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Jeffrey Jay Jacobsen Creating Hate on the Internet

Jeffrey (Jeff) Jacobsen presents himself as an “expert” on religion; his expertise however, manifests itself in attacks on religious groups and their parishioners.



Jacobsen has labeled several churches, including the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, as “cults”.

Jacobsen regularly associates with convicted criminals or hate mongers. Among his close friends are Keith Henson - convicted for a hate crime, Rick Ross - a jewel thief and kidnapper, Fredric Rice who makes bomb-making information available on his website, Rob Clark who made bomb threats against Scientology and who was also arrested for hacking into sensitive government computers, and David Touretzky, a racist, who also hosts detailed bomb-making instructions on his website. (In the above photo Jacobsen is portraying himself as a doctor at a hate march).

Jacobsen supports violence- most of the hate-marches he has organized against members of the Scientology religion are designed to stalk the parishioners of the Church, take their license plates, video-tape them coming in and out of the Church, photograph them and post their photographs on the Internet. These and numerous other forms of hatred are spread by Jacobsen and his hate-monger group.

Jacobsen Computers Used by Child Murderer

An individual who routinely uses the internet as a tool of intimidation is not likely to take measures to protect the public from other types of internet predators, even where the safety of children is concerned.

Anti-religious extremist Jeff Jacobsen has stated that he manages the computer systems for his father’s two video stores in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Harlan Jacobsen makes his living from enterprises that exploit sex. He owns a string of “Singles” newspapers that advertise “escort services”. His Video Mania store alone includes a section that carries 2,000 to 3,000 pornographic films. Part of that store is a cybercafé consisting of seven computers that are presumably among those Jeff Jacobsen claims to “manage.”

How well he manages them is a matter of debate since on April 17, 2005 it was revealed that a 41 year-old male customer repeatedly used those very computers to view child pornography, and make threats against children, in the weeks prior to kidnapping, raping and murdering an 8 year-old girl.

Jon Walker of the Argus Leader reports:

“[Murray James] Jones, 41, was a customer in a Sioux Falls business March 23 when he used a computer to send a note to a Hill City woman logged onto the same Internet chat room. “We had a lot of fun raping your granddaughter,” Jones’ note said, according to Harlan Jacobsen, owner of Video Mania, 2019 S. Minnesota Ave., where the message originated.

“Within 2 1/4 weeks, Jones would be charged with raping and killing the granddaughter of Norma Carver, the woman with whom he lived.

“But the night of the original message, he could not have known to whom he was writing. He joined the chat room only because the computer's previous user had neglected to log off. He returned on other occasions to the Video Mania computer section - a corner of the store called a cybercafé - and twice was recorded looking at child pornography. The second time, April 8, was the evening before Jessica DeLaTorre disappeared and Jones led police to her body.”

“The sequence appears to show a predictable progression of pornography,” said David Miller, vice president of Citizens for Community Values, a Cincinnati-based organization.

“Exposure leads to addiction, then escalation, desensitization and then an increasing tendency to act out the behaviors exhibited...”

While the use of common internet controls could have prevented Jones from accessing pornography on the store’s computers, apparently neither Jeff nor Harlan Jacobsen feel any responsibility for taking any such steps to protect the public; profit comes first.

“Call it what you want,” [Harlan] Jacobsen said. “What you called pornography 10 to 15 years ago, they’re showing in the theaters now. It’s not the big, bad thing churchgoers make it out to be....”

“We have a sign that says if you do porn, we'll bounce you,” Jacobsen said. “But it's like a phone booth. You can make nasty calls and the phone company can't stop you. You can't have a \$10-an-hour employee watch a \$2-an-hour customer.”

At two dollars an hour it is safe to assume that the cybercafé is not the main profit center of Jacobsen's business. Perhaps the value in allowing customers to access pornographic sites in his cybercafé is that it increases the likelihood that they will rent Jacobsen's far more profitable stock of adult videos. Regardless of profit, Jacobsen's father has been convicted of tax evasion in connection with the family business.

In any case, the mere suggestion of internet controls is anathema to extremists like Jeff Jacobsen whose ability to propagate anti-religious hatred is largely dependent upon an unrestricted, unmonitored internet. Jacobsen and his cohorts have long histories of intimidating parishioners via email and using newsgroups and chat rooms to encourage the harassment of parishioners at their churches, businesses and schools. Jacobsen's close associates include supporters of white supremacists, copyright anarchists (who specialize in committing intellectual property theft via the internet) and have within their ranks an extremist who was having cybersex with a minor.

Jacobsen associate & Ross Client Commits Suicide

“Debbie has progressed greatly over these past few years. She has become stronger and continued to be involved in a counseling program.” -- Rick Ross, Debbie's Counselor --

The truth is Debbie is dead. On January 28, 2002, Deborah L. Malone (formerly Christensen) - a friend and associate of Jeff Jacobsen and a former client of Rick Ross - took a deliberate overdose of anti-depressants and narcotic painkillers, and died seated in her car at a lakeshore. She left a suicide note in her vehicle. The only explanation the medical examiner could find for her suicide was her complaint of depression. Debbie was 35 years-old.

Jeff Jacobsen was a member of a so-called anti-cult group that Christensen founded in Arizona in the late 1980's, several years after she ended her involvement in her parent's religion. During this period, Jacobsen hooked up with convicted jewel thief Rick Ross and became involved in Ross' newest profiteering enterprise, "exit counseling" - a euphemism used by deprogrammers to legitimize the days and sometimes weeks of mental and physical abuse that they force on individuals in an effort to force them to give up their faith. Jacobsen was anxious to turn his hatred of religious groups into a career and, while a member of Christensen's group, wrote to the old Cult Awareness Network apparently looking to advance himself within the network of anti-religious hate groups.

At that time, CAN President was Michael G. Rokos, who was convicted in 1982 of attempting to solicit sex from a young male police officer who was posing as a teenage pros-

titute. In his 1989 correspondence with Rokos, Jacobsen cited such stellar academic credentials as having completed “5 hours of independent study on brainwashing and conversion,” and field work comprised almost entirely of “having chased Moonies out of the K-Mart parking lot.”

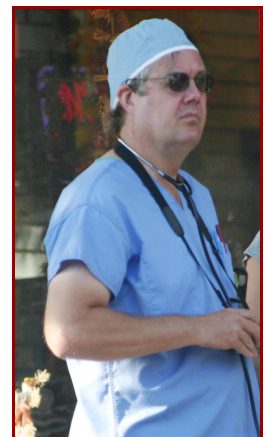
Jacobsen and others attempted to expand Christensen's group to include attacks on numerous religions but Christensen insisted on confining the group to its original purpose. Still Jacobsen and Ross remained closely involved with Christensen. In a 1992 affidavit, Ross claims that, shortly after they met in 1988, Debbie Christensen sought counseling from him and that Ross spent “many hours” counseling her and her husband, Carl. Debbie also received psychiatric counseling, and a newspaper article hailing her alleged “recovery” still appears on Ross's website.

“My net impression,” Ross swore in his affidavit, “is that she [Debbie] has confronted her pain and problems in an effort to face them and become better. She seems to have succeeded.”

After years of such “counseling,” and whatever poor assistance “friends” like Ross and Jacobsen chose to offer, Debbie took her life using psychiatric drugs and narcotic painkillers.

Destroying Innocent Lives

Jacobsen was formerly employed at Yankton State Mental Hospital, South Dakota as an orderly. The following story was published by a former employee of Yankton State Mental Hospital, who blew the whistle on inhumane and criminal conduct by Jacobsen and other employees, who preyed on helpless mental patients. It is a very touching story but it also reveals what was happening in that institution and how Jacobsen and other employees abused the patients or inmates.



“I worked at Yankton State Mental Hospital for many decades and now that I am retired I would like to speak my mind. I should have quit that job the first year, but I did not have the guts to do it. If you have seen the Green Mile, I feel like Paul Edgecomb after the execution of John Coffey. I profoundly apologize with to the readers for not saying my name but I want to live the rest of my retirement in peace. I have seen the most horrific things happening to people while I worked at Yankton Mental Hospital. The patients and inmates were deprived of any rights. They were restrained, held down on the ground or in their beds by force and overdressed. Those who received electric shocks were not up to giving their consent and had no understanding of what was being done to them. The general rule of the hospital was to obtain the patient's consent before giving electric shocks. Have you ever seen a mentally impaired individual giving his



consent with full understanding? 90% of the patients had no one that cared for them so they were left entirely to the mercy of the psychiatrists and staff of the hospital.

“The employee turn over rate was very high - running 40%. Sex between the staff and mental patients or inmates was very common, the largest problem at the hospital. Though it was grounds for termination, those caught doing it were offered the choice to either resign or get fired, however the hospital records would only show they had “resigned”.

Jacobsen was specifically identified as one of the orderlies who “enjoyed seeing the inmates suffering”:

“I have seen a lot of young boys coming and going, but there is one young man who struck me as a very odd person because he seemed to enjoy seeing those inmates suffering. I believe his last name was Jacobsen (spelling?). There were other young men like Jacobsen but they did not last as long as he did. Jacobsen worked with me in the locked men’s ward and he was once bitten by an inmate (I don’t know if he got bitten after provoking the inmate). You should have seen this Jacobsen’s eyes when he reported the incident, he was scarier than the inmate that bit him. Jacobsen was doing things, as most of the staff did, with no medical training or license, including administering medications and drugs to the inmates; which brings me to the next point.

“Prior to 1985 (particularly the period between January and October 1980) drugs or medications were administered by the psychiatrists and staff. Most of the staff had no medical training whatsoever, but the psychiatrist would show the staff “how to do it” and that included injections. We were so understaffed that on weekends it was common practice to over medicate the patients to keep them “quiet”. We could administer as much as we wanted because there was no supervisory system. Those inmates were totally at our mercy. I remember that the most common drug that was administered to them was Melleril in liquid form. It came in one liter bottles and was drawn out through a syringe, shot into a cup and given to the inmates to drink. Deaths could have occurred from overdosing the inmates and patients. If a patient died under suspicious circumstances they were buried in the hospital cemetery and no one would question anything.

“The coroner did not perform the autopsies but ordered them done at another hospital in town, the Sacred Heart. The autopsies may have not been complete with regard to toxicol-



ogy so any death from overdose could have been missed. It was a given that since most of the mental patients were on drugs anyway, the doctor performing the autopsy would expect to find traces of drugs in the body even though the toxic level was too high.

“A great number of corpses, when not buried, were sent to Vermillion Medical School at the University of South Dakota, which explains the lack of death certificates.

“As I mentioned in the beginning of my letter the staff turn over rate was so bad that the administration began to hire drifters who would work for a couple of days and then leave. Aside from sexual misconduct the other grounds for firing that occurred was striking a patient, which was not an uncommon practice at Yankton. Up until 1985 there were patients who were violent but there was no reason to strike back at them. At that time there were between 1400 to 1600 mental patients as opposed to about 250 now.

“I am not a computer expert or even remotely familiar on how to send messages to electronic boards but I have the assistance of a young gentleman who listened to my story and insisted that I make it known. I feel better before God for having told my story.

A retired staff from
Yankton State Mental Hospital”

Jacobsen has yet to be prosecuted for his abuses of inmates at Yankton State Hospital.

Religious Freedom Watch investigates and exposes individuals who breed racism and anti-religious intolerance through hate speech. Should you observe anything illegal or peculiar from any of the extremists featured in this publication report them to your local authority.