world they perhaps looked "normal". A middle class professional family liked and respected in their community, United Church members who socialized as many families do. In retrospect, I realize how they controlled my life. My mother was employed at the public school, then the high school, I attended. My friends were only from the church or the YMCA my father was executive director of. It was in the basement of the building he was the director of that some of the abuse/ torture took place.

Their story and mine has an intergenerational and social context. Wherever we moved, a similar pattern emerged, particularly from my father. The perpetrators-pedophiles-were highly respected professional/business people, familiar faces of parental friends and some extended family, and others who bastardized their learning's to make money by the repeated raping of innocent children and adolescents. Transported by car between and within 2 provinces, I was forcibly (often drugged) taken too many places. I have come to believe that organized crime was involved (drugs, gambling and children used as sex slaves.)

Yes, I was ritually abused and tortured. Comparable to victims of war and torture-90 percent or more of the atrocities these torturers employ were used on me: multiple perpetrators (both men and women), electric shock, sensory deprivation, necrophilia, bestiality, forced feeding and food deprivation, and caging. Alcohol, drugs, dog collars-being treated like an animal-being made to sit up and beg for food, chaining, buried alive, shunning, beatings, burnings, forced pregnancy and forced abortion-eating of the fetus (with both parents and grandparents present and involved). Childhood prostitution, stripping, videoing of sex acts, being taught to cut out hearts, weird ceremonies with a relative dressed as satan, black robes, hoods, special rituals with candles, incense (can't stand the smell today). Snakes, placing in cold places with no access to toilet or warmth, chanting, special and coded language, curses, killing of pets and the use of cats in sacrifice-skinning them alive; all manner of weird sexual acts, over stimulation-loud noise and bright lights, hypnosis, being urinated upon, etc. Then there was the mind control shit as well; hypnosis and threats that others would be killed or abused-they were abused and tortured anyway. You were damned if you did or didn't cooperate. No one has been charged.

**Mary Moore Keats** (My permission is required to use or change my story)

Original message sent by e-mail Friday, May 21, 2004 11:22 AM

#### **4. STATEMENT OF DENISE KEMP**

My name is Denise Kemp and I am from Alberta, Canada. I am a victim of ritualized abuse torture by the Catholic Church. A priest and a nun and a group of six adults performed a ritual abuse torture on me when I was a child. The priest, the nun, the bishop and the group of six had a black mass with me then the bishop handed me over to the priest and told him to do what he wanted with me.

The next time the priest and nun brought me in the rectory and took a knife and cut me inside my vagina and took out blood and put it in the water and wine decanters. They used to beat me, on the back of my neck which has caused a herniated disc in my back. I am also scarred on my wrists from the ropes they used to tie me down. This main ritual ceremony happened on a Saturday night, in the basement of the church where everything was covered in black. The priest, nun, and the group of six were there and they performed a ritual on me with chanting, moaning, groaning, weird prayers, the offering of the blood to the name Beelzebub. More moaning and groaning and the ultimate was the priest raping me over and over again while the rest accelerated their moaning and groaning. Then, in turn, the men each raped me one by one. It hurt so much I thought a rod was coming out my back and I asked the nun to check if I had a rod sticking out, but she did not say anything, only hit me in the back of my neck. When it was over I could not walk, I was in such pain. More torture by the priest and nun happened in the rectory, but not in a ritualized manner. They would beat me for any reason and enjoyed forcing me to sit there forcing me to watch them have sex in the rectory, telling me not to move or I would get it too.

This letter should explain the main ritualized torture. I tried taking it to court. In court it was not recognized as ritual abuse torture, just sexual, mental and physical abuse, a far cry from what it really was. My case was dismissed, re lack of evidence that it was that particular priest and nun. I live on a disability income because all the stress from this trauma has caused me to have M.S. I hope this explains the truth clear enough.

Sincerely,

**Denise Kemp**

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## **5. STATEMENT OF ALEXANDRA LANE**

My name is Alexandra Lane. I am from Canada and I was born into a ritual abuse-torture family.

My father, a deacon of the church at the time, took me by car to various rural locations, including a rural church, to violent group rituals which involved sexualized torture and humiliation.

I have not attempted to seek justice in the legal system, as I know it is the victim who ends up being the one put on trial. The courts seem to throw out/ignore any cases where ritual abuse-torture is mentioned. I did, however, write a letter to the church my father was a deacon at, exposing him for what he had done. The minister of the church at the time responded saying they could not/would not pursue the issue.

**Alexandra Lane**

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## 6. STATEMENT OF JANET MILLS

My name is Janet Mills. I am from Canada and I was harmed by a ritual abuse-torture group from ages 8 – 13 years approximately. My parents took me many times by car to violent group rituals which involved sexualized torture.

The ritual abuse-torture involved constant degradation, humiliation, terrorizing, beatings, use of drugs, sacrifices and ceremonies; a violation of my mind, body and spirit. The cult members did disguise themselves with robes, painted faces and masks. There were many children there, ranging from ages 2 – 13. I was forced to perform many sexual acts on the cult members such as fellatio, both anal and vaginal intercourse. I was gang raped while being restrained on a stone altar, with candles and satanic signs written on my body by the cult members. I witnessed several sacrifices, such as animals and babies. I and the other children were forced to participate in these sacrifices for fear of our own lives. I was designated as a breeder and was impregnated by a cult member. An abortion was performed before the baby was full term and I was forced to watch as the fetus was sacrificed. I witnessed the hanging of two children. Snakes were placed inside my vagina. Several “programs” were “put” into my mind, playing havoc with day to day functioning as well as preventing me to participate fully in therapy. This is a direct result of therapy interfering programming. It is still a struggle today. My whole life was affected by the ritual abuse-torture, giving me a warped and confused outlook on life and myself. I am also a multiple personality, as a result of the ritual abuse-torture, which also interferes with my day to day functioning. I have been in therapy for five years now and do not know when I can return to work, if ever. The terror of those days still lingers, in nightmares and constant triggers of the abuse, which can incapacitate me for days on end. The memories are horrific and still present themselves to me forty years later as I struggle to make some sense of what life has to offer in the future. I was led to believe I was a child of Satan and cannot enter a church to this day for fear of being punished. The nightmares are still relentless.

In closing, this is by no means a complete picture of what went on for the five years I was ritually abused but I hope this does give you a snapshot of what **HELL** is like.

Janet Mills

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## 7. STATEMENT OF LYNNE MOSS-SHARMAN, H.B.S.W.

Like many other Canadians, I have been watching the recent and graphic revelations about the treatment of Iraqi prisoners of war in Abu Ghraib. I am familiar with the systematic torture and indignities they were subjected to because I lived through many of the same 'procedures' as a child. I have been unable to secure legal representation as a victim of domestic and government torture, have been turned down for provincial Victims Compensation; have received no response to material sent to government officials over the years.

I am a survivor of both ritual abuse torture and mind control experiments conducted on Canadian children during the Cold War era. My father was a soldier in the Canadian Army from 1939-1945. My mother is a Scottish War Bride. The cult ritual abuse torture and organized, systematic pedophile assaults that occurred in non-medical settings involved my father, extended family, neighbours, friends and acquaintances of my father, military men including Navy and Air Force, members of the Arts & Letters Club, and members of the Masons and Scottish Rite, among others. The "medical" assaults included being drugged so that I was conscious from the neck up, unconscious from the neck down; being subjected to split-brain programming involving drugs and electricity; strapped to a chair with electrodes/electricity; made to walk like a dog (like Abu Ghraib ...) with my right arm strapped behind my back then when untied, electricity was shot through my right hand leaving me unable to write or draw about my experiences until age 46 or 47.

Cult ritual torture began when I was six months old and I distinctly recall a pattern of preparing me to dissociate and withstand assault with various objects and cutting weapons, and 'inhuman' object-like body parts (perpetrators' penises). I can only use the word "training" to describe some of the ceremonies: "The Bride" at age 3; being left in a cross-shaped pit below a metal grate while the blood of a slaughtered animal dripped on my small body "Forgiven in the Rain"; visiting a 'Santa' with blood running down his white beard; I could go on and on about the 'rituals'. I spent the greater part of the 1990s and early 2000s incapacitated by depression and flashbacks and am still unable to fall asleep without the non-stop flickering of long-past images of torture and child rape and grotesque quasi-medical procedures carried out by an organized ring of psychiatrist/psychologist scientists, who shared cult pedophile beliefs and practices.

This is the most dangerous time for women and children and disenfranchised citizens in Canada and other nations to come forward ... yet there is nothing to live for if the stories of North American child survivors are not heard.

**Lynne Moss-Sharman H.B.S.W.**, Thunder Bay, Ontario  
Born: Halifax N.S. 1947 ... Died: again and again and again

Original Message sent by fax e-mail Tuesday, May 25, 2004 10:13 PM

## **8. STATEMENT OF KELLY WATT**

My name is Kelly Watt and I am a survivor of ritual abuse-torture and child prostitution. I was tortured and sexually exploited while boarding at a home for children from divorced parents between the ages of 2 - 7, with subsequent brief visits at ages 9 and 11.

On Sunday nights, the adults who ran the boarding home took myself and some of the other little girls I boarded with to group rituals where we were raped, tortured, ritually abused and photographed for purposes of child pornography at a series of locations around Ontario. We were usually taken while asleep, late at night by car, and the locations where the rituals and/or pornography took place varied from remote barns to an actual photographic studio.

I have spent thousands of dollars and fifteen years in therapy healing from the physical, emotional and spiritual effects of this abuse, which has consumed the majority of my adult life. I have never sought retribution through the legal system for my misuse and suffering. Avoiding legal course primarily because of the prevailing attitude of denial and miscomprehension that has persisted around this disturbing issue.

**Kelly Watt**

Original message sent by e-mail Wednesday, May 19, 2004

## **9. STATEMENT OF ROBBIE WEATHERBEE**

My name is Robbie Weatherbee. I am from Nova Scotia. I was born into a ritual abuse-torture family. I became aware of this about 7 years ago when one of my siblings shared with me that they had been involved in ritualized sexual torture within our family. There were also people outside the family involved in these rituals. Although I was not directly involved in these rituals I was sexually abused by my grandfather from infancy until I was about five, when he died.

The legacy of ritual abuse affected my life in many ways. It has been hard to trust people when you know your own family is capable of such awful behavior. I have no contact with my family of origin. It has challenged my marriage. When I found out about this, it did answer many unanswered questions for me of why my family had acted so bizarre at times. For example, my mother sent me a picture of hers and my father's gravestone while they were still both alive to make me feel guilty and to try to control me.

I am very glad to be speaking against this awful crime before it affects any more generations.

**Robbie Weatherbee**

Original Message sent by fax Sunday, May 23, 2004 10:30 PM

## 1. STATEMENT OF JEANNE ADAMS

Re: Ritual Abuse-Torture

My name is Jeanne Adams. I am a citizen of the USA and spent most of my childhood in Sacramento, California. During that time, my father involved me in criminal activities that included child pornography, child prostitution and ritualistic abuse. When I was ten years old, a pseudo kidnapping was planned and it was arranged for me to be transported from Sacramento to Toronto, Canada. Members of my father's clandestine criminal group intended to use me as a "breeder." I had "Aryan" qualities of blonde hair and blue eyes, plus I had been sufficiently "trained" to obey their instructions. Last minute complications kept them from following through on their plans. My childhood story is detailed in my book *Drawn Swords: My Victory over Childhood Ritual Abuse*.

Today I run a non-profit organization that advocates for survivors of severe childhood trauma and educates professionals on the dynamics of ritualistic abuse. I have listened to accounts from survivors in the USA, Canada, England, Germany, Iceland, and Puerto Rico. While their personal circumstances vary, the dynamics they describe are much the same. Trafficking in child pornography and prostitution is common to ritualistic abuse. The children are made available through their own families. If I can assist you with any further information, you are most welcome to contact me.

**Jeanne Adams**, Executive Director, Mr. Light & Associates, Inc.

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## 2. STATEMENT OF KAY ANDERSON

I was born in Los Angeles, 1950, moved to Norway when I was eight; Nova Scotia when eleven. I am a twin, was given to my dad, a member of a ritual abuse torture group. My dad and his associates took me by car and helicopter out of state and I was forced to participate in sadistic group rituals including sexualized torture, porn and snuff filming; to an air base in Arizona, a 'camp' where sexualized torture and other experiments were performed on myself and other children while being monitored. My dad got victims - boys, girls, toddlers, mothers, a pregnant young girl, a very old, gracious woman, etc. from villages in Mexico. Also, he travelled to Alaska, Beaufort Sea, Victoria Island and brought back unsuspecting Inuit women and boys to be used. Fortunately my dad died.

In Nova Scotia, in 1964, my mother sent me to boarding school and a psychiatrist who sexually humiliated, abused me from the 3rd visit. When I was 19, the sexual mutilation involved other men. **This psychiatrist used my past torture and abuse against me to keep me silent for 25 years.** In 1995 I filed a civil suit against him; in 1996 I found another victim of the same assaults. She didn't have a past like mine. I mistakenly thought they couldn't use my earlier past abuse against me. In 1996, my Discovery was continued on exactly that basis - to find out **everything** of my 'so-called' torture-abuse to discredit me. It worked. I never returned to complete the Discovery.

Two recent examples of human trafficking I am personally aware of involving Canada are:

One lady, born an Aboriginal raised in Manitoba, Canada, orphaned as an adolescent and transported to northern US with her younger brothers to a camp where from day one she and her brothers were subjected to ritual abuse-torture which continued daily...

Secondly, a friend of mine, dead at 38, born into a Matriarchal ritual abuse torture family group (mainly pediatricians and lawyers) in Eastern US. In summer, she and other children were transported for group rituals locations in hidden coves off Nova Scotia, Canada....

In closing, I am shocked and most deeply saddened by the lack of compassion and insight Canada and the US have shown in their continual abasement, disregard and discredit of survivors and present-day victims of ritual abuse-torture and trafficking in human bondage and sexual mutilation.

Sincerely, **Kay Anderson**

Original message sent by e-mail Friday, May 14, 2004

### **3. STATEMENT OF SUSAN FORD**

My name is Susan Lynne Ford and I am a United States citizen, born and raised in California. In 1951, I was born into an intergenerational satanic ritual abuse-torture and multigenerational fertility cult (witchcraft) ritual-abuse torture family. As a preteen, I was transported into Canada for transnational trafficking and taken to child and adolescent training centers called "farms" that were located in Montreal, a city in the French Canadian Province of Quebec. Although the farm appeared to the public as a home for unwed mothers, it was actually a place where children and teenage girls were being tortured for mind control purposes and I was tortured along with the other girls in order to be trained under mind control for higher purposes within my own government and yours.

I hope that you take the testimonies of those who are presented here very seriously. This torturous abuse of children must stop.

Thank you,

**Susan Ford**, United States Citizen

Original message sent by e-mail Friday, May 21, 2004 9:35 AM

## STATEMENT OF MICHEL BEAULIEU

My name is Michel Beaulieu. I was born in Canada but lived in the USA most of my life. Jake had access to me and he with his close friends—men and women, two female babysitters, and priests friends would together as a group ritually abuse and torture me and other children, beginning when I was 3 years old. Immediately after I was abused by my teen-aged babysitter the torture began under Jake's direction. She conditioned me with three key words: "Appleton" meant fondle her breast, "Molester" meant freeze and feel shame, and, "Mushroom" was the keyword to remain silent and ignore her lies to my mother. She told me she was training me to play with her priest friends.

The priests would recite a short prayer before abusing us kids ... "Father forgive me for what I'm about to do to this child" before penetrating me anally. They used religious distortions to cajole us into cooperating ... "Jesus wants you to do it. You are making Jesus cry because you don't want to do it," and so on. After I told my mom what happened to me, I was beaten and raped in every orifice. Torture included being slapped on the head with a pine board, if we kids threw up we were slammed on the floor headfirst, other children, from 17 years to 16 months old, were brought over, forced to watch and participate in sexualized acts. A seven year old girl was beaten then ordered to have sex with me—I was 4 years old. Some of the kids were from Canada. They would make us feel shame. Sometimes they would beat me and cuddle the girls to show how nice they could be then cuddle me as the girls were beaten. I was made to feel powerless, utterly powerless unless I cooperated. I was terrorized. I was left with a sense of hopelessness. They drugged us kids with valium to make us docile.

The ritualizations and the torture followed a repetitive pattern. I was sold as a male child prostitute for \$40 to the priests, the girl children costs \$20. From 1960 to 1961, a Canadian nun and others felated me, she probed my anus with her finger. I witnessed a former WWII army medic perform an illegal abortion on a nun and watched as the babysitter was forced to clean up all the blood. I was raped and beaten by many teenagers throughout that night and into the following day. These people were a highly organized pedophile ring that straddled the border. I also saw people killed to silence them and me.

I have gone to the Attorney General of Maine and have tried to get a lawyer to sue but lawyers say there was too much criminality in my case to go forward with a law suit. I am in legal limbo and still seeking justice against this international pedophile and criminal ring which operated on both sides of the Maine and New Brunswick St. John River Valley.

**Michel Beaulieu** - a male survivor of generational ritual abuse-torture

Original message sent by e-mail Wednesday, May 26, 2004 11:06 AM

## Petition

We, the undersigned, support the naming of:

Ritual abuse-torture is an emerging human rights violation and identified as a newly acknowledged form of torture that is inflicted by "non-state actors" unto the girl and boy infant, toddler, child, youth and the captive enslaved woman.

And ask that the Canadian government take immediate action, both in Canada and as a member of the United Nations, as outlined in the May 12, 2004 letter to the Honourable Jean Augustine, Minister of State (Multiculturalism and Status of Women).

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