

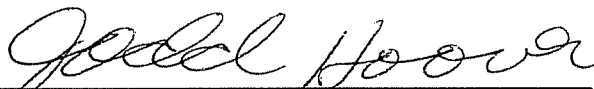
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: NO. CP-22-MD-1377-2011
THE SEVENTH DAUPHIN COUNTY :
INVESTIGATING GRAND JURY : **NOTICE NUMBER: 07-2012-04**

ORDER OF COURT

AND NOW, this 16th day of July, 2012;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Presentment Number 1 is accepted. This Presentment shall be sealed and no person shall disclose a return of the Presentment except when necessary for issuance and execution of process, or as otherwise directed or permitted by order of the supervising judge. Disclosure is authorized for issuance and execution of process. The Presentment contains factual findings that as a matter of law establish a *prima facie* case of the charges recommended.

BY THE COURT

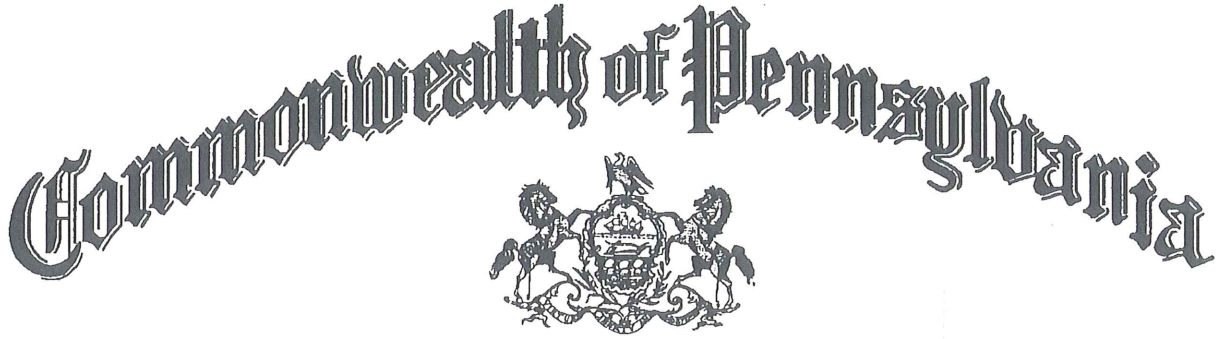


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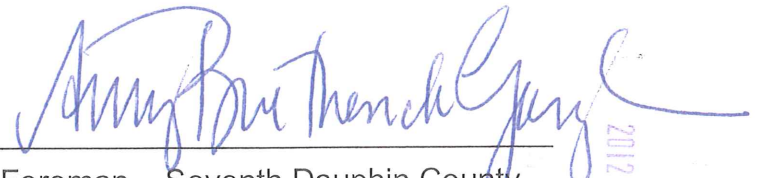
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TO THE HONORABLE TODD A. HOOVER, SUPERVISING JUDGE:

PRESENTMENT NO. 1

We, the Seventh Dauphin County Investigating Grand Jury, duly charged to inquire into offenses against the criminal laws of the Commonwealth, have obtained knowledge of such matters from witnesses sworn by the Court and testifying before us. We find reasonable grounds to believe that a violation of the criminal laws has occurred. So finding with not fewer than twelve concurring, we do hereby make this presentment to the Court.


Foreman – Seventh Dauphin County
Investigating Grand Jury

DATED: July 13, 2012

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INTRODUCTION

We, the members of the Seventh Dauphin County Investigating Grand Jury, having received evidence pertaining to a possible violation of the Pennsylvania Crimes Code, occurring in Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, pursuant to Notice of Submission of Investigation 07-2012-04, do hereby make the following findings of fact and recommendation of charge.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Glad Tidings Assembly of God, Middletown, PA (hereinafter “the church” or “the corporation”) is a domestic nonprofit corporation, which was incorporated on April 11, 1960. The church is located at 190 Fulling Mill Road, Lower Swatara Township, Dauphin County. The senior pastor and principal officer of the corporation is John M. Lanza. Pastor Lanza resides at the parsonage on the Fulling Mill Road address. The youth pastor is Andrew D. Jordan.

In addition to Sunday services, the church holds a regular Wednesday evening program that includes youth activities. Pastor Jordan runs the Wednesday evening youth program for children between 7th grade and 12th grade. That youth program is conducted in the basement of the church in a room without windows. In January, 2012, while planning the youth activities for the year, Pastor Lanza approved the program proposed by Pastor Jordan that included a mock raid. The mock raid was meant to simulate persecution of Christians in other countries.

Pastor Jordan held two planning meetings in advance of the mock raid with adult

members of the church and adult participants. On at least one occasion approximately two weeks before the mock raid, one of the other participants advised Pastor Jordan that he would have to get consent forms signed to engage in the activity. Pastor Jordan indicated that he wanted it to be a surprise but that he would look into legal consent forms.

On the evening of Wednesday, March 21, 2012, the youth ministry program began as usual in the basement of the church with Pastor Jordan leading the discussion. About 15 to 20 minutes into the program, the lights in the basement room were turned off. At that point, male members of the congregation with their faces obscured entered the room with flash lights. The men flipped over the chairs and ordered the children to get down on the ground. One of the children was K.T., a female child aged 14 years. K.T. was not a member of the church and had only been attending the Wednesday night program for about 4 weeks. When K.T. did not immediately get down on the ground one of the adults forced her on the ground.

Some of the children knew that this was a staged event and were not afraid. Some of the children were unaware that it was a staged event and were frightened. The masked men bound the children loosely behind the back using zip ties and placed bags over their heads. They then moved the children with their heads covered to a van parked outside the church and loaded the children into the open cargo area. The men then drove the van around the grounds of the church with the children in the back to simulate that they were being taken to a different place. The men drove the van to the parsonage which is on the grounds of the church and removed the children to the

basement of the parsonage.

In the basement of the parsonage, the bags or pillow cases were removed from the children's heads. One of the adult participants was present in the basement as a guard. The guard was holding an unloaded and disabled semi-automatic rifle of the type depicted in Grand Jury Exhibit 7, which is attached as Appendix "A". The unfinished basement was divided into two parts with a tarp. The masked men took Pastor Jordan, who was also restrained behind the tarp. The men simulated an interrogation and torture of Pastor Jordan including the use of power tools. K.T. overheard the masked men indicate that they were going to make Pastor Jordan's daughters their wives. This put K.T. in fear of rape. The men then brought Pastor Jordan in front of the children from behind the tarp. There was simulated blood on Pastor Jordan's face.

The children were then driven by van to an open field with a bonfire on the church grounds. The adult participants then explained to the children that this was a simulation to show them the persecution endured by Christians in some parts of the world.

With the exception of one child, the church did not notify the parents of the other children in advance of the event. With that one exception, consent was not obtained from the parents or the children. As a direct result of the staged abduction, K.T. suffered bodily injury. K.T. received a cut to her lip and bruises to both her legs. Photographs of those injuries are depicted in Grand Jury Exhibits 3 through 6, which are attached as Appendix "B". These injuries constitute bodily injury as defined in 18 Pa.

C.S. §2301. While she remained quiet during the event, K.T has suffered repeated crying bouts since the mock abduction and was traumatized by the event. The effects of the event itself were exacerbated by the memory of the kidnapping and murder of a young friend of K.T. years before. Another child testified that she was frightened throughout the staged event. This other child also experienced periods of fear in the days after the event as a result of the mock abduction.

RECOMMENDATION OF CHARGES

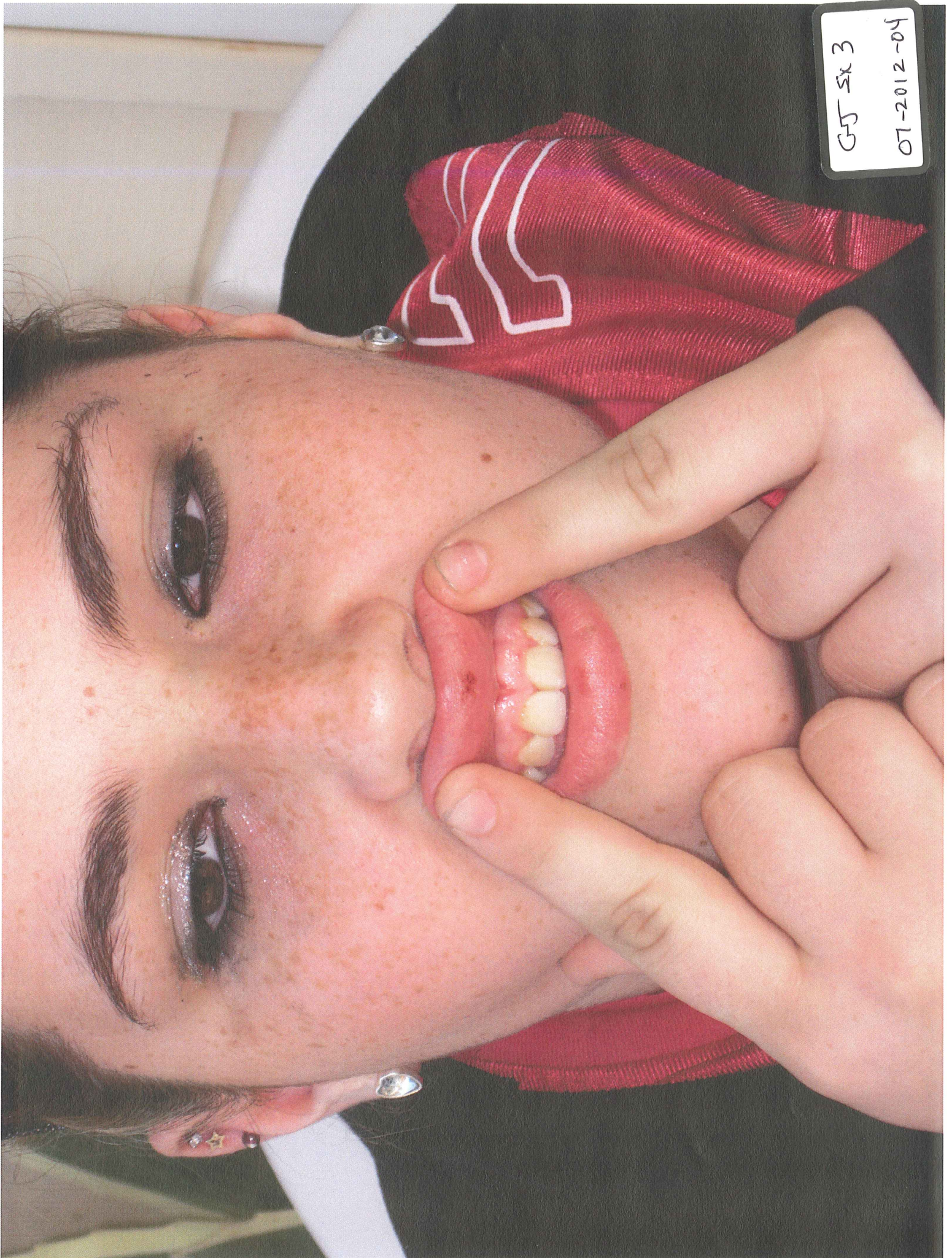
Based upon the evidence we have obtained and considered, which establishes a *prima facie* case, we, the members of the Seventh Dauphin County Investigating Grand Jury, recommend that the District Attorney or his designee, institute criminal proceedings against Andrew Jordan and Glad Tidings Assembly of God, Middletown, PA, a domestic nonprofit corporation. We recommend charging both Jordan and the corporation with false imprisonment, 18 Pa. C.S. §2904, graded as a felony of the second degree, and simple assault, 18 Pa. C.S. §2701(a)(1).

APPENDIX "A"



CS ex 7
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APPENDIX "B"



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