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## REPORT SEEKING PERMISSION OF BISHOP FOR EXORCISM

On Friday Morning, April 20, 2012, in the midst of my weekly Bible Study Group, I received a call from Chaplain David Neville of Methodist Hospital, since I was on call for Fr. Joseph Uko, to come to the North Campus to perform an exorcism on a boy witnessed by many as walking backwards up a wall. I told him that I would need the bishop's permission to do so, but that I was willing to conduct the necessary investigation. I gave him permission to pass on my contact information to anyone interested in being involved.

I arranged to meet with the mother and grandmother at the home they rented to bless it and investigate that Sunday Evening, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 pm. Following Friday's incident, Child Protective Services became involved and 2 of the 3 children were placed in foster care with the Carmelite Sisters in East Chicago, and the youngest boy was undergoing a psychological evaluation at another facility in Wheatfield, IN.

After I blessed the home at [REDACTED] Carolina Street in Gary, I interviewed the mother, Latoya Ammons [REDACTED] and her mother Rosa [REDACTED] who lived with them. The first time they noticed anything strange was shortly after moving into the house last November of 2011. After midnight, they would hear footsteps walking up the stairs from the basement and open the door into the kitchen, but when they would come out of their bedrooms, they would see nothing except perhaps when they would turn on the light in the room, it would flicker making a crackling sound for a time and then stop. When this continued, they later would leave their bedroom doors open to see if they would notice anything further, and one night after 3 in the morning the grandmother was awoken to see a shadowy figure of a man pace back and forth in the living room, and when they got up the next morning they saw on the wooden floor of their living room what looked like muddy footprints like from a boot. After this, they put a lock on the kitchen door to the basement, and when they would hear the footsteps come up the stairs and tried to open the door, they would hear pounding on the door.

Shortly after this, the kids would be affected during the day after school. One day, the daughter ([REDACTED]--just recently turned twelve) tried to get into her bedroom and the door was closed and she couldn't open it as if someone was holding it shut, and after several tries it flew open. One night, Rosa was watching television and heard what sounded like a dog barking in the kitchen, when she went in to investigate she didn't see anything but heard scratching on the door, but still didn't see anything when she finally opened it. The boys (especially [REDACTED]--just turned 8 and [REDACTED]--recently turned 10) would see a young boy around their age and he would talk and play with him especially in the closet, but they were scared in seeing an elderly lady like walking death with red eyes usually seen in the backyard. There seemed to be mechanical difficulties: the TV getting messed up, static on cell phones interrupting calls, the engine lights on their cars turning on and off, thermostat settings getting changed, things being hidden and other such annoyances. Occasionally, they would see the sticks that adjust the venetian blinds rock back and forth move from one window to the next. During the winter, the porch was filled with horseflies and later some 2 buckets of dirt from underneath the stairs had to be swept up.

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Soon the children seemed to be affected physically by becoming sick with vomiting, diarrhea and fever, with a lot of bleeding around the mouth and nose that would be left on their pillowcases and the mother had three different kidney ailments back to back. In early March, things would be ratcheted up to an unbearable level forcing the family to leave the house before Easter. [REDACTED]

That weekend, there was a family get-together at the house. [REDACTED] was sitting on the couch when something pulled her off the couch. [REDACTED] was in the bathroom and something threw him into the middle of the room, he complained that something was pulling on his limbs and genitals and then they saw his stomach go in and out. Next [REDACTED] is picked up and thrown into the freezer that is in the living room next to the kitchen door. Afterwards, the kids become sleepy and go to bed. [REDACTED] is then awoken that something is pulling her off the bed. Family members and friends begin leaving and some complain that something has followed them giving them a heavy feeling or a headache that may take a couple of weeks to finally dissipate. No one wants to come to the house anymore.

Rosa tries to contact her mother Ruth over the phone about what has occurred, which takes several tries due to bad connections, static, one can hear the other while the other can't, except for cursing which both would hear. When Ruth tried to call back, 10 0's appeared on Rosa's phone, which left a garbled message. Eventually they were able to communicate to the point that Ruth would talk to her neighbor who belongs to a church that deals with deliverance more than their Baptist church which was reluctant to get involved in such a way. Early that week, Ruth brought in an Evangelist to pray over the kids. When she went into the basement, she felt a lot of activity that was confusing and felt that Latoya was the one being attacked and would attack others through her and that she would need an exorcism. She was so overwhelmed that she had to leave the house. But she did suggest anointing all the doors and windows with oil, go through the house with bleach and sage incense, sprinkle salt throughout the basement, and she also set up a small altar in the basement with an open bible and a candle and incense burner. This did seem to work for three days. Then they discovered that the statue of the Holy Family that was placed on the altar had been thrown across the room breaking off the top part.

The kids now seem to be affected outside the house, where the crazy behavior would jump from one child to the other as they would get into the car, one would run to the car and start kicking it, and when restrained the other would be thrown to the grass, then one would start cussing, or saying it is time to kill, or doing some sort of demonic chant, where one would stop and the other would pick up where the other left off. Once inside the car, one would be rolling his head and stop and the other would start banging his head

on the arm rest and stop, and then the crazy demonic talk would start moving from one to the other. When the entity leaves they fall asleep.

The last straw was when they witnessed a Fabreeze bottle levitating and moving back and forth in the living room before being thrown into Latoya's bedroom that sounded like an explosion which knocked the lamp to the ground breaking it. When Latoya went into the bedroom to investigate, she saw a large dark shadow figure at the closet. With that, the family quickly got some clothes and went to a hotel, but the entity seemed to follow them there. They eventually went to stay at Latoya's brother's house refusing to go back to their house especially at night, but the entity seemed to follow them there though it would be more active once outside the house.

When it was time to go back to school, the kids were so affected that they stopped going to school, which got the authorities involved. She was taking the kids to the doctor's when they were under a severe attack where one would act crazy and then fall asleep and then go to the next. When the doctor witnessed this, he told her to take the kids to the hospital to run a series of tests, which she would do the next day, where the infamous incident occurred. The way it is described was that Rosa was holding [REDACTED] by his hands while he was growling back at her, and she was trying to coax him back and saying "You are not [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] come back." She was walking him back up against the wall when he continued to walk backwards up the wall until her hands were over her head and he immediately flipped over her head to land on the other side where she never let go or got twisted up. The psychologist and the social worker from Child Protective Services left the room to eventually get security getting the Police involved as well.

Toward the end of the interview [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Rosa interrupted us pointing to the bathroom light that was flickering and making an electric type of noise. I then got up to take a closer look and it stopped the moment I got to the door. I returned back to the couch to continue the interview when the flickering started up again, and again I got up to investigate and again it stopped just as I got to the door. I returned and mentioned that it must be scared of me, when it started up again, and this time it continued even after I entered the room to take a look. I then went back to get my crucifix and it still continued even after I touched the light fixture with it. I then ignored it to continue the interview.

Soon we were interrupted again when Rosa pointed to the venetian blinds in the kitchen and the stick that opens them was rocking back and forth about a ¼ of an inch. When I was looking at the other blinds, I noticed the one in Latoya's bedroom had what seemed to be like a couple of ounces of water poured down the middle of them. I pointed that out to them and she mentioned that it was oil and that she made the sign of the cross on all the windows, doors and blinds about a month ago where it had dried. I felt it and it was wet and oily, and I didn't remember seeing it before when I blessed the room. I then heard the furnace kick on and went to look at the blinds, and in the kitchen, you can see the effect that the vent had underneath moving the tags at the end of the cords that open them.

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When I pointed that out to them, they mentioned that is the only place below a window where there is a vent, where they manly run along the wall in the middle of the house. I also don't remember seeing any of the tags move. When the furnace kicked off, the tags stopped moving, but the stick continued rocking from one window to the next, while the tags remained still ruling out the cause being air currents of any sort. When I tried to resume the interview again, we were interrupted by Rosa pointing to the floor to what appeared to be wet footprints throughout the living room and concentrating around the chair Latoya was sitting. I felt them and they were wet and when I tried to smear them with my foot, I was able to. Even though I sprinkled the floor with holy water as I went through the house, you would almost have to walk through a puddle to reproduce what we were seeing and I don't recall seeing that before. Soon Latoya began complaining about having a headache. I got my crucifix and placed it upon her head and she began to quiver and convulse. I immediately took it off since I was only prepared to conduct an investigation and didn't want to go any further. She than said she was freezing and went into her bedroom to get a blanket and then threw it off saying she was burning up. I was surprised since I only heard stories of how it was affecting the children. I asked if it affected Rosa also, and she said that it never affected her. Latoya was then becoming light headed and finding it difficult to concentrate and talk. I then looked at my watch and was surprised to see that it was 10:30 pm. She could call me later that week and we can finish talking [REDACTED]. I also gave them permission to give my phone number to other witnesses and they could call me. I then gave her and her mother a blessing as requested and left the house with them.

The next day, Rosa called me to say that Latoya was sick as a dog and that she was sleeping in the same room when they woke up to something moving the covers off their feet. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] She then mentioned that her brother is moving to Indianapolis and that there is another place available there with the same landlord. I told her that I would be willing to go out there and bless her new home since that could avoid going through all the hassle of procuring an exorcism, [REDACTED]

That Tuesday, I got a call from her friend [REDACTED] who was present at the March 10<sup>th</sup> get together seeing the daughter mysteriously be pulled off the couch and complaining about being pulled off the bed. After he left the house, he had a headache that lasted about 2 weeks and will never go back to that house again. That same day, I got a call from her brother [REDACTED] who confirmed the same event. When they were staying at his house, he witnessed the kids acting strange like he never saw before doing demonic chants involving numbers where one would pick up where the other left off and being thrown around and flipped by unseen forces, slamming their heads against the car and having to be restrained once in the car and then fall asleep immediately.

Friday afternoon, I got a call from the Lake County Police detective handling the case, [REDACTED]. He told me they were examining the house that past Wednesday during the middle of the day, and we exchanged experiences. He said that the Gary Police Officer, Charles Austin, was experiencing strange phenomena on his radio as he approached the house with the channels changing rapidly hearing kind of a voice in the static until the battery went dead suddenly even though it was fully charged that morning. He mentioned that he took a lot of pictures and voice recordings and that [REDACTED] brought a videotape recorder that didn't work since the battery was dead despite being fully charged when he left. He had to use his phone to video record the visit. He was interested in contacting me.

On Wednesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, [REDACTED] of the Hammond Police Department called that [REDACTED] was consulting with him as the former local expert on crimes involving the occult with the present one. He said that he would send me his report along with the DVD of the investigation of the house if that would help my report to the bishop, which I said would indeed. He asked me if I saw the photographs taken by [REDACTED], and I said I hadn't, and he told me there was one I need to look at and that he would contact [REDACTED] to send that to me. He did call and sent me the photograph by email which looked like a white face underneath the stairs to the right and perhaps a darker greenish face in the middle. He later reviewed his audio recording while he was taking those pictures in the basement and after he mentioned that noises would be heard in the basement, it picks up someone whispering, "Hey." I mentioned that I was told that the youngest boy liked to play and talk to an unseen boy around his age. He mentioned that he found it strange that the poured cement floor appeared to be cut underneath the stairs and that there was dirt. He was going to procure a dog. He was going to ask the family and the landlord if you could dig underneath and if I wanted to be there, and I told him if it wasn't a crime scene, I would like to see if anything was buried there and pour blessed salt over that area. They were also going to check if there were any unsolved crimes, missing persons involving children in the area and the history of who owned and lived in the house.

On Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> I received the promised police report. In looking at the DVD, there was no trace of footprints or of the oil I saw on the blinds. On Monday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, I drove to Indy to bless the apartment before they would move in that Friday. On Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, [REDACTED] called that they procured a dog (however, not a cadaver dog since

there is only one with the Chicago Police Department used for looking over a wide area) and that they would revisit the house the next evening. In their research, they discovered that the house was built in 1926 and a newlywed white couple moved in and lived there all their life. After she died, it was sold and the new owners never lived there but would rent it out to various tenants. The present owner bought the house in 2004 and rented it out to various tenants. On the block, there was one murder, a domestic dispute that was solved.

The next day when the house was revisited, I was there. There was no reaction by the dog. The Police began digging slowly and at two feet deep many disturbing things began to turn up beginning with a fingernail, then a pair of woman's underwear, a heavy metal object that seemed to be there a long time and was thought to be a weight that would hold down a drapery cord, hair beads, the tops of various candy bar wrappers, a pair of socks with the bottoms below the ankles cut off, a strange oval red lid from a tea kettle perhaps, and what we thought was a bone turn out to be a plastic broken piece from perhaps a shoe horn. After about three feet deep you can see a pristine layer of sand indicating that no digging went any deeper. Ruling out a possible crime scene, the hole was filled in with its contents and I poured blessed salt over it. A possibility that back in the 30's the couple's son may have accidentally been killed when he was playing around by swinging the drapery cord when he was conked over the head by the ten pound weight. The grieving mother may have turned to the occult to conger up her son with having her husband's involvement who liked the energy boost from candy bars while burying the personal items surrounding the death. If this worked once, perhaps is was tried other times with people close to her like her mother. If further research turns up some names that can be verified it may be worthwhile to have a Mass said for each to move on and enter the light of Christ's redeeming love.

Unfortunately, when Latoya entered the house for the first time since my first interview with her, her headache remained. Oil seem to condense and drip unto the steps from the crosses she made above. It also appeared all over the blinds in her bedroom. The police officers wiped down the blinds, and closed and sealed the door for ½ hour and when opened again, more oil appeared. Last Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, Rosa called and said that Latoya was getting worse. When I talked to her, she was having nightly dreams of [REDACTED] raping and intimidating her, which seems to be a new phase in her experience. I told her that I will be wrapping up my report and try to see the bishop as soon as I can.

Submitted to the Most Reverend Dale J. Melczek, Bishop of Gary  
on this Monday, the 21<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2012 signed by

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*Permission granted by phone at 3:30 pm, Wednesday May 30, 2012. -mm*