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**Community** June 14, 2002

**Church Youth Leader Charged In Molestation Of 13 Year Old**

Reginald G. Robinson, 24, a resident of Kansas City, was charged by the Jackson County Pro-secutor on Monday, May 20, with one count of statutory rape, three counts of statutory sodomy and one count of child molestation.

According to the police report, most of the incidents of molestation occurred in the basement of the Beth Judah Ministries Church of God In Christ, located in the 2500 block of Harrison, where Robinson was a laymen youth leader.

On March 6, a young girl reported to the Child Protection Center, 3100 Main, where she gave a statement regarding being sexually molested by Robinson, according to the report.

The girl told workers at the center that Robinson would tell her to meet him downstairs in their church (Beth Judah Ministries) on "about 35 occasions" where he would engage in sexual activity with her.

On one occasion, according to the report, the molestation took place at Robinson's place of employment in the 18th and Vine Historic District.

According to the police report, Robinson was interviewed by investigating officers on April 8, and he denied molesting the young girl to the extent that she indicated.

Pastor Frank Douglas II, pastor of Beth-Judah Ministries was unavailable for comment, however, he did issue a written statement.

In this statement, Pastor Douglas said, "(Rob-inson's) admission of sexual misconduct prompted termination of all duties held within the church. Church disciplinary actions constituted permanent removal from leadership according to church doctrine and biblical principles."

Robinson has been released on a \$100,000 bond.

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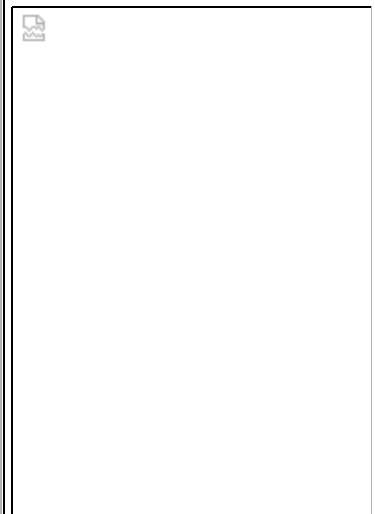
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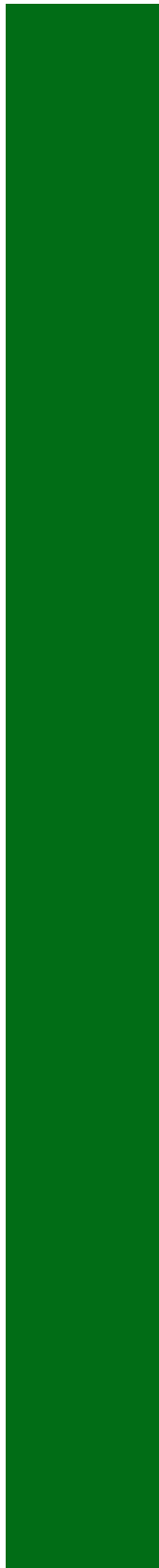


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