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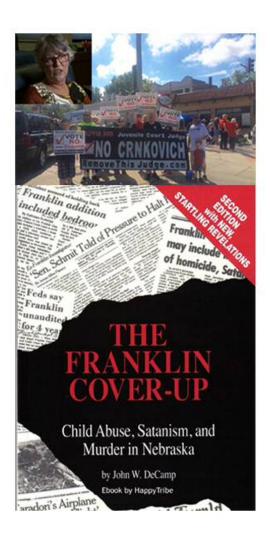
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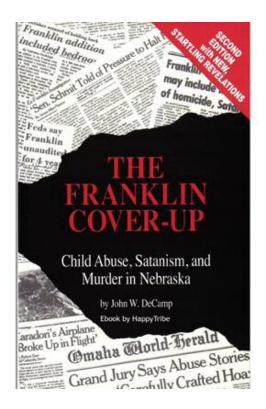
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### Nebraska



### Is the Franklin Cover-up Scandal of Child Sex-Trafficking in Boys Town, Nebraska Still Happening Today?



#### by Health Impact News Staff

In 1988, the raid and closure of the Franklin Federal Credit Union in Omaha, Nebraska revealed a child sex trafficking ring, mainly boys and, later, girls from Boys Town, Nebraska, that included prominent members of society and government officials as the perpetrators. [1]

The investigation into the credit union and its General Manager, Larry King, ended with the arrest and conviction of Larry King for a forty million dollar fraud. [1]

Despite multiple investigations into the credit union, Larry King and Boys Town, one of the greatest cover-ups was not only successful, but resulted in the accusations made and corroborated by several witnesses as nothing more than a "hoax," leading to multiple conspiracy theories.

A documentary created in 1993 by a film crew from Yorkshire Television in the UK, went to Omaha, Nebraska to make a documentary about the alleged pedophile ring. [2]

Funding for the film was made by the Discovery Channel in the U.S.A. The documentary was set to air in Ireland and the UK as part of Yorkshire Television broadcast, "First Tuesday." A US broadcast would follow. [2]

The documentary crew claims to have found a vast operation throughout the country, providing children to the wealthy and political establishment for molestation, drug trafficking and blackmail.

A year later, in 1994, the documentary, "Conspiracy of Silence," was complete and ready to air in the UK, but the Discovery Channel withdrew support and reimbursed Yorkshire Television the half million it cost to make. [2]

The documentary remains unaired till this day.

Over the years, the documentary has been leaked onto the web. The information in this story is what I gathered from the investigation done by the crew of Yorkshire Television, a book, *The Franklin Cover-Up*, written by John DeCamp, an attorney with intimate knowledge of the scandal, and other research.

#### **Boys Town**

The documentary begins in Boys Town, Nebraska, a small town founded in 1917 by Father Edward Flanagan. [2]

Monsignor Robert P. Hupp, former Executive Director of Boys Town, is seen in an interview for the documentary, saying:

"[Boys Town] started to be a home for orphans after World War I, and since then society has changed, and the problems of boys have changed, and so now it's a question of taking care of homeless, abandoned, neglected, abused boys and now girls also". [2]

With cash reserves of five hundred million dollars, Boys Town was considered the richest square mile in the world. [2]

Today, Boys Town may still be the richest square mile in the US, if not the world. According to their 2016 form 990 tax return, "Father Flanagan's Boys' Home" has a total net asset of over a billion dollars. [3]

#### Franklin Federal Credit Union

The Franklin Federal Credit Union was located in Omaha, Nebraska. It was founded in 1968 by community activists, with the goal of making credit available for businesses and individuals in the African-American community of north Omaha.

By qualifying as a "low income credit union," it could sell certificates of deposit to non-members, which created and allowed the process of swindling millions. Larry King became its manager in 1970. [1]

December of 1988, the NY Times published <u>a story</u> about the scandal that offers more in regards to King's role in the local society and government when the author, William Robbins, reported:

"In 1972 he headed a national political organization, Black Democrats for George McGovern. But he gained greater prominence after he had switched parties a while later, serving for a time as vice chairman of the National Black Republican Council, an official affiliate of the Republican Party, and becoming a familiar figure on the Republican social scene." [4]

According to Noel Seltzer, a former executive for the credit union, stated in an interview for the documentary:

"Boys Town had quite a few accounts with the credit union. Those were considered very valuable accounts. They were handled exclusively by the bookkeeping department. But, once on the average of once a month, or once every two months, we always seemed to incorporate a person from Boys Town". [2]

On April 11, 1988, the Franklin Federal Credit Union was raided by the FBI, and King was arrested. [2]

But allegations against King started much sooner, not allegations of fraud or theft, but allegations of child abuse, child sexual abuse, drugs and pornography. All of which were reported to authorities in Omaha and date as far back as 1985. [1]

#### Lawrence "Larry" King

It appears Larry King's name first appears when foster and adopted children from a family in Omaha finally came forward about the physical and sexual abuse they were experiencing at the hands of their foster and adopted parents. [1]

John DeCamp's book, <u>The Franklin Cover-up</u>, provides details about the first time King's name was brought up in association with child sexual abuse, among other things.

According to DeCamp, on June 10, 1985, the Washington County, Nebraska Sheriff's Department contacted a Nebraska Department of Social Services (DSS) social worker who was handling a case involving Jarrett and Barbara Webb of Fort Calhoun. Jarrett was a board member of the Franklin Community Federal Credit Union, headed by Larry King, and his wife Barbara is King's cousin. [1]

Carol Stitt, Director of the Foster Care Review Board (FCRB), told the documentary crew in her interview:

"Nebraska has a very clear statute that child abuse allegations should be reported to authorities. They shouldn't be reported to the principal of a school, director of a facility, they should be reported directly to either Child Protective Services or other law enforcement.

An internal investigation at Boys Town would have no status. I mean, in other words, that evidence that was collected may be something that could augment, but certainly couldn't take the place of a criminal investigation." [2]

Almost as if already knowing any internal investigation into child abuse allegations made by the children at Boys Town, and accusing someone who clearly had ties to Boys Town, Carol Stitt was correct.

Nebraska DSS brought the allegations to the attention of Boys Town, namely Father Val Peter, who claimed to launch their own investigation into the matter. [2]

The investigation done by Boys Town and Father Val Peter concluded with, according to the Yorkshire documentary crew:

"Subsequent testimony proves that he [Father Val Peter] carried out his own investigation but that King's victims refused to talk. [2]

In a later interview for the documentary, Monsignor Robert P. Hupp states:

"I regret having any association with Larry King. Had I

known it at the time, it would have never happened." [2]

This statement is important to remember as it links Larry King to Boys Town. When the documentary crew went to Boys Town to meet Father Val Peter personally, explaining they must give him and Boys Town the opportunity to talk to them about the "very serious" allegations, this is what was said:

Interviewer:

Why is Boys Town unwilling to discuss your relationship with Larry King?

Boys Town employee:

We don't have a relationship with Larry King.

Interviewer:

I'm afraid papers that we posses show Boys Town had a relationship with Larry King.

Boys Town employee:

I would suggest you be very careful with what you report. [2]

#### The start of the Cover-up

The Franklin Cover-up details the account of how the Nebraska Department of Social Services (DSS) provided information to law enforcement that included specifics regarding the allegations made by multiple children, to Nebraska DSS, in which Larry King's name was consistently given. [1]

A multitude of new reports and allegations from several different witnesses were brought to law enforcement. These new allegations focused on Larry King:

"In July 1988, Omaha police officers in the Robbery and Sex Unit received an unexpected visit from their boss, Chief of Police Robert Wadman.

According to the officers' own account, related by Nebraska Foster Care Review Board official Dennis Carlson in testimony to the Legislature's Executive Board, they took precautions to keep Wadman out of their work on Larry King." [1]

The Yorkshire Documentary Crew remarked that the Omaha police had finally accepted Larry King was involved in the abuse of children. And yet, their Senior Detective, when interviewed, stated:

"It is certainly possible that Mr. King was involved in illegal acts with children. If there was sufficient evidence of those types of allegations he would have been prosecuted by the county's attorney's office." [2]

Carol Stitt, Director of FCRB had a very different opinion on the how the case was being handled by the local police in Omaha when she told the interviewer for the documentary:

"For me it was very clear that the case was not investigated, not pursued, because of the alleged perpetrators." [2]

#### Launch of the "Franklin Committee"

A legislative committee, led by then Senator Loren Schmit, to investigate the Franklin Federal Credit Union, its then General Manager, Larry King, and the multiple physical and sexual allegations made against King and other prominent members of society and the government, was finally created November 18, 1988. [1]

#### According to DeCamp:

"The two main initiators of this legislative investigation, the one that would persist when law enforcement balked, were Senator Ernie Chambers, Democrat of north Omaha, and Senator Loran Schmit, Republican of Bellwood." [1]

#### Decamp elaborates on this in his book:

Senator Chambers represented the district where the Franklin Federal Credit Union was located. He was in receipt of numerous complaints against King. Talk about King's high spending and teenage boys who got in and out of his limousines were a known fact.

In 1988, Chambers received some of the FCRB reports, which included abused children naming Larry King as the perpetrator. [1]

Before a special hearing of the Legislature's Executive Board, the evidence against King was finally pulled together. And, for the first time, it was in front of officials who would pay attention.

On December 12, 1988, after the first session, Senator Chambers announced the investigation would go into not only the financial wrongdoing, but also the physical and sexual abuse of children, by "persons" connected with Franklin. Senator Schmit added, people holding official jobs may be affected. [1]

On December 19, 1988, Carol Stitt, Dennis Carlson and Burrell Williams of the Foster Care Review Board, summarized the abuse complaints that were focused on King, and presented their files on the Webb family, to the Legislature Executive Board [1]

Other accounts on file by the FCRB, also supplied to the Executive Board, can be found in DeCamp's book, <u>"The Franklin Cover-up."</u>

Nebraska legislature agreed with and passed the formation of a committee to investigate the Franklin Federal Credit Union and mainly its General Manager, Larry King, beginning the birth of "The Franklin Committee." [1]

With a formal investigation now launched against the Franklin Federal Credit Union, the allegations of child abuse, mainly against Larry King, were now starting to surface despite the cover up already being made by the Omaha Police Department and others.

#### **Investigation by the Franklin Committee**

Carol Stitt, Director of the Foster Care Review Board, in reference to the amount of information turned over to Omaha authorities, before the "Franklin Committee" became involved, is seen in another interview for the Yorkshire Documentary saying:

"In the information presented to the foster care review board, either via the telephone reports, the personal reports, or the reports we reviewed, Larry King's name was consistently present as someone that the youth were making allegations against.

I turned that information over to authorities and nothing happened. I would say we handed over at least a foot high amount of material. Generally speaking, the allegations were ignored." [2]

Senator Loren Schmit, in an interview for the Yorkshire Documentary stated:

"The prominent citizens' names that originally came up were of concern to me because I knew many of those individuals, and I, very frankly, was shocked to have those names show up on the list." [2]

Shortly after the investigation started, Senator Schmit recalls, in another interview for the documentary:

"I received a phone call on the floor of the legislature. The caller didn't identify himself, but he said, 'Loran, you do not want to have an investigation of the Franklin Federal Credit Union.'

And I asked who I was speaking to and they said, 'that doesn't matter, but you shouldn't have that investigation.'

And I said, 'Well, why not,' and he said, 'It will reach to the highest levels of the Republican Party, and we're both good Republicans.'" [2]

Carol Stitt, director of the FCRB, received similar threats which were told in her documentary interview:

"The night before we testified before the legislative committee, I did receive a phone call at home that said, 'If you speak, you won't live to regret it.'" [2]

Senator Schmit was not deterred by the threats, and moved forward with the investigation. He hired two Private Investigators, Karen Ormiston and Gary Caradori. [2]

With the investigations and interviews conducted by Ormiston and Caradori, the heinous acts these children, often from Boys Town, had to endure were finally brought to light. Karen Ormiston in her interview for the Documentary:

"We were appalled. Appalled!

It was incredible what these kids went through. Larry King was, I would say, the center of transporting the children

around the country. The airplanes were usually leased in his name. They were paid for by Larry King." [2]

When Gary Caradori was hired by Senator Schmit, the Senator, already well aware of the cover up by the Nebraska Police, told Mr. Caradori:

"We do not want you to bring to the committee rumors, innuendos, nothing that cannot be backed up with facts. Bring to the committee that which we can take to the prosecutor." [2]

## After FBI Becomes Involved, the Media Participates in the Cover-up

The allegations and videotaped witness testimony, investigated and conducted by both Caradori and Ormiston, were so serious that the head of the Franklin Committee, Senator Loren Schmit, sought the advice from his attorney, John DeCamp, who told him to turn everything over to the FBI. [2]

At the advice of his attorney, Senator Schmit handed all the evidence they had collected, over three years time, to the FBI. This resulted in an immediate leak to the media. [2]

Both Karen Ormiston and Carol Stitt told the documentary crew how the media immediately went after the witnesses, trying to discredit them. [2]

Carol Stitt elaborated:

"The last three victim witnesses were demolished by the press, particularly the Omaha World-Herald.

The paper never looked for information that would support any of the allegations. The whole purpose of the allegations was to destroy any credibility these youths may have." [2]

Senator Schmit on how the FBI handled the information provided to them by the Franklin Committee:

"I was very disappointed with the way the FBI and law enforcement treated the victims. They in fact, turned them into the offenders, so to speak. And instead of taking the evidence that was delivered to them by the victims, and interrogating the persons who the victims identified, they seemed to bear down and try to get the victims to change their story." [2]

According to John Decamp, he and Senator Schmit:

"...got the message in its purest form, when we met with Omaha FBI head Nick O'Hara in his office in early 1989. O'Hara, who kept Wadman's picture on his desk, threatened, 'You f-with Bob Wadman (Chief of Omaha Police Department), you f-with the FBI!" [1]

The FBI, who was able to get one witness to recant their testimony, used this to try and get another witness, Alisha Owen, to admit in a phone call, that she too was lying about her testimony.

The phone call, recorded by the FBI on March 9, 1990, by Special Agent Michael Mott, concluded, with proof, Alisha Owen was not lying about her testimony. [2]

John DeCamp's take on the phone call and his culmination:

"You literally have to have bricks for brains to take on the FBI in this country, and that is exactly what you would have to do, to do this properly. THEY NOW, IN MY OPINION, IN MY INVESTIGATION, ARE THE ARCHITECTS OF THE COVERUP."
[2]

When the Yorkshire Documentary crew asked for an interview with the FBI regarding their investigation of the Franklin Scandal, they were told over the phone:

"Murray Homequest for the FBI here – we feel it would be inappropriate for us to comment. We worked this with the Omaha police department. We just don't feel it would be appropriate for us to make comments." [2]

On February 25, 2017, Joseph Lloyd, through MUCKROCK.com, filed <u>a request</u> under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), requesting a copy of the FBI's investigation into the Franklin child prostitution ring allegations that allegedly took place between 1988 and 1991. [5]

The FBI responded on March 7, 2017, stating:

"Congress excluded three discrete categories of law

enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. See 5 U.S. C. § 552(c) (2006) & Supp. IV (2010). This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist." [5]

# Sudden Death of the Franklin Committee's Head Investigator

Karen Ormiston and Gary Caradori started looking for more witnesses in Omaha. While they investigated, according to an interview with Ormiston:

"Gary was threatened several times. His vehicles were tampered with. I would think whoever tampered with them, it was a scare tactic, because it was so obvious that they were being tampered with." [2]

The Yorkshire Documentary did an interview with Gary Caradori's brother, who claimed he and Gary had a conversation in which Gary disclosed he had one piece of evidence, and he was one step ahead of them this time. Gary allegedly told his brother he had:

"...this book, it was like addresses, telephone numbers, names; if they knew he had it, they'd kill him." [2]

Gary Caradori and his son AJ were flying back to Omaha from Chicago July 11, 1990. They were in Chicago watching the All-Star baseball game, and Gary was looking into new leads. [6] The <u>Lincoln Star reported</u> on July 12, 1990, that Gary was a pilot. He and his son AJ were the only 2 passengers in the plane when it crashed in cornfield around 2:30 a.m. [6]

Bill Bruce, an air safety investigator for the National Transportation and Safety Board (NTSB) said the plane appeared to have broken up in flight. [6]

The break up and ultimate crash of the plane is still unknown.

According to the <u>Lincoln Star</u>'s article, Senator Schmit is quoted as saying:

"They got their wish...The question to be answered is whether it was a coincidence". [6]

Within 24 hours of the tragedy, FBI agents impounded all records of the investigation. [2]

After the plane crash, Carol Stitt told the Yorkshire Documentary crew:

"That is when I was finished, because I figured out if they murdered Gary and his son, there was nothing that would stop them, there was no piece of paper, there was nothing we could come up with that was going to get anything done." [2]

Before his death, Gary Caradori and Karen Ormiston were able to gather evidence, which consisted of multiple video interviews by several witness. All the victims corroborated each other, as stated by Carol Stitt, director of the FCRB 3 years prior.

Unfortunately, with the sudden death of Gar Caradori, the investigation and the hope for any future witnesses to come forward was ended. Karen Ormiston mentioned in an interview:

"The effect of Gary's crash on the investigation, I think, in effect, put an end to anybody else coming forward with sensitive information." [2]

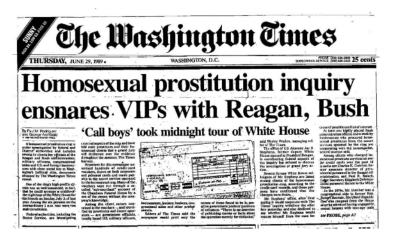
#### The Perpetrators

The perpetrators named by multiple witnesses to Nebraska DSS, Omaha Police, Carol Stitt, Senator Schmit, Gary Caradori, among others include: [1, 2]

- Larry King: General Manager, Franklin Federal Credit Union [1]
- Bob Wadman: Chief of Omaha Police Department [1]
- Harold Anderson: Publisher of the Omaha World-Herald [7]
- Alan Baer: Wealthy Department store heir. [2]
- Deward Finch: Teacher, Coach, Administrator and Superintendent in several school districts across Nebraska [8]
- Peter Citron: Celebrity columnist for the Omaha World Herald [2]

King recruited "investors" and "participators" in his sadistic scheme from none other than, already well know homosexual prostitution ring leader, Craig Spence, who was featuring boys in Washington D.C. [1]

The Washington Times, June 29, 1989, for their front page headline, revealed Craig Spence and his homosexual acts which included midnight tours of the White House. [11]



#### Image source

The exposure of Craig Spence only bolster's Paul Bonacci's recollection of his time with Spence. The documentary crew captured Bonacci telling Decamp about his visit to the White House:

"It was usually around midnight. To me it was just kind of weird being in the White House at that time of the night, and getting to go into places that the guy was telling us that nobody gets to go to. And we've seen, I've seen rooms in there that I'd never even heard about.

Craig Spence and Larry King had a couple of groups, one was called 'Bodies by God,' and they had the callboys, and there was another group that was started by Larry King which was called the 'Golden Boys,' which was kids that were usually under the age of approximately ten." [2]

Investigative Reporter, Paul Rodriquez, with the Washington Times, and the one who exposed the callboy network, told John DeCamp in an interview:

"They only prosecuted the operator, *Henry Vincent*, and three of his lieutenants as it were. They never went after any of the Johns or the clients. This operation which was again, quite large, claimed to have clients that ran from the White House to the Capitol Hill, to the State House, to the churches, within the media..." [1]

Rodriquez went even further telling DeCamp there were approximately "twenty thousand pieces of documents, or twenty thousand documents that they had," which were all sealed by court order. Telling DeCamp:

"It will be a cold day in Hell before those records ever get unsealed. And, it makes me wonder, what's in those records?" [1]

Peter Citron, a columnist for the Omaha World Herald, the media outlet that would account for the witnesses being discredited, was finally arrested and charged with foundling an 11 and 12 year-old boy. [9]

As reported by <u>Jon Sweet</u>, for United Press International (UPI), in July 1990, the incidents happened in 1988 and 1989. Upon his arrest, police found homemade videotapes which involved homosexual themes with young boys. [9]

Mr. Sweet also <u>reported</u> Citron acknowledged he had previously been charged with "debauching" a minor in Scarsdale, NY in 1965, but the charges were dropped and he moved to Omaha. [9]

He was fired by the World-Herald newspaper shortly after his arrest in 1990.

District Court Judge Merritt Warren could have sentenced Citron the maximum of five years on each count, but Citron only received 20 months to 5 years on one count, and 16 to 36 months on the other count. [9]

None of the alleged perpetrators, named by multiple witnesses to the Omaha Police, Nebraska DSS, FCRB, Franklin Committee and FBI, have ever been accused of sexual abuse or an affiliation with Larry King and the Franklin Federal Credit Union.

#### **Douglas County Grand Jury**

On July 23, 1990, just days after Peter Citron was finally convicted of two felony counts of assaulting a minor and declared a "mentally disordered sex offender," [9] and twelve days after Gary Caradori's sudden death, the Douglas County Grand Jury issued its report. [1]

The 42-page "Grand Jury Report" cleared King of child abuse. [1]

Alan Baer was indicted for pandering. The grand jury's reason for this was because the evidence showed the witnesses received substantial amounts of money or other valuable goods in exchange for sex. [1]

Peter Citron was found, by the Grand Jury, to have "inappropriate sexual contact with male minors," but because he was already indicted and convicted in a separate court, they found no link between Citron, King and the Franklin Federal Credit Union [1]

According to John DeCamp, the grand jury report contained:

"...gratuitous pronouncements, such as that, children do have the right to expect that if they exhibit reasonable behavior, they will not be abused. (Emphasis added)" [1]

Not only did the grand jury clear all the prominent alleged abusers, they went so far as to say some were not the perpetrators, but victims themselves. [1]

The Douglas County grand jury concluded the witness testimonies (made under oath and corroborated by other witnesses) were nothing more than a "Carefully Crafted Hoax". [1]

### Omaha Morld-Herald

### Grand Jury Says Abuse Stories Were a 'Carefully Crafted Hoax'



By Robert Dorr and Gabriella Stern







By Henry J. Cordes



#### Image source

#### **Carefully Crafted Hoax?**

Senator Chambers submitted a "Motion to Expunge" to the Douglas County District Court. With this motion, he included an 83-page brief, which documented the jury's blatant irregularities. [1]

John Decamp brought up the one question the grand jury left unanswered, which the Franklin Committee mentions in their official response to the jury's report:

"We assume from their choice of words—carefully crafted hoax, that the Grand Jury was persuaded that the testimony of the witnesses corroborated each other, and included facts and circumstances which were readily verifiable and attested to by other witnesses. Otherwise, it could not be logically

deemed 'carefully crafted.' If it was carefully crafted, who crafted it and when?" [1]

The Omaha World-Herald took to the defense of the jury's report when their lead editorial from July 29, 1990, read: "Grand Jury Did Its Job; The Insults Are Intolerable." The same paper whose columnist, Peter Citron, was convicted of child molestation, and its former publisher, Harold Anderson was "whitewashed" in the grand jury's report. [1]

#### What happened to the Victims?

The two witnesses that recanted their testimony, based on threats made by the FBI, went on with their lives, somewhat. [2]

One main witness, Troy Bonner, in an official <u>affidavit</u> made October 1993, after being sworn in under oath, said the lies he told to the grand jury and at the Alisha Owen trial, were lies caused mainly by the FBI. [10]

He admits to lying when he recanted his original testimony to Gary Caradori, which is on video. Boner:

"...believed that it was a situation where I must either '...lie or die'". [10]

Paul Bonacci and Alisha Owen, who refused to recant their testimony even when faced with perjury charges, did, in fact, get indicted by the Douglas County grand jury for perjury, [1]

On August 8, 1991, Alisha Owen was sentenced to three

consecutive, three-to-nine-year prison terms, which if the maximum was served, she would be in prison longer than Larry King. [1]

John DeCamp on the sentence Alisha Owen received:

"I can't find a case in the history of this country where some kid got sentenced to 25 or 30 years in prison for something like this. If you were going to pick a—what I call a telltale sign, something that says something's fishy about the whole thing—it was in the sentencing itself. For some reason they had to send a signal to every kid who was a potential witness (my opinion again) a signal so loud and clear: 'If you dare to come forward, if you dare to talk, watch what happens.'" [1]

Within minutes of Owen's conviction, the prosecution dropped the Douglas County perjury charges against Paul Bonacci. [1]

#### **Aftermath**

Several books have been written detailing the events surrounding the Franklin Federal Credit Union, Larry King and Boys Town. The now dubbed "Franklin Scandal" is surrounded by conspiracy and the stench of a cover-up.

#### What's Learned?

John DeCamp summed it up best when he told Senator Schmit:

"Accusations of child abuse are the worst accusations you can make against an individual. That is because, no matter what the truth of the matter, once the accusation is made, it will never be able to be rubbed completely off, even if the individual accused is as innocent and pure as can be.

Therefore, before you sign your name to anything that suggests that there is serious child abuse or before you suggest that an agency of government has failed in its duty to find or investigate child abuse, make sure you have the smoking gun that establishes that is what actually occurred. Not just for your legal protection, but because that is the right thing to do. To falsely accuse of child abuse is a terrible thing. To cover up child abuse, is worse than falsely accusing." [1]

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### Chinese-American Family in Nebraska Destroyed as Teenage Daughters Medically Kidnapped and Sex Trafficked by CPS



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They were Chinese medical scholars continuing their education and careers in the U.S.

Yang Wang, who upon obtaining her U.S. citizenship changed her name to Catherine Anderson (now Catherine Yang Wang Anderson) to have an easier name for Americans to pronounce, graduated from *Fudan University* in Shanghai, one of the top universities in China, and reportedly harder to gain entrance than *Harvard University* in the U.S.

Her husband, whose last name is also "Wang" but unrelated outside of marriage, graduated from one of the top medical schools in China, *Capital Medical University* in Beijing.

They obtained student visas to continue their education in the U.S. Catherine went on to obtain two Masters degrees, one as a Clinical Nurse Specialist from Maryland, and another one as a Family Nurse Practitioner from the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

Her husband obtained his Nebraska physician license when he started his residency in *Creighton Medical School* in the Pathology Department, and became the Chief resident and was retained as a faculty member at Creighton after his graduation.

Two beautiful daughters were born to them while residing in Nebraska. Both went on to become honor students in high school, ranking number 1 in their classes, following in their parents footsteps to achieve academic excellence and preparing for college at the age of 14.

Unbeknownst to them, tragically, they had settled in a part of the U.S. that is known for one the largest child sex trafficking scandals ever uncovered and then buried in U.S. history: the Franklin Cover-up story centered around Boys Town. See:

#### Is the Franklin Cover-up Scandal of Child Sex-Trafficking in Boys Town, Nebraska Still Happening Today?

Catherine learned that her oldest daughter was developing an unhealthy relationship with one of her male high school teachers outside of class, and eventually learned that this teacher was "counseling" her on "sexual identity issues."

After finding inappropriate text messages on her daughter's phone, she reported the teacher to law enforcement.

What followed next is every parent's worst nightmare. Instead of investigating the teacher, Catherine became the focus of investigation, and not only did Nebraska CPS take custody of her older daughter who was then 16, but they seized her younger 15-year-old daughter as well, against the wish of the younger daughter who had no complaints against her mother and wanted to stay home where she felt safe.

The tragic story that follows is a story about how one mother fought as hard as she could to get her daughters back, not realizing in the beginning that she was fighting an apparent child sex trafficking ring that allegedly brings in more money to the state of Nebraska than any other business.

She has spent more than a quarter of a million dollars in legal fees fighting for her daughters, and has had her career destroyed.

Her youngest daughter went from honor roll high school student preparing for college to being forced into a life of prostitution and being sexually trafficked, while every government agency she contracted to try and end this nightmare just stood by and watched.

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# The Destruction of an American-Chinese Family in Nebraska by Medically Kidnapping Their Children

## Inappropriate Sexual Relationship between Minor and Male High School Teacher

Catherine Yang Wang Anderson's story is documented in her <u>lawsuit filed in the U.S. District Court for the District of Nebraska</u>.

#### The case is ongoing.

According to her <u>federal lawsuit</u>, on October 7, 2013, Catherine found inappropriate texting and emails between her oldest daughter, then 16, and her male high school teacher and another adult.

This was not the first incident, and Catherine had warned her daughter several times previously that it was inappropriate for her to develop a personal relationship with a male teacher outside of school. She had also allegedly expressed her concerns to school officials.

The teacher was allegedly "counseling" her daughter on "sexual identity issues."

She contacted the police when she found the text messages on her daughter's phone which had supposedly "been lost," and drove to the school to confront the teacher. The teacher allegedly accused Catherine of threatening him, and allegedly convinced the daughter to accuse her mother of threatening her as well.

Police officers were dispatched to the home, where Catherine and the younger daughter were present. The older daughter did not go back home after this.

The police were allegedly investigating the complaints the older daughter made against her, that Catherine was threatening her daughter. While in the residence, Catherine shared her concerns about her older daughter's teacher and their inappropriate relationship.

According to the lawsuit, the teacher was never investigated.

As to their search of Catherine's home, and their interrogation of the younger daughter, the lawsuit states that the police found Catherine's home safe.

On October 8, 2013, Douglas County Sheriff's Lieutenant Mark Gentile and Sergeant John Pankonin went to Wang Anderson's home to make contact with [the younger daughter] and observe the living conditions inside of Wang Anderson's home.

They knocked on the door and Wang Anderson answered. After Lieutenant Gentile told Wang Anderson that they were responding to a report at the school, Wang Anderson readily allowed Lieutenant Gentile to speak to [her daughter]

At that time, Lieutenant Gentile interviewed [the younger daughter] out of the presence of Wang Anderson, in the garage connected to Wang Anderson's home.

Sergeant Pankonin spoke with Wang Anderson outside of the garage while Lieutenant Gentile spoke with [the younger daughter].

During the interview, [the younger daughter] told Lieutenant Gentile that she had never heard or observed Wang Anderson make any type of threat to [the older daughter], and that [the older daughter] may have made the reports about Wang Anderson because "she was mad at" Wang Anderson.

According to his investigative report, Lieutenant Gentile specifically asked [the younger daughter] if she felt unsafe by residing at the residence with Wang Anderson. [The younger daughter] "immediately stated that she did not feel unsafe and was fine living with [Wang Anderson] at the residence."

On information and belief, at that time, Lieutenant Gentile observed the condition of Wang Anderson's home and found it to be safe and sanitary.

Following these personal interviews and interactions with [the younger daughter] and Wang Anderson, and the observations of the Wang Anderson home, Lieutenant Gentile and Sergeant Pankonin determined that it was safe for [the younger daughter] to remain in Wang Anderson's home and care, and did not remove her.

Nebraska CPS was also called in to investigate, and allegedly reached the same conclusion. According to the lawsuit:

On October 8, 2013, during the evening, NDHHS Child and Family Services Specialist Jennifer White ("White") and NDHHS employee Archie Scott went to Wang Anderson's residence.

White interviewed [the younger daughter] at Wang Anderson's home, out of Wang Anderson's presence. With Wang Anderson's permission and cooperation, White and Scott then thoroughly searched and inspected all three stories of Wang Anderson's residence.

After the interview of [the younger daughter] and the home search, White and Scott determined it was safe to allow [the younger daughter] to remain in Wang Anderson's home and allowed her to remain there. At that time, Scott told Wang Anderson that there was nothing wrong with her house.

### Medical Kidnapping of the Daughters

However, after this initial visit by the police and CPS, something apparently changed, and in writing up the report of that visit, the officer allegedly made unfounded accusations against Catherine.

Lieutenant Gentile made a report regarding his October 8, 2013 encounter with Wang Anderson and noted that Wang Anderson had been wearing a rubber glove when she answered the door.

In his report, Lieutenant Gentile drew the following unsubstantiated conclusion: "It was evident to GENTILE that WANG ANDERSON was apparently suffering from some type of OCD/mental condition."

On information and belief, Lieutenant Gentile was not qualified, experienced, or trained to make such a conclusion about a person's mental health.

Lieutenant Gentile's conclusion was not based on diagnosis by a medical doctor, psychologist, therapist, or other qualified person, other professional assessment, or questions asked to Wang Anderson to assess her mental state. The process of medically kidnapping the younger daughter had begun.

As we have reported over the years in so many of our stories, medically kidnapping children from their parents often happens with a false diagnosis of mental illness on the parents.

Catherine and her husband, of course, have no history of mental disease. In fact, they were medical scholars and at the top of their professional careers at the time. Her husband, a medical doctor, had taken a job in Texas just prior to this, and was traveling back and forth between Texas and Nebraska.

The CPS worker also allegedly changed her assessment of Catherine's home as being safe, and wrote in her SDM Safety Assessment report: "the physical living conditions are hazardous and immediately threatening to the health and/or safety of the child."

With no alleged evidence of abuse in Catherine's home, the older daughter was immediately placed into foster care and taken to <u>Project Harmony</u>.

This action was allegedly done without a court order.

The next day, October 9, 2013, Sheriff Deputy Brenda Wheeler, along with NDHHS Child and Family Services, allegedly removed the younger daughter from school, and took custody away from Catherine, putting her into foster care with her sister at Project Harmony.

This was allegedly also done with no court order, and no charges filed against either parent.

The nightmare had begun.

## Juvenile Judge a Willing Participant to Remove Parental Rights



Judge Elizabeth Crnkovich. Images from <u>Remove This Judge</u> <u>Facebook Page</u>.

On October 10, 2013 Douglas County Attorney Michael Cimino filed a Petition in the Separate Juvenile Court of Douglas County accusing Catherine of abusing her children and being mentally unstable.

Juvenile Court Judge Elizabeth Crnkovich was apparently more than willing to render an *ex parte order* with no hearing to look at any alleged evidence.

Without notice to Wang Anderson or Dr. Wang or a hearing, Judge Crnkovich rendered an ex parte Order for Immediate Custody which placed custody of [the older daughter]. and

[the younger daughter] with NDHHS for placement in foster care or other appropriate placement excluding the home of Wang Anderson or Dr. Wang.

In her ruling, Judge Crnkovich wrote that "reasonable efforts were made to prevent removal," even though such "efforts" never allegedly happened.

Judge Crnkovich also appointed a *guardian ad litem*, not to either of the girls, but to Catherine, insinuating that she was not competent mentally to represent herself.

However, according to the lawsuit:

During the pendency of the Juvenile Proceeding, two psychologists and a psychiatrist examined and evaluated Wang Anderson, and determined that she had no mental illness, other than adjustment disorder which was developed after, and as a result of the removal of her children.

Juvenile Court Judge Elizabeth Crnkovich has not been a popular judge in Nebraska. There have been protests and petitions to remove her from the bench.

Earlier this month (September, 2019), she resigned her position as judge facing ethics inquiries. (Source.)

### Younger Daughter's Health Immediately Deteriorates

It is important to note at this point that while the older daughter had been allegedly brainwashed into thinking that a lifestyle free from the burdens of her mother's love and discipline where she was free to discover her "sexual identity" convinced her to not want to return to her mother's care, a decision she probably later regretted, the younger daughter at this time had no such desire, and wanted to remain in the comfort and protection of her mother's home.

The trauma of being suddenly taken out of her home and away from her mother produced an immediate negative impact on her health. She began to quickly lose weight, and within days she was diagnosed as having an "eating disorder," and soon her condition became "life threatening."

Amanda Gurock, a resident of Albany County, New York, was brought in to examine both girls after they were put into foster care. Gurock was a licensed mental health practitioner, social worker, and professional counselor in the State of Nebraska.

#### According to the lawsuit:

During the initial diagnostic interview (IDI) and pretreatment assessment (PTA) of [the younger daughter] on October 23, 2013, [the younger daughter] kept saying to Gurock that "she wanted to be home".

Reliable Rock and Gurock omitted this information from her reports and did not disclose it to NDHHS, NFC, the Juvenile Court, Wang Anderson, or anyone else.

The therapy they recommended allegedly did not include any family therapy between the younger daughter and her

mother.

What followed was months, which turned into years, of Catherine trying to get custody of her daughters back, while her younger daughter was transferred to many other facilities and foster homes to deal with her "eating disorders."

This included time outside of Nebraska, in Oklahoma and then later in Arizona.

# Younger Daughter Forced into Prostitution and is Sexually Trafficked

While under the care of Nebraska CPS (NDHHS Child and Family Services) and in foster care, the younger daughter became sexually active and was allegedly sexually exploited.

#### From the lawsuit:

As a direct and proximate result of [the foster parents] inability and failure to provide appropriate care, guidance and supervision during those time periods, [the younger daughter] has been harmed, including being sexually exploited, and has repeatedly been sexually abused and sold over money, including, without limitation, in August of 2014, March of 2015, September of 2015, and other occasions.

On information and belief, [CPS and other defendants] have all failed, refused and neglected to protect [the younger daughter] from these foreseeable incidents; and to timely discover, investigate, report, and respond to each incident when [the younger daughter] has been sexually abused, exploited or sexually assaulted and sold repeatedly over

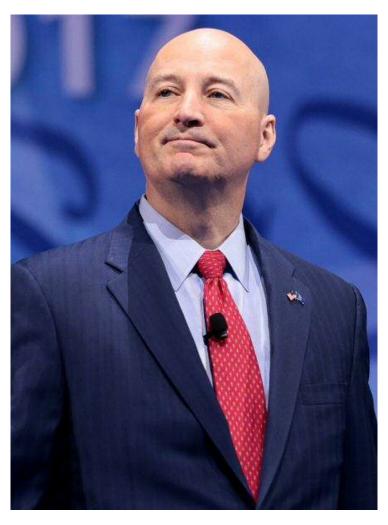
money.

On information and belief, none of these incidents were reported to Child Protective Services.

These defendants have failed and refused to properly supervise or monitor [the younger daughter] or restrict her use of electronic devices, allowed her to be employed in dangerous locations, failed to educate her regarding appropriate relationships and attire, failed to timely or adequately inform her parents or the Court regarding these incidents, failed to provide proper medical care, including timely examination, testing, and treatment, failed to provide proper education regarding medical care, testing, and treatment, and failed to make appropriate critical incident reports following each incident.

Details of some of these incidents are included in the lawsuit.

A Mother's Plea for Help: Governor, FBI and Others Fail to Intervene



Nebraska Governor Pete Ricketts. Governor Ricketts is the son of billionaire Joe Ricketts, founder of TD Ameritrade. Governor Ricketts is also also a part-owner – along with other family members – of Major League Baseball's Chicago Cubs.

Catherine contacted Governor Pete Ricketts and many other

government officials and law enforcement agencies to help in her case. Here are two emails she sent to the governor:

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Sent: Sunday, December 18, 2016 9:49 PM

Subject: Life threatening under DHHS/NFC custody

### Dear Governor Ricketts,

More than fourteen months ago, our juvenile case was brought to your attention. I was the one who contacted police first when I found out sexting between my 16-year-old daughter and her Millard West high school male teacher. Without any evidence, both my husband (trained at Creighton, and licensed as physician in Nebraska for 19 years) and I (licensed as R.N. for 20 years) have been labeled as "profound mental illness" by Douglas county sheriff

deputy, DHHS case workers, and juvenile court judge Crnkovich. Both of our children, who excelled at school as Honor students, ranked number one, admitted by college at the age of 15, without any behavior problem, were taken away from us, despite your DHHS own investigation concluded that "physical" and "emotional" abuse were "unfounded".

For the past 38 months, they have been severely neglected and abused under NFC and DHHS care. My younger daughter has been repeatedly sex trafficked, despite of our repeated plea, motion for protection. NFC and DHHS called her "prostitution", despite federal law clearly states that anyone under the age of 18 can't give consent to sell sex, and defines it as sex trafficking.

We have tried for the past 36 months with each level of administration of NFC and DHHS, but couldn't get any critical incident reports, police reports, or medical records (only partial about 20 percent). NFC/DHHS even refuses to provide a list of care providers. We still don't know who provide care for her.

Most recently, since the past September, I have repeatedly reached out to every level of administration of NFC and DHHS about my grave concern about her safety due to continuously lack of supervision, care, protection, and treatment, reckless disregard has resulted in minor children being repeatedly resulting in life-threatening danger.

My repeated plea has been ignored, and it took more than 2 months for NFC and DHHS attorney Carlo Risko to set up a meeting on December 9, during which all of them described a very healthy youth, which is completely contradictory to common sense. When I present my grave concern, I was immediately attacked by DHHS attorney Carlo Risko who

even intimidated and threatened me. They left without even giving me enough time to present my case. One wouldn't believe the absurdity of their claims and behavior during this entire meeting, if ones doesn't view AV recording.

Since then, we had been kept in complete dark. Dec. 14 they moved my younger daughter by citing "life threatening behaviors" but won't tell us until three days later sending a fax at late Friday afternoon without any explanation. Despite of my repeated concern about this foster care provider's criminal history and drug use, and my request for investigation of his inappropriate sexual relationship with my younger daughter by submitting my evidence, she is placed at his home again last Wednesday. The complete recklessness and disregard of her safety and well-being clearly indicates that they act with impunity.

We have intact parental right which is confirmed by Court of Appeal. I am asking you to investigate the horrific neglect and abuse our children have suffered under your DHHS care. How could their perfect healthy assessment on Dec. 9 turned into "life-threatening"? Please let us know immediately what's the life-threatening behaviors are and what's the action taken.

Why are all the secrecy? I demand the immediate release of critical incident reports, police reports, and entire medical records. This case is under investigation, not only by Department of Justice, but also private investigators and national news media.

What has happened in the past 38 months is barbaric, and should never happen in any civilized society.

Thank you in advance for your time and effort.

Respectfully,

Catherine Yang Wang Anderson

Concerning misuse of public taxpayer funds:

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Sent: Tuesday, December 20, 2016 11:39 AM

Subject: Collusion, and organized child trafficking: Part I

Risko DHHS attorney

Dear Governor Ricketts,

We haven't been asked to pay a penny for our children's care and treatment for the past 38 months under DHHS care, despite my husband has been licensed as physician in Nebraska for more than 19 years, and has been Chief in charge of hundreds of physicians and staffs at one of the largest VA hospitals in America. Our repeated request to pay has been rejected. NFC/DHHS has forced my daughters into poverty, depending on welfare and taxpayers. I know as a fact, with evidence, that there have been fraud involved with Federal funding for my children's case.

When we approach Department of Justice and private investigators, all of them initially responded with disbelief. I was told by a federal prosecutor that when nothing makes sense, always follow the money. My case has "generated" well over a million dollars. Just for court-appointed attorneys' fees has been over \$160,000.00, still counting. During Dec. 9's meeting, I insisted buying a new car and paying for all her cost. My offer was rejected again and I was told by your case workers and DHHS attorney Carla Risko that there are too much money available for my kid. Without AV recordings, no one would believe your DHHS attorney Risko's statement, especially your HHS committee Chairperson Kathy Campbell.

I was told by highly experienced experts that it's highly unusual for DHHS attorney Carla Risko to attend every single

meeting with parents. What more astonishing is what she has been saying and how she has been stonewalling, intimidating, and literally threatening me during last Dec. 9's meeting. Again, without extensive AV recordings, no one would believe Risko, who is also Special Assistant Attorney General, would do such things.

She not only fabricated damaging evidence during hearing on Feb. 7, 2014 and April 8, 2016 knowing that all would have been transcribed by court reporter in real time, but also filed motion by citing fathom email from Laureate therapist who testified 2 months later that she never sent such an email, which directly resulting we were completely cutoff from our younger daughter who was institutionalized for more than 5 months at Oklahoma's Laureate Psychiatric hospital. The cruelty is incomprehensible.

As an attorney paid by taxpayers to protect the most vulnerable children, she openly wrote an email sending to everyone calling a 16-year-old child under DHHS care as "her prostitution". She should know that federal law clearly states as sex-trafficking because any minor under age of 18 couldn't give consent to be sold. NDHHS Protection and Safety Procedure Update # 26-2015 signed by Doug Weinberg: "The Division of Children and Family Services considers youth involved in sex trafficking as victims due to their age and inability to protect themselves from exploitation by adults." DHHS attorney Risko, GAL Ucchino, Deputy county attorney Schuchman, Nebraska Family Collaborative (hereinafter referred to as "NFC") case workers and supervisors have not only continuously failed to protect the minor child, but also actively covered up by continuously labeling this horrendous federal crime as "sexualized behavior", "her prostitution", and "normal teen's sexual experimentation".

Why isn't any investigation done for the neglect and abuse under DHHS care?

Risko completely disregarded the Law. In her email, she gave specific instruction to NFC "not be recommending reunification" and "not letting parents to participate family therapy", despite Judge's ordering "Reunification" which is confirmed by Court of Appeal and NE Supreme Court. She has never disclosed to court or any parents that her husband Joseph S. Risko has been a long time associate partner at Shirber & Wagner, LLP Law firm of which its partner Jeffrey A. Wagner, and associate Karen S. Nelson have been courtappointed to handled countless juvenile cases in Douglas and Sarpy Counties. Without knowing this fact, I personally delivered the entire case files to her husband who was constantly act as receptionist, while she was the opposing attorney on our case seeking the termination of our parental rights. She also lied about her violation of my husband's HIPPA to obtain his psychological evaluation, without his consent, from her husband's partner Jeff A. Wagner who represented my husband at that time. It's a violation of Civil Right. I have 2 attorneys as our witnesses.

No one should be allowed to neglect, to abuse, to human trafficking, and to sex trafficking foster children without impunity, while making hundreds of millions of dollars, especially from federal funding.

The cover-up is always worse than the crime itself.

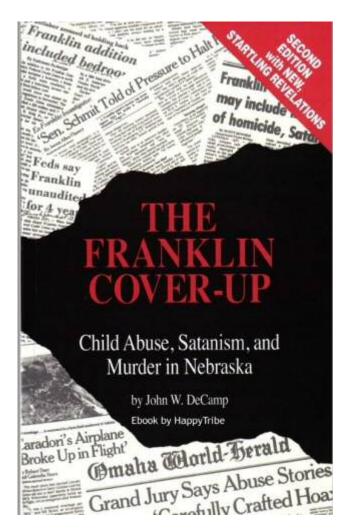
I am requesting you to investigate this long-standing horrific crime against the most vulnerable children. It's against humanity, and should never be allowed in Nebraska, or any civilized society. I have tens of thousands pages of documentations and AV records which have been submitted. Respectfully,

#### Catherine Yang Wang Anderson

In addition to the governor, Catherine has contacted the FBI, the Nebraska Attorney General, the US Attorney General's office, and many others.

Today, Catherine's daughters have aged out of the foster care system, but the damage has been done, and she continues to seek justice with her federal civil rights lawsuit.

Franklin Cover-up Scandal of Child Sex-Trafficking in Boys Town, Nebraska



Health Impact News recently published a report on the Boys Town and Franklin Credit Union scandal in Nebraska in the 1980s, and we asked the question:

### Is the Franklin Cover-up Scandal of Child Sex-Trafficking in Boys Town, Nebraska Still Happening Today?

It appears that Catherine's story answers this question, and suggests that things are "business as usual" in Nebraska.

In our story about the Franklin Cover-up, we noted:

With cash reserves of five hundred million dollars, Boys Town was considered the richest square mile in the world.

Today, Boys Town may still be the richest square mile in the US, if not the world. According to their 2016 form 990 tax return, "Father Flanagan's Boys' Home" has a total net asset of over a billion dollars.

One of the defendants in Catherine's lawsuit is the Nebraska Families Collaborative:

The Defendant Nebraska Families Collaborative ("NFC") is a Nebraska Non Profit Corporation with its principal place of business in Omaha, Douglas County, Nebraska.

At all relevant times, NFC had a contract with NDHHS to provide case management and an individualized system of care for families and their children and youth who are wards of NDHHS involved in the Child Welfare or Juvenile Court System.

NFC is now called **PromiseShip**. According to **their website**:

Boys Town, Child Saving Institute, Heartland Family Service, Nebraska Family Support Network and Omni Inventive Care came together in 2009 to establish PromiseShip (initially known as Nebraska Families Collaborative).

Isn't it time for the U.S. Department of Justice to take a look at what is going on in Nebraska?

Catherine's Facebook Page.