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Re: Oliver/[REDACTED] Investigation - Summary

Dear Pastor Anderson:

### **Inquiry**

On November 15, 2018 Churchome retained me to investigate the allegations of improper sexual contact between [REDACTED] and Braylon Oliver, allegedly occurring several years ago. Braylon Oliver is now a church employee and [REDACTED] has made the accusation and both have agreed to an investigation. Churchome placed Mr. Oliver on leave from his position with the church pending the outcome of the investigation.

I refined this inquiry as follows:

On or about October 24, 2012 in San Diego, California, after [REDACTED] initially agreed to have sex with Braylon Oliver, did Braylon force [REDACTED] to continue having sex with him after she told him to "Stop,[that] he was hurting her?"

### **Standard of Proof**

The legal standard applied is the "preponderance of evidence standard" used in all civil courts; after the weighing evidence, (a) is it more likely than not that the alleged incidence occurred or (b) is it more likely than not that the alleged incident did not occur.

### **Opinion Summary**

It is my opinion, taking into account all direct and circumstantial evidence, and applying the preponderance of evidence standard, that it is more likely than not that on or about October 24, 2012 in San Diego, California, that after [REDACTED] initially agreed to have sex with Braylon Oliver, when she told him to "Stop, [that] he was hurting her," Braylon refused to stop, and covered her mouth to keep her quiet and continued the act over her clear objections.



## CONCLUSION

Based upon these interviews, I find there is a preponderance of evidence (more likely than not) that on or about October 24, 2012 in San Diego, California, after [REDACTED] initially agreed to have sex with Braylon Oliver, that Braylon forced sex with [REDACTED] after she told him to "Stop! You are hurting me!"

[REDACTED] states she had told Braylon that he was drinking too much on that particular evening. Others commented that Braylon had been drinking at various times around that date, but no one was certain as to what he had consumed on the evening in question. [REDACTED] describes an argument between herself and Braylon, which is also supported by her sister [REDACTED], although [REDACTED] did not know what the argument was about. Braylon admits drinking during this same time period but denies any recollection of this particular evening.

It is reasonable to understand that Braylon reacted negatively to [REDACTED] criticism of his drinking. He recently had had a DUI in Arizona, had had troubles at his job for being drunk and texting an underage girl, and had been chastised for drinking in public by the church pastors. Just a few weeks earlier he had been completely laid off from the church, and according to witnesses, he was "bitter." His father was paying to support him.

[REDACTED] admits to low self-esteem, and felt she had to accommodate Braylon sexually and forgive him when he cheated on her, because that's what she had to do to have a boyfriend." This combination of events was a "perfect storm." Braylon was angry, and he took it out on [REDACTED]. Because of her low self-esteem, she allowed herself to be lead into Braylon's car for the purpose of sex. When the act caused her physical pain, and she told him to stop, Braylon put his needs before hers and told her that she was fine. When she cried and struggled, he restrained her.

Braylon says he has no recollection of this event, and insists that if he had done such a thing, that he and [REDACTED] would have at least talked about it. [REDACTED] did not talk about it to anyone for a long time. It was not until she went into therapy and explored her relationship with Braylon, did she fully understand that what had happened was "date rape." After therapy and soul searching, she felt it important to bring this matter to the attention of Churchome, where Braylon has a position of leadership and the ability to influence the morals and behavior of others.

Braylon feels that [REDACTED] was so devastated by their break up and the loss of their relationship, that she has lodged these charges against him because he is now doing so well, and she is not married or in a relationship. In other words, that [REDACTED] has brought this situation forward for some sort of revenge against him.

Others have questioned why [REDACTED] delayed so long in telling her story. Studies show that many women do not come forward when they have been the victim of sexual violence. [REDACTED] herself understands that she was very naïve and had low self-esteem. Braylon was manipulative and charismatic. He also minimizes or ignores his own shortcomings or difficulties. If he does not remember the assault, perhaps he was too intoxicated to have a clear recollection. Alternatively,



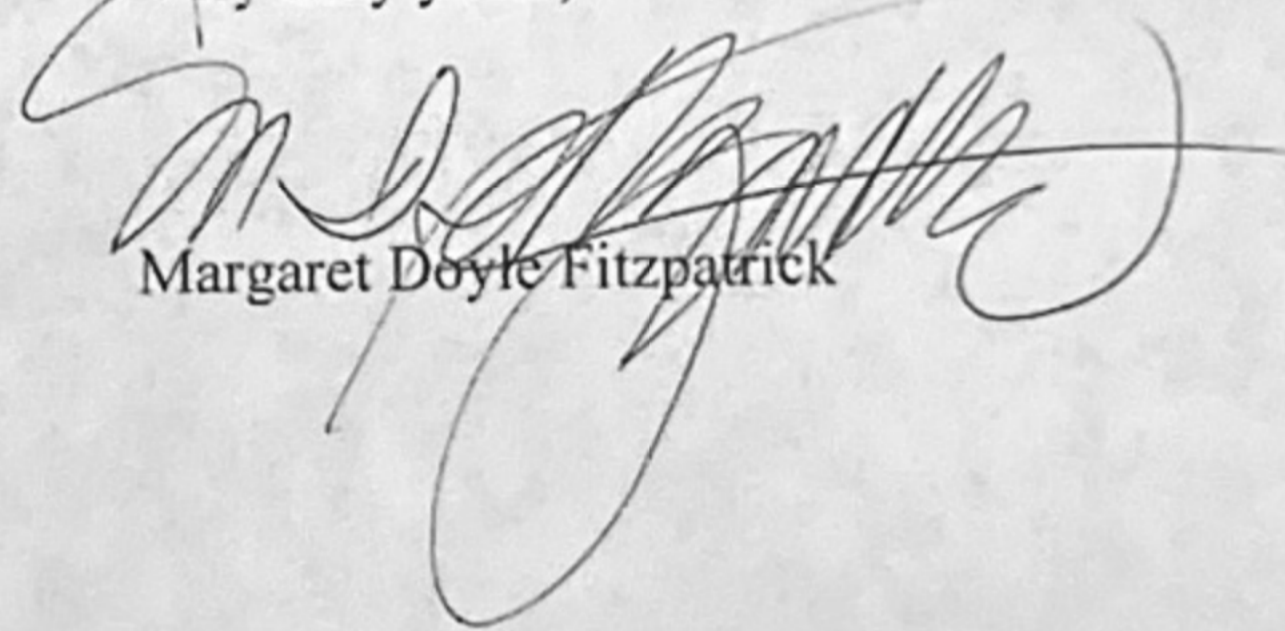
Braylon was used to imposing his will on [REDACTED]; he often disrespected her through his words or actions. Nevertheless, she would come back for more.

[REDACTED] has grown a lot over the past six years, and had the maturity to seek competent professional help at her own expense to confront and deal with these significant life issues. In retrospect, she has a more clear understanding of her relationship with Braylon, and how her own passivity and low self-esteem enabled him to be disrespectful to her, even to the point of forcing sex on her over her objections. However, the decision to continue having sex with [REDACTED] despite her crying and pleas for him to stop, was Braylon's. It is understandable that he does not want to examine those actions now.

[REDACTED] has a demonstrated commitment to her church, and had difficulty reconciling Braylon's position of responsibility and influence in the church with how he treated her. She did not make the decision to come forward lightly, but after several months of counseling, prayer and discussions with other trusted advisors. This is part of her healing process.

Thank you for this opportunity to work with [REDACTED], Braylon, and the other impressive young people in their circle.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Margaret Doyle Fitzpatrick', written in black ink. The signature is fluid and somewhat stylized, with a large loop at the end.

Margaret Doyle Fitzpatrick