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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

Precedence: PRIORITY

Date: 06/14/2000

To: Louisville

From: Louisville  
Squad 5

Contact: SA [redacted] X3882

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]:prc

Case ID #: 44D-LS- (Pending)

Title: UNSUB(S);  
HEART OF FIRE CHURCH,  
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY - VICTIM;  
DANNY RAY JOHNSON - PASTOR;  
[redacted]  
RELIGIOUS DISCRIMINATION - FORCE/VIOLENCE



Synopsis: Open and assign captioned case.

Details: Authority to open and assign case is requested herewith so that proper case identification number can be utilized in substantive initial outgoing communication.

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Report  
T set 7-14-00  
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(07)  
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Title and Character of Case:

HEART OF FIRE CHURCH  
JOHNSON, DANNY, RAY

Date Property Acquired: Source from which Property Acquired:

07/28/2004

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Anticipated Disposition: Acquired By:

Case Agent:

Description of Property:

Date Entered

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- 1) ORIGINAL ENVELOPE TO HEART OF FIRE CHURCH AND  
ENCLOSED PAMPHLET
- 2) ORIGINAL LETTER FROM US ATTORNEY DATED 7/27/2004

Barcode: E02183929

Location: ECR

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Case Number: 44D-LS-68598  
Owning Office: LOUISVILLE

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HEART OF FIRE CHURCH  
JOHNSON, DANNY, RAY

Date Property Acquired: 07/14/2006  
Source from which Property Acquired:  
FBI LABORATORY ANALYSIS OF 1B 1

Anticipated Disposition: Acquired By:  Case Agent:

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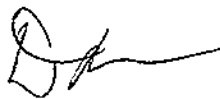
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Date Entered

PILLS, SLIDES, DNA SECONDARY EVIDENCE, AND PHOTOGRAPHS  
REFERENCE ANALYSIS OF 1B 1

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Owning Office: LOUISVILLE

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HEART OF FIRE CHURCH  
JOHNSON, DANNY, RAY

Date Property Acquired: 07/14/2000  
Source from which Property Acquired: [REDACTED], SECRETARY OF STATE, CORPORATE RECORDS  
FRANKFORT KY

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Anticipated Disposition: Acquired By: [REDACTED] Case Agent: [REDACTED]

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Description of Property: 1C 1  
Date Entered

DOCUMENTS IN RELATION TO HEART OF FIRE MINISTRIES

Barcode: Location: ECR 1C 07/14/2000

Case Number: 44D-LS-68598  
Owning Office: LOUISVILLE

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Date : 06/14/00  
To : CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE  
From : LOUISVILLE  
Topic: INITIAL SUBMISSION.

Reason for Permanent Charge-Out:

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Employee:

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The following investigation was conducted telephonically by [REDACTED], Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), 600 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Place, Room 500, Louisville, Kentucky 40202, telephone number (502)583-3941, on June 16, 2000:

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[REDACTED], Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA), 510 West Broadway, Bank of Louisville Building, 10th Floor, Louisville, Kentucky, telephone number [REDACTED] advised that so far investigation is proceeding on the premise that the fire at the Heart of Fire Church, 5017 Bardstown Road, Louisville, Kentucky, was arson. At the present time, sufficient information has not been shown to indicate a Civil Rights violation.

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The following investigation was conducted by [redacted], Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation, 600 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Place, Room 500, Louisville, Kentucky, telephone number (502)583-3941, on June 20, 2000:

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Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) [redacted] United States Attorney's Office, 510 West Broadway, Louisville, Kentucky, telephone number [redacted] was telephonically contacted at his office. AUSA [redacted] was advised by the agent that recently obtained information indicates that Danny R. Johnson, Pastor, Heart of Fire Church, 5017 Bardstown Road, Louisville, Kentucky, is suspected of being involved in the fire occurring at the church. The agent advised AUSA [redacted] that the agent was contacting the AUSA regarding a prosecutive opinion

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AUSA [redacted] advised [redacted]

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AUSA [redacted] stated [redacted]

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent (SA) [redacted] Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), 600 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Place, Room 500, Louisville, Kentucky, telephone number (502)583-3941, on June 19, 2000, at Louisville, Kentucky:

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A Kentucky Criminal History inquiry for [redacted] [redacted], date of birth (dob) [redacted], Social Security Account Number (SSAN) [redacted] revealed no references for [redacted] in the Kentucky Criminal History files.

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A National Crime and Information Center, Interstate Identification Index, inquiry revealed a reference for [redacted] [redacted], an alias used by [redacted], FBI number [redacted] dob [redacted], SSAN [redacted]. According to the NCIC printout for [redacted] he was arrested in California and has a state identification number of [redacted].

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An Interstate Identification Index inquiry revealed a listing for [redacted] FBI number [redacted] dob [redacted]. According to the Interstate Identification Index report, on [redacted], [redacted] was arrested by the Pasadena Police Department for [redacted].

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Also on the Interstate Identification Index, an arrest for [redacted] is listed as [redacted] by the Houston Police Department for [redacted].

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A Triple I multi-stated record shows a listing for [redacted] dob [redacted]. According to the listing, [redacted] was charged by the Beverly Hills, California, Police Department for [redacted]. The charges were dismissed due to lack of probable cause and evidence.

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[redacted] was charged with [redacted]

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A bench warrant was issued by the Santa Ana, California, Sheriff's Office. [redacted]

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[redacted], a bench warrant was issued by the Santa Ana, California, Sheriff's Office for the arrest of [redacted]. His position of the matter is unknown.

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Attached and made a part hereto are copies of the Criminal History checks.





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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent (SA) [REDACTED], Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), 600 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Place, Room 500, Louisville, Kentucky 40202, telephone number (502)583-3941, on June 19, 2000, at Louisville, Kentucky:

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A Kentucky, Department of Motor Vehicle, license inquiry for Danny R. Johnson, date of birth (dob) October 18, 1960, Social Security Account Number (SSAN) 434-21-0689, revealed that a license was issued to Johnson on October 2, 1997, with an expiration date of October 31, 2001. Johnson is listed as residing at 275 Beechwood Circle, Mt. Washington, Kentucky 40047. Johnson's operator license number is J93194954. A copy of Johnson's license printout is attached a made a part hereto.

A National Crime and Information Center (NCIC) inquiry for Danny R. Johnson, dob October 18, 1960, SSAN 434-21-0689, identified a reference for Johnson as having an FBI number of 382839EA2. Johnson has a state identification number of KY00321367.

A Kentucky Criminal History inquiry revealed a reference for Johnson as being arrested on October 18, 1985, by the Louisville Police Department. Johnson was arrested for complicity. Attached and made a part hereto is a copy of the NCIC report and the Kentucky Criminal History.

On June 19, 2000, the Louisville Police Department, 225 South 7th Street, Louisville, Kentucky, telephone number (502)574-7064, was contacted both telephonically and in person regarding records concerning Danny Ray Johnson, dob October 18, 1960. The Agent was advised that having reviewed microfiche at the Louisville Police Department, they were unable to locate the records regarding the arrest of Johnson on October 18, 1985.

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\* \* KENTUCKY CRIMINAL HISTORY \* \*

NAME	SID	FBI	INQUIRY DATE
JOHNSON, DANNY 2902 PALMETTO CIRCLE LOUISVILLE KY	KY00321367	382839EA2	06/19/2000

SEX	RACE	BIRTHDATE	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	EYES	HAIR	SKIN	BIRTH PLACE
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ALIAS NAMES
JOHNSON, DANNY RAY                      JOHNSON, RAY

OTHER BIRTHDATES	SCARS-MARKS-TATTOOS	SOCIAL SECURITY	MISC NUMBERS
19601018			AIN287230

MISC COMMENTS - NONE

ARREST- 1-- 19851018 FINGERPRINT CARDS ON FILE- YES

AGENCY-LOUISVILLE PD KY05602

NAME USED-JOHNSON, DANNY RAY

CHARGE- 1-COMPLICITY

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NAME	FBI NO.	DATE REQUESTED
JOHNSON, DANNY RAY	382839EA2	2000/06/19

SEX	RACE	BIRTH DATE	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	EYES	HAIR	BIRTH PLACE
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1-ARRESTED OR RECEIVED 1985/10/18  
AGENCY-DOC-IDENT DIV LOUISVILLE (KY056023C)  
AGENCY CASE-287230J  
CHARGE 1-COMPLICITY

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(ACTIVE DVO RECORD)

\*\*\*\*\* ATTENTION \*\*\*\*\*  
CONFIRMATION MUST BE MADE WITH THE ENTERING AGENCY AND CONDITIONS  
OF THE ORDER VERIFIED PRIOR TO ARREST  
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\*\*\* DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INQUIRY RESULTS \*\*\*  
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(HISTORICAL DVO RECORD)

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\*\*\* DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INQUIRY RESULTS \*\*\*  
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(HISTORICAL DVO RECORD)

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MISC COMMENTS - NONE

# Blaze destroys church; cause not yet known

## Fire possibly started at rear of building

By ENJOLI FRANCIS  
The Courier-Journal

Flames destroyed Heart of Fire Church early yesterday, leaving a pile of charred debris that must be removed before investigators can enter and try to determine the cause of the blaze.

The fire, at 5017 Bardstown Road in southeastern Jefferson County, was reported about 1:20 a.m. by a passing motorist, said Officer Robert Biven, a spokesman for Jefferson County police.

Three fire departments — Fern Creek, Highview and Buechel — fought the blaze, which took an hour to control. Portions of the building were still burning at 6 a.m., Biven said.

No one was hurt, but "it's a total, complete mass destruction," Biven said.

Aerial photographs indicated that the blaze appeared to have begun in the rear of the church, he said.

While investigators waited for the arrival of heavy construction equipment lent by the state to move the debris, authorities interviewed witnesses and tried to remove what charred materials they could.

Agents from the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms are investigating, along with local arson detectives, Biven said.

Since an series of church burnings in the South in recent years, the ATF has been required to investigate all church burnings.

Biven said investigators are not looking at the fire as an arson yet, "but we're not going to rule anything out."

"We're not going to point



BY STEVE DURBIN, THE C-J

any fingers at any particular group right now," Biven said. "Our priority is to determine the cause of the fire. And it would be so premature to speculate until we get into the building."

The pastor of the non-denominational church, the Rev. Dan Johnson, could not be reached yesterday. An associate pastor, the Rev. Michael Constantine, said he suspects the fire may have been racially motivated arson.

Last month members of the church participated in a rally in downtown Louisville protesting a visit by members of the Ku Klux Klan. The church members held aloft a banner that read: "Racists go to hell. Galatians 3:28."

The Fern Creek church has a predominantly white congregation.

Constantine told the Associated Press that threats were phoned to the church after the anti-Klan demonstration, but he said a recent program at the church may have made it a target. Heart of Fire had a joint service with members of a predominantly black Missionary Baptist Church congregation, and afterward, some people driving past made obscene gestures to the African Americans, he said.

"They were flipping them off, and Monday we started getting more ugly phone

calls," Constantine said.

He said the church's windows were shot out in an earlier incident that he also linked to its stance against racism.

"The Gospel is freedom for all men, not just for one race, and since we have done that (taken the stance), we have met controversy after controversy," he said.

Ryan Meredith, the church's assistant administrator, said that he hoped that the fire was accidental and that "no one would do

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anything like this."

He said the church had advocated solving social problems like racial disunity, and some people who weren't members of the church did not share that mission. "Some people have made slurs," he said.

Yesterday, however, Meredith was grieving for the building. "It's five years of the pastor's heart and soul that seemed to go so quickly," he said.

The Associated Press contributed to this story.

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# Probe of church fire to look at finances, claim of threats

## Trained dog checks for signs of arson at Heart of Fire

By DARLA CARTER  
and KIM WESSEL  
The Courier-Journal

Authorities say it could take up to a month to determine the cause of a fire that destroyed a Fern Creek church early Tuesday.

A dog trained to detect accelerants was brought in from Lexington yesterday to help determine whether the blaze at Heart of Fire Church might have been set.

Results of the search won't be known until samples of rubble from the church at 5017 Bardstown Road are examined at a lab in Rockville, Md., said Officer Stacy Redmon, a Jefferson County police spokeswoman.

Investigators will sift for additional clues at least through today, she said.

"It's a tedious but meticulous type of investigation. You have to go inch by inch," said Don York, a spokesman for the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, which is helping county police with the investigation.

The fire was reported about 1:20 a.m. by a passing motorist, and it left most of the church in ashes and rubble.

The church is insured, but the insurance company and the amount of coverage was not known last night.

An insurance adjuster was at the scene Tuesday, said Officer Robert Biven, another county police spokesman.

Church officials could not be reached yesterday by phone or at the property. The Rev. Michael Constantine, an associate pastor, has told The Associated Press he thinks the fire might be a hate crime.

Last month, members of the church participated in a counter-rally against the Ku Klux Klan in downtown Louisville. The church also recently held a joint service with a

black Baptist church, and some passers-by made rude gestures to the African Americans, Constantine said. The church also received "ugly phone calls," he said.

Redmon said police will follow up on that information. She said police also plan to look into the church's finances.

On the day of the fire, Jefferson Circuit Judge Kenneth Conliffe issued a judgment against the church to pay E&L Concrete \$8,060, plus interest, for some drainage work last year.

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In September 1998, Pastor Dan Johnson and the church were sued for allegedly failing to reimburse a woman who had lent the church nearly \$24,000. The case was settled a few months later. The terms were not disclosed.

In May 1999 Boland Maloney Lumber Co. filed a lawsuit claiming it did work for Johnson and the church but was never paid. That case is pending.

Staff writer Shannon Tangonan contributed to this story.

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# Church fire was arson, investigators conclude

## Police have no prime suspect in Fern Creek blaze

By KIM WESSEL and SHANNON TANGONAN  
The Courier-Journal

The blaze that destroyed Heart of Fire Church in Fern Creek early Tuesday was arson, investigators said last night.

Their next step, they said, is to determine who set it afire — and why. They are not focusing on any one person, they said.

"We're not pointing fingers at anyone at this point," Officer Robert Biven, a Jefferson County police spokesman, said last night. "We have heard these allegations of threats and harassing behavior toward the church, and we have heard other allegations pointed toward (the church's) financial difficulties."

The fire started in several places, "which is indicative that this fire was intentionally set," he said.

Investigators would not say what they thought was used to set it.

County police arson investigators are working with agents from the federal Bureau of Al-

cohol, Tobacco and Firearms on the case. Evidence from the scene was sent to the ATF lab in Rockville, Md., and will be processed within four weeks.

The fire at the church was reported about 1:20 a.m. Tuesday by a motorist, and it left most of the church in ashes and rubble.

The church's associate pastor, the Rev. Michael Constantine, has said he suspects the fire was a racially motivated arson. Last month churchgoers protested a visit to Louisville by members of the Ku Klux Klan.

A pastor at the church, the Rev. Dan Johnson, and his Heart of Fire Ministries Inc.

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are also facing mounting complaints from at least a dozen companies that claim they're owed a total of more than \$1 million, court documents show.

A year ago, Boland Maloney Lumber Co. filed a lawsuit in Jefferson Circuit Court claiming it had furnished the Heart of Fire Church with building materials but had never been paid. It claims it is owed almost \$24,000.

The lumber company also named several other defendants — mostly contractors — who in turn filed counter-

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claims against Johnson and Heart of Fire Ministries Inc.

As part of that case, Liberty Group Inc., based in Anderson, Ind., filed a complaint claiming it is owed \$1.3 million, plus interest, on three mortgages. Two of the mortgages are on the church's property, and one is on "parsonage property" in Bullitt County. It asks that all the property be sold under foreclosure.

The complaint alleges that Johnson has defaulted on the mortgages, fail-



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ing to make payments when due.

Kenneth Brown, the lawyer representing Liberty Group, declined to

comment yesterday because the case is pending.

Also as part of the same case, at least a dozen other companies, most of them contractors, claim that Johnson owes them money for work they did at the church.

All of the claims are pending.

Earlier this week, in a separate case, a judgment was issued against Heart of Fire Church. Jefferson Circuit Judge Kenneth Conliffe ordered it to pay E&L Concrete \$8,060, plus interest, for drainage work.

In 1998, in yet another case, a woman sued the Heart of Fire Church, Johnson and Pastor Rebecca Johnson, claiming she had loaned them nearly \$24,000 and had not been paid back. The case was settled, but the terms were not disclosed.

Dan Johnson, who, according to court records, lives on Beechwood Circle in Mount Washington, could not be reached for comment yesterday.

Staff writer Darla Carter contributed to this story.

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# Church may be rebuilt after fire

## Congregation tries to focus on the positive

By DARLA CARTER  
The Courier-Journal

Just a few days after Heart of Fire Church was destroyed by arson, some of its members are talking about rebuilding the church, which already is more than \$1 million in debt.

Investigators announced Thursday night that the fire, which ravaged the church at 5017 Bardstown Road early Tuesday, had been set. No one has been charged, said Officer Robert Biven, a Jefferson County police spokesman.

But some church members say the congregation is trying to move forward by focusing on the positive, such as organizing a service tomorrow morning.

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edith ties the slurs to the fire. "At this time, I think there's just about any possibility out there," Meredith said. "... I could never attach a name or a group to something like this because you never know."

Dickson said the arson simply means "we've missed someone out there in that community, that we have not shared the love of Christ with, that they would have such hate in their hearts to take away... the day care, the school as well as the church."

Meredith said the congregation would like to rebuild, either at the same location or at least in the same area. But he said the church is insured for only about \$800,000.

"We're looking to try to find some way to overcome that and try to rebuild and try to provide for the ministry," he said. "...

We have the Lord on our side. ... He's always made provisions for us."

Heart of Fire's pastor, the Rev. Dan Johnson, could not be reached for comment. He did not respond to a written request for an interview that was left at his home Thursday.

Court records show that at least a dozen companies claim that they are owed a total of more than \$1 million by Johnson and Heart of Fire Ministries Inc.

A year ago, Boland Maloney Lumber Co. filed a lawsuit in Jefferson Circuit Court claiming it was never paid for providing building materials to the church. It claims it is owed \$24,000. The lumber company also named several other defendants — mostly contractors — who filed counterclaims against Johnson and Heart of Fire Ministries.

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Church member  
Linda Dickson

"It's important that we at least meet together to share, again, the love of Christ with one another and to encourage and strengthen one another," said Linda Dickson, who has been attending the Fern Creek church since February 1999.

The location for the service has not been decided.

The congregation gathered for a prayer service Wednesday night and talked about Heart of Fire's future, said Ryan Meredith, an assistant administrator for the church. It also operated a school and a day-care center, Dickson said.

The motive for the arson is unknown, but associate minister Michael Constantine has speculated that it was racially motivated. The predominantly white church recently participated in a protest rally against the Ku Klux Klan.

Dickson said that when the congregation played host to members of an African-American church last Sunday, someone drove by Heart of Fire shouting racial slurs.

But neither Dickson nor Mer-

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# Head of church calls blaze a hate crime

## Heart of Fire members clean up area for services

By HOLLY CORYELL  
The Courier-Journal

The head of the Fern Creek church that burned to the ground last week called the arson a hate crime.

"We're victims here. We're the ones who have suffered a hate crime," Bishop Dan Johnson said yesterday as he walked through the charred remains of the Heart of Fire Church, 5017 Bardstown Road, while his wife, children and church members cleaned up and salvaged items from the debris.

On May 20, members of the predominantly white congregation took part in a protest rally against the Ku Klux Klan in downtown Louisville. Other officials of the church have said the fire could have been related to their participation in the protest.

No one has been charged in the fire, said Robert Biven, a Jefferson County police spokesman. Investigators have determined that the fire was set but are still interviewing people and have not named any suspects, he said.

Johnson said that he, his wife and members of his congregation are among those who have been interviewed by fire investigators.



BY CHRIS HALL, SPECIAL TO THE C-J  
**Brian Milliner, 11, left, and Boaz Johnson, 10, waited to begin the cleanup at Heart of Fire Church yesterday.**

"We haven't ruled anybody out at this point," Biven said. "We don't like to speculate, and we don't like to point fingers at anybody." It will be two to four weeks before police receive the results of tests on evidence sent to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms crime lab in Maryland, he said.

At the time of the fire, Johnson said he and the church

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owed \$1.7 million to construction companies and contractors who worked on renovations on the church. That debt, he said, is now consolidated under one mortgage from Alanar Inc., an investment banking firm that specializes in financing churches and other non-profit organizations across the nation through the sale of first mortgage bonds, according to the company's Web site.

A message left last night at the company's headquarters was not returned.

Alanar stopped making payments on the debt while the contractors fixed a faulty sewage link and other problems, Johnson said. The church is now involved in a lawsuit to get Alanar to pay the bills, he said.

The church's child-care center and school brought in about \$10,000 a week, Johnson said. At the time of the fire, there were about 65 children enrolled at the center and in a summer program, said Ryan Meredith, assistant administrator for the church.

A state program for low-income families has helped parents find other child care since the fire, Meredith said.

Meredith and other church members were clearing fire debris and rainwater from an area of the burned-out church so that services can be held there at 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. today. The first is the 350-member congregation's regular service. Johnson said he has invited several area churches to the second.

Last week, R.Z. Miller of Spirit of Peace Baptist Church preached at Heart of Fire on Job, the Old Testament prophet who lost everything in a test by God. Johnson said he planned to speak today about the "restoration of Job."

Johnson pulled a partially burned songbook from a pew and read from a hymn, "Trading My Sorrows."

*I'm trading my sorrows  
I'm trading my shame  
I'm laying them down  
For the joy of the Lord.*

"Somebody burned a church, and it wasn't us," Johnson said. "I'm believing in restoration here."

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# Church burned by arsonist worships in makeshift tent

By SHANNON TANGONAN  
The Courier-Journal

The Heart of Fire Church will rise from the ashes, members vowed yesterday during the first Sunday service after flames ravaged their house of worship.

About 40 of the congregation's 350 members sought shelter from the steady rain beneath a makeshift tent of tarpaulins at the site of their burned church, 5017 Bardstown Road in Fern Creek.

An aluminum extension ladder held up by sandbags served as a tent pole.

Rows of folding chairs faced the charred shell of the church. Mounds of shattered glass and other debris were reminders of Tuesday's fire, which authorities have ruled an arson.

But Bishop Dan Johnson, pastor of the church, focused his sermon on rebuilding and moving forward, rather than on what was lost.

"Before Jerusalem was rebuilt, it had to be burned," Johnson told his congregation. "There's a church about to rise

**"There's a church about to rise up — sound the trumpet!"**

Bishop Dan Johnson,  
pastor of the church

up — sound the trumpet!"

A trumpet and two ram's horns were among the few items found among the ruins, he said. Johnson blew one of the horns during the morning prayer service, which also celebrated racial harmony.

Dr. R.Z. Miller, an African American who is pastor of the Spirit of Peace Missionary Baptist Church, and several of members of his congregation spoke from the pulpit and offered support.

Miller said in an interview

that the burning of the church was "an act of Satan" and dismissed the idea that the church may have been burned because it has had financial difficulties.

Court records show Johnson and Heart of Fire Ministries Inc. owe more than \$1 million to construction companies and contractors who renovated the church, and the matter is in court. But Johnson said that the debt has been consolidated under one mortgage, and that payments on the debt were stopped while contractors fixed a faulty sewage link and other problems.

No one has been charged with setting the fire, said Officer Robert Biven, a spokesman for the Jefferson County police. Reports of threats made against the church, the church's finances and other leads are still being investigated, Biven said.

"Nothing has been ruled out," he said.

Johnson and members of the church say the arson was a hate crime. The predominantly

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## Church worships in tent after fire

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white congregation took part in a protest rally against the Ku Klux Klan in downtown Louisville on May 20.

Cordia Richard, 40, who teaches Sunday school at the church, said there have been many threatening calls. "We should have reported them sooner," she said.

Despite being saddened over the loss, Richard said she harbors no anger toward whoever set the fire. There is still, however, a sense of disbelief.

"You wouldn't think things like this would happen," she said.

Ryan Meredith, the assistant administrator of the church, said it has gone through death, burial and resurrection. "What really matters is we're still here and still want to do some good," he said.

Associate pastor Michael Constantine said the church will likely find another location to hold services because it is too painful to look at the burned building.

"You can't look at the past too long," he said.

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Detective [redacted]  
Jefferson County Police Department  
Fire Investigation  
768 Barret Avenue  
Louisville, Kentucky 40204

RE: HEART OF FIRE CHURCH

Dear [redacted]:

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On June 13, 2000, a search for references under the name Danny Ray Johnson, date of birth October 18, 1960, was conducted to determine whether or not Johnson was listed as a reference in any Louisville investigations.

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Should you require any additional information, please contact [redacted], Special Agent, FBI, telephone number (502)583-3941.

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5017 Bardstown Road  
Louisville, Kentucky 40291  
[redacted] Bank of Louisville - Victim  
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Details: On December 29, 1997, [redacted] Bank of Louisville, 500 West Broadway, Louisville, Kentucky, home address [redacted] home telephone number [redacted] received a typewritten letter from Pastor Danny Ray Johnson, Heart of Fire Church, 5017 Bardstown Road, Louisville, Kentucky 40291, telephone number (502) 491-3587. The letter was hand delivered to [redacted] at 5:15 p.m. The attached letter was taken to be a threat by [redacted] who contacted the United States Attorney's office, who in turn, contacted the FBI. AUSA [redacted] spoke with [redacted]

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AUSA [redacted] asked that [redacted]

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On January 5, 1998, Pastor Johnson and seven other individuals from various churches in the Louisville area, protested in front of the Bank of Louisville building located at 500 West Broadway, Louisville, Kentucky. Bank of Louisville employees furnished to the FBI on January 5, 1998, six color

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*Work done by [redacted] 1/6/98*  
*[redacted] - info [redacted] 91-0-187*  
*[redacted]*



To: Louisville From: [redacted]  
Re: 91-0, 01/06/1998

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photographs of the assembly during the protest.

On January 8, 1998, at 11:00 a.m., [redacted] contacted SA [redacted] and stated that Pastor Johnson was again protesting in front of the Bank of Louisville building.

On January 8, 1998, at 2:00 p.m., SAs [redacted] and [redacted] interviewed Pastor Johnson at the Heart of Fire Church, 5017 Bardstown Road, Louisville, Kentucky 40291. SAs [redacted] and [redacted] identified themselves by a display of credentials and explained the nature of the interview involved the letter written by Pastor Johnson to [redacted]. Pastor [redacted] acknowledged that he sent the letter to [redacted] and that he meant no harm or overt threat to either [redacted]. Pastor [redacted] further explained that when people are treated unrighteously by others, those people in turn will be dealt with by God in a just manner. Johnson stated that he did not intend to threaten [redacted]. Pastor Johnson explained that for over a year and a half, he has worked with [redacted] and [redacted] of the Bank of Louisville to obtain architecturally drawings and city zoning board approval, to obtain a loan to remodel and add additions to his church, and was lead to believe until the last moment that the loan would be approved, only to be turned down by [redacted].

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Pastor Johnson stated that he would continue to picket the Bank of Louisville and pursue through legal channels the means to obtain a loan through the Bank of Louisville. Johnson advised that he understood the letter he sent [redacted] was perceived as a threat and that he had no intention of causing any harm to [redacted]. Pastor Johnson advised that he had written a press release concerning the matter and furnished a copy to interviewing agents (see attached).

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Pastor Johnson furnished the following personal information:

Name: Danny Ray Johnson  
DOB: 10/18/1960  
Sex: Male/White  
SSAN: 434-21-0689  
POB: Louisiana  
Home Phone: (502) 538-2088  
Address: 275 Beechwood Circle  
Mt. Washington, Ky 40047  
Education: Doctorate from Southern Baptist Seminary

To: Louisville From: [redacted]  
Re: 91-0, 01/06/1998

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On January 8, 1998, SA [redacted] was contacted by [redacted]  
[redacted] Bank of Louisville at 4:45 pm.  
SA [redacted] informed [redacted] of the outcome of the interview with  
Pastor Johnson. [redacted] advised that he would immediately inform  
[redacted] that no physical threat was intended by the letter  
sent to [redacted] by Pastor Johnson. No further action will be taken  
in this matter.

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TO: COMPANY FBI  
 ATTENTION [Redacted]  
 FAX NUMBER 369-3882

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FROM: SENDER [Redacted]  
 TELEPHONE# [Redacted]

REMARKS:

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[Redacted]  
 This was hand delivered to [Redacted]  
 secretary on 12/29 at 5:15 pm.  
 Let me know what you think.  
[Redacted]

# PRESS RELEASE

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We've begun holding prayer viduals at 10:30 am every morning at 500 W. Broadway infront of Bank of Louisville until Righteousness prevails and Justice is accomplished.

## VIOLATIONS of INJUSTICE

1. " The **Bank of Louisville** ", has deprived the Christian community that built them. (Where 85% of inner city Blacks bank)
2. " The **Bank of Louisville**" has intentionally delayed, and denied funds, to a local church that is working to help meet the needs of the downtown and west end communities, due to racial and religious differences.
3. "The **Bank of Louisville**" must see that in order to effectuate change, **everyone must be involved**, that ncludes, Financial Institutions in this city. It can not be all taking and no giving.

We the Christian Community of Louisville require the same thing, that GOD requires of man, that is **To DO JUSTLY.**

**The Greater Christian Community of Louisville**

*"Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people"*  
Proverbs 14: 34



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275 BEECHWOOD CIR

MT WASHINGTON

KY 40047

SEX/M DOB/101860

HGT/602

WGT/200 EYE/BLU

QLN/J93194954

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ISS DATE/100297

EXP DATE/103101

ISSUE TYPE/REN=RENEWAL

TRANSFER STATE/CA

DRIVER STATUS/IN FORCE

RESTRICTIONS/NONE

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2902 PALMETTO CIRCLE			
LOUISVILLE			
KY			

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JOHNSON, DANNY RAY	JOHNSON, RAY

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		AIN287230

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 AGENCY-LOUISVILLE PD KY0560200  
 NAME USED-JOHNSON, DANNY RAY  
 CHARGE- 1-COMPLICITY



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OTHER SCARS-MARKS-  
BIRTHDATES TATTOOS

10181960

SOCIAL  
SECURITY MISC NUMBERS  
AIN287230

MISC COMMENTS - NONE

PERSON LOCATOR

Name: JOHNSON, RV DAN

Current Address: POB 99977, LOUISVILLE, KY 40269

On File Since: 4/1/1997

YOUR SEARCH REQUEST IS:  
5017 BARDSTOWN ROAD AND KENTUCKY

PERSON LOCATOR

Name:

Current Address:

On File Since: 8/1/1997

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PERSON LOCATOR

Name: JOHNSON, DAN R

Current Address: 9103 WENDELL COURT, MOUNT WASHINGTON, KY 40047

Previous Addresses: 275 BEECHWOOD CIRCLE  
MOUNT WASHINGTON, KY 40047

POB 99977  
LOUISVILLE, KY 40269

Telephone Number: 493-9393

On File Since: 10/1/1982

PERSON LOCATOR

Name: JOHNSON, DANNY R

Current Address: POB 12406, BOTHELL, WA 98082

On File Since: 4/1/1996

PERSON LOCATOR

Name:

Other Names:

Current Address:

Previous Addresses:

Telephone Number:

On File Since: 10/1/1983

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44D-LS-68598  
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The following investigation was conducted by [redacted] Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), 600 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Place, Louisville, Kentucky, telephone number (502)583-3941, on June 26, 2000, at Louisville, Kentucky:

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Kentucky, Department of Motor Vehicle Licensing (DMV), inquiry revealed a Kentucky Motor Vehicle Operator's License was issued to [redacted] [redacted] with an expiration date of [redacted] is listed as Operator License Number [redacted] Social Security Account Number [redacted] and date of birth [redacted] A copy of [redacted] driver's license information is attached.

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DMV inquiry revealed that a [redacted] four door, tan vehicle, license number [redacted] is registered to [redacted]. The license expires May 31, 2000. Attached is a copy of the license information printout.

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A National Crime and Information Center (NCIC) inquiry revealed no warrants were outstanding for [redacted]

Attached and made a part hereto are the results of NCIC, Kentucky Criminal History, and Interstate Identification Index responses.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: PRIORITY

Date: 06/27/2000

To: Indianapolis

From: Louisville  
Squad 5

Contact: SA [redacted] (502) 569-3899

Approved By: [redacted]

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Drafted By: [redacted] D:md

Case ID #: 44D-LS-68598 ✓

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Title: UNSUB(S);  
DANNY RAY JOHNSON - PASTOR  
HEART OF FIRE CHURCH,  
Louisville, Kentucky - VICTIM;  
[redacted]  
RELIGIOUS DISCRIMINATION -  
FORCE/VIOLENCE

Synopsis: [redacted] interview.

Reference: 266A-IP-85426 Serial 110

Details: On 06/13/2000, at 1:05 AM, a fire was reported at the Heart of Fire Church, 5017 Bardstown Road, Louisville, Kentucky. The Heart of Fire Church and attached daycare are considered to be a total loss. The Heart of Fire Church had a \$1.7 million mortgage. It was insured for \$855,000.00. The Heart of Fire Church is a non-denominational church consisting of approximately forty to eighty members. Ten percent of the congregation is believed to be minority. Danny R. Johnson [redacted] [redacted] are the pastors.

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On 06/13/2000, [redacted] [redacted] observed a white Cadillac pull out of the church. [redacted] also described the driver as being a white male. [redacted] was not able to obtain the car license number.

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On 06/16/2000, [redacted] alleged that the fire was racially motivated. [redacted] based his allegation on the premise that the Klu Klux Klan (KKK) started the fire. [redacted] further alleged that the KKK was behind the fire because the Heart of Fire Church protested at the KKK's rally. [redacted] alleged that the speaker at the KKK rally may have been seen at the Heart of Fire Church on 06/13/2000.

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To: Indianapolis From: Louisville  
Re: 44D-LS-68598, 06/27/2000

As noted in referenced EC, file number 266A-IP-85426, Serial 110, from Louisville to Indianapolis dated 05/24/2000, the KKK rally was held on 05/20/2000. The principle speaker and organizer of the rally was [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] is subject of Indianapolis case captioned, [REDACTED] IMPERIAL WIZARD; ET AL; AOT-DT/VC".

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To: Indianapolis From: Louisville  
Re: 44D-LS-68598, 06/27/2000

LEAD (s):

Set Lead 1:

INDIANAPOLIS

AT [REDACTED]

In an effort to prove or disprove the KKK's involvement, Louisville requests that Indianapolis expeditiously locate and interview [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and obtain details regarding his whereabouts as of midnight on 06/12/2000, and early morning hours of 06/13/2000, at 1:05 AM. Also obtain complete physical description including hair color and complete description of vehicles owned by [REDACTED]

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The following investigation was conducted by [redacted] Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation, 600 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Place, Louisville, Kentucky 40202, telephone number (502)583-3941, on June 28, 2000, at Louisville, Kentucky:

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Inquiry at the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Division of Unemployment Insurance, was made to identify employees of Heart of Fire Church, 5017 Bardstown Road, Louisville, Kentucky, and Heart of Fire School, 5017 Bardstown Road, Louisville, Kentucky. Based on the inquiry, the Division of Unemployment Insurance advised that no employees could be found under Heart of Fire Church or Heart of Fire School. Attached and made a part hereto are copies of the computer inquiries regarding the employees.

Inquiry into the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Motor Vehicle Registration, for vehicles owned by Danny Ray Johnson

[redacted]  
[redacted] revealed that two vehicles were listed under the name Heart of Fire Ministries.

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The first vehicle listed is a white Cadillac Deville, 1994, four door, registered March 9, 2000, with an expiration date of October 31, 2000. Attached and made a part hereto is a copy of the computer printout regarding the registration.

The second vehicle registered under Heart of Fire Ministries, Inc., is identified as a 1995 Mercury Villager, white in color. The Villager was registered on March 9, 2000, with an expiration date of October 31, 2000. Attached and made a part hereto is a copy of the computer printout regarding the registration of the Villager.

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found under Church  
Heart of Fire

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NAME

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NAME REQUESTED WAS: HEART OF FIRE S

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under Heart of  
Fire School*

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NAME

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Date: 06/28/2000 Time: 09:48:21 AM

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 OWNER-1 BIRTH MO 10 OWNER-1 SSN [REDACTED] b6  
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The following investigation was conducted by [redacted], Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation, 600 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Place, Room 500, Louisville, Kentucky, telephone number (502)583-3941, on June 28, 2000, at Louisville, Kentucky:

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A National Crime and Information Center (NCIC), Interstate Identification Index inquiry was made under the name [redacted] date of birth [redacted] Social Security Account Number [redacted] to determine whether any outstanding warrants or criminal history information was available for [redacted]. Based on the inquiry no records were found. Attached and made a part hereto is a copy of the NCIC report.

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Inquiry into [redacted] driver's license information revealed an operator's license was issued to [redacted], [redacted] operator license number [redacted] is described as a male with [redacted] weighing [redacted] and [redacted] Social Security Account Number is listed as [redacted] and his date of birth is listed as [redacted] license expires on [redacted]. Attached and made a part hereto is a copy of the license information.

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Inquiry into Kentucky criminal history revealed no reference for [redacted].

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The following investigation was conducted by [redacted] Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation, 600 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Place, Room 500, Louisville, Kentucky 40202, telephone number (502)583-3941, on June 29, 2000, at Louisville, Kentucky:

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Inquiry into Department of Motor Vehicle Registration to identify vehicles owned by [redacted] Social Security Account Number [redacted] revealed that a [redacted] [redacted] is registered to [redacted] [redacted] vehicle was registered on March 17, 1999, with an expiration date of May 31, 2000. Attached and made a part hereto is a copy of the computer printout regarding the inquiry.

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Inquiry at the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Division of Unemployment Insurance, to identify the most recent place of employment for [redacted] revealed no listing for the first quarter of 2000. Attached and made a part hereto is a copy of the wage file data regarding [redacted] Social Security Account Number [redacted]

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U.S. Department of Justice  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

600 Dr. MLK Jr. Place, Room 500  
Louisville, KY 40202  
July 6, 2000

[redacted]  
United States Postal Service, Iroquois Branch  
4772 Allmond Avenue  
Louisville, Kentucky 40209

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RE: [redacted]

Dear [redacted]:

On or about June 13, 2000, the Louisville Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation initiated an investigation into allegations of a civil rights violation, Title 18, United States Code 247, Damage to Religious Property; Obstructions of Persons in the Free Exercise of Religious Beliefs. In conjunction with that investigation, the Federal Bureau of Investigation has a need to locate [redacted], white male, born [redacted], Social Security Account Number [redacted].

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Pursuant to the investigation, [redacted] was identified as holding a post office box located at Post Office Box Number [redacted] Louisville, Kentucky 40219. The Federal Bureau of Investigation has been advised that the zip code for [redacted] Post Office Box 40219 is incorrect, and that it should be 40209, a zip code for the Iroquois Branch of the United States Postal Service.

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In furtherance of our investigation, it is requested that the United States Postal Service provide the following information:

1. A copy of the application for Post Office Box [redacted], if in fact registered to [redacted].
2. Current address and/or forwarding address for [redacted].

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- 1 - Addressee
- 2 - Louisville (1-44D-LS-68598) ✓-63  
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3. Any information that can aid in identifying the current residence of [redacted].

Response to this request may be made by facsimile to [redacted], Special Agent, telephone number (502) 583-3941, facsimile (502) 569-7209. Your assistance and cooperation regarding this inquiry are appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Jeffrey A. Lampinski  
Special Agent in Charge

By:

[redacted]  
Supervisory Special Agent

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# FBI FACSIMILE COVERSHEET

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From: Louisville  
(Name of Office)

Subject:

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Originator's Name:

Telephone: 583-3941

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Originator's Facsimile Number: 502-569-7209

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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The following investigation was conducted by [redacted], Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation, 600 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Place, Louisville, Kentucky 40202, telephone number (502)583-3941, on June 28, 2000, at Louisville, Kentucky:

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[redacted], telephone number [redacted] was contacted at his place of employment. Having been advised of the identity of the agent, [redacted] then provided the agent with information regarding the rental application of [redacted] residing at [redacted]. Examination of the rental application revealed that it was dated July 23, 1998. [redacted] listed his last employer as being [redacted]. [redacted] start date for employment with [redacted] was listed as [redacted].

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[redacted] then telephonically contacted [redacted] to speak with [redacted] former supervisor known as [redacted]. Having contacted [redacted] advised that [redacted] has no information to provide regarding [redacted].

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[redacted] advised that the previous address for [redacted] prior to [redacted] was listed as [redacted].

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[redacted] listed a personal reference of [redacted] telephone number [redacted].

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[redacted] listed a vehicle described as a [redacted] tag number [redacted].

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[redacted] listed a roommate, name not legible, as having a Social Security Account Number of [redacted] and a date of birth of [redacted]. [redacted] former roommate listed an address of [redacted].

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[redacted] advised that [redacted] is receiving mail at Post Office Box [redacted] Louisville, Kentucky 40219, and has listed a telephone number of [redacted], which was previously noted as [redacted].

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[redacted] then telephonically contacted [redacted],  
[redacted] Yorktown Apartments. [redacted] advised  
[redacted] that the only information he could provide is that  
[redacted] has recently seen [redacted] on television. [redacted]  
explained that the television newscast was doing a special on the  
Heart of Fire Church and the Klu Klux Klan. [redacted] was seen  
standing in the background. [redacted] recalled that [redacted] lived  
in [redacted] at one time.

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Inquiry into the Bell South, Greater Louisville,  
telephone directory for use until April 2001, revealed a listing  
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[redacted] telephone number [redacted]. It is noted that the  
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The following investigation was conducted by [redacted] Special Agent (SA), Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), 600 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Place, Room 500, Louisville, Kentucky, telephone number (502) 583-3941, in an effort to locate [redacted]:

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On July 5, 2000, inquiry at [redacted]

[redacted] (REQUEST CONFIDENTIALITY, DO NOT REVEAL CONTACT WITH [redacted])

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On July 5, 2000, [redacted]

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[redacted] The Agent advised [redacted] that the Agent wished to talk with [redacted] about a civil rights matter, and that at the present time, [redacted] is not a subject of the investigation nor has an arrest warrant been issued for him. The Agent provided [redacted] with a business card and requested [redacted] contact the Agent to arrange a meeting with [redacted] be in touch with him.

On July 5, 2000, [redacted]

[redacted] telephone number [redacted] was contacted at his place of employment. [redacted] stated that [redacted] previously lived at the [redacted]. [redacted] has provided no forwarding address. [redacted] previously resided in [redacted]

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[redacted] upon reviewing his files, advised that [redacted] listed a girl friend identified as [redacted], for whom [redacted] does not have a forwarding address.

On July 5, 2000, the Agent made inquiry at the Fairdale Post Office, United States Postal Service, 411 Mount Holly Road, Fairdale, Kentucky, to determine whether or not [redacted] left a forwarding address for Post Office Box [redacted] Louisville, Kentucky 40219. The Agent was advised that Post Office Box [redacted] for zip code 40219 is not at the Fairdale Branch. The Agent was referred to the Okolona Branch of the postal service located at 7400 Jefferson Boulevard, Louisville, Kentucky, telephone number (502) 966-8049.

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On July 5, 2000, the Agent contacted [redacted] [redacted], Okolona Branch, United States Postal Service, 7400 Jefferson Boulevard, Louisville, Kentucky, telephone number (502) 966-8049. The Agent advised [redacted] that the Agent was attempting to identify forwarding address information and/or the location of [redacted]. [redacted] advised the Agent that Post Office Box [redacted] does not exist at the Okolona Branch of the United States Postal Service. [redacted] advised that Post Office Box [redacted] is at the Iroquois Branch, Louisville, Kentucky 40209. [redacted] telephonically contacted [redacted] Iroquois Branch of the United States Postal Service, 4772 Allmond Avenue, Louisville, Kentucky 40209, telephone number (502) 368-8911. [redacted] advised that she is unable to provide any information regarding Post Office Box [redacted] due to new policies concerning the release of information regarding post office boxes. [redacted] provided the Agent with a 01/31/2000, letter from the United States Postal Inspection Service, Office of General Council. [redacted] advised that [redacted] provided the letter to her via facsimile. Examination of the letter revealed that information from the Form 1093, the Application for a Post Office Box, will no longer be made available in response to an oral request from a law enforcement agency engaged in a criminal investigation. This applies to oral requests from law enforcement agencies received by the inspection service. Information from the Form 1093 may be disclosed only to a government agency upon written certification of an official need. [redacted] provided a copy of the letter which is attached and made a part hereto.

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On July 5, 2000, the Agent drafted a letter to the attention of [redacted] to obtain information regarding Post Office Box [redacted]

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On July 6, 2000, [redacted] Attorney at Law, telephone number [redacted] advised SA [redacted] via voice mail, that [redacted] advised that since the Agents [redacted] has heard from [redacted] [redacted] stated that she is representing [redacted] and requests that [redacted] go through [redacted] to obtain any information from [redacted]

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On July 7, 2000, [redacted] telephonically contacted the Agent at his place of employment and advised that [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that [redacted] is emotionally unstable and is not right. [redacted] stated that she is concerned [redacted] and requests that contact with [redacted] not be disclosed to [redacted]. [redacted] stated that she requests confidentiality for [redacted] inasmuch as [redacted] is unstable and may hurt [redacted]

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[redacted] requested that the Agents contact with [redacted] remain confidential. The Agent agreed.

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The following investigation was conducted by [redacted], Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), 600 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Place, Room 500, Louisville, Kentucky, telephone number (502)583-3941, on June 23, 2000, at Louisville, Kentucky:

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Inquiry regarding the Klu Klux Klan rally held in Louisville, Kentucky, on May 20, 2000, revealed a listing in Louisville, Kentucky, file number 66F-LS-A66193, Domestic Terrorism, Crime Surveys. The following was found:

In connection with captioned investigation, Louisville Division established and maintained liaison with the Jefferson County Police Department (JCPD) and Louisville Division of Police (LDP) throughout their coverage of the recent KKK rally held in downtown Louisville on 05/20/2000. No incidents of violence occurred, nor were any rally participants observed to arrive on motorcycle. Following is a timeline of events which transpired:

10:20 a.m. Two JCPD officers and one Louisville Division agent arrive in a JCPD schoolbus at Value City on Eastern Boulevard, Clarksville, Indiana, escorted by four JCPD officers and [redacted] agents in unmarked vehicles. Three KKK members, including [redacted] of the Louisville-based "Invisible Empire," approach the bus and advise that Clarksville Police told them to vacate the Value City premises, whereupon they relocated their vehicles to an adjacent parking lot at Levy's Lumber. After the arrival of additional KKK members/associates, JCPD officers searched each individual with hand-held magnetometers before allowing them to board the bus. A total of 18 rally participants arrived in six vehicles which they left in the Levy's parking lot. No motorcycles were observed.

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In addition to [redacted], other rally participants included captioned subject [redacted] who is reportedly the [redacted] "American Knights of the KKK" in Indiana. [redacted] advised

that the 18 individuals present represented four different Klans from Ohio, Indiana, and Kentucky. He also advised that he is employed at a [redacted] company [redacted] and [redacted] active role in the KKK. [redacted] subsequently informed Louisville Division that they have contacted [redacted] on several occasions at his residence in Louisville.

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Throughout the bus ride and rally, one white male is observed maintaining close contact with [redacted] at all times. This individual appears to be in his mid-20's, clean-shaven, with dark blonde hair. He serves as [redacted] regularly addressing the other participants on [redacted] behalf and noting various points of interest to [redacted] during the bus ride to Louisville. Prior to boarding the bus in Clarksville, he is observed using a digital camera to take photographs of the JCPD officers, the Louisville Division agent, and the [redacted]. After taking a seat near the front of the bus with [redacted] this individual attempts to engage one JCPD officer in conversation while [redacted] is observed holding a micro-cassette recorder.

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11:20 a.m. The bus carrying the 18 rally participants departs the Levy's parking lot and arrives behind the Jefferson County Courthouse approximately 15 minutes later. The rally participants thereupon disembark with their equipment, including amplifiers, speakers, microphones, banners, flags, and robes. [redacted] is observed donning a red ceremonial robe, while [redacted] dons a black robe and [redacted] dons a green robe. Other participants' wardrobes vary, from white robes and hoods to black BDU's and black KKK t-shirts.

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12:00 p.m. The rally begins when the 18 KKK members and/or associates walk to the front of the courthouse and position themselves on the courthouse steps. After setting up their equipment, [redacted] leads the other speakers in approximately 15 minutes of dialogue, interspersed with rock music played at a loud volume in an apparent effort to drown out the

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protestors who are staged across the street. Approximately 150-200 protestors are observed within a designated, barricaded area. Among these are approximately 10-15 individuals wearing black t-shirts with the words "Anti-Racist Action" (ARA) and black ninja-style masks. The ARA, led by [redacted] [redacted], is known to the JCPD as a left-wing organization which reportedly participated in the World Trade Organization protest in Seattle in 12/1999. The ARA members shout obscenities at the KKK and hang a Klansman in effigy, while other protestors, including representatives from the Rainbow Coalition led by [redacted], make speeches regarding racism and the racially-charged climate surrounding recent events involving the LDP and mayor's office.

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The only potentially violent incident occurs when 8-10 ARA members/associates gain access to the barricaded area designated for the approximately 50 KKK supporters. Upon observing this, LDP and JCPD tactical teams, mounted patrols, and bike and ATV patrols assemble in front of the supporters' area, thereby diffusing the situation. Information is later received by the JCPD that the ARA intends to infiltrate the supporters' area again at 1:45 p.m., for the purpose of having a confrontation. At approximately 1:15 p.m., however, [redacted] his group depart the courthouse steps and reboard the bus. As a result of this action, the supporters dispersed and the confrontation never occurred. It was noted that the KKK was granted a two-hour permit, but [redacted] decided to end the rally after only an hour and 15 minutes. The protestors subsequently vacated the area by approximately 2:00 p.m.

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[redacted] the rally participants board the bus which takes them to Clarksville. Upon arriving in the Levy's parking lot, a seventh vehicle is observed parked in close proximity to the other vehicles. It is occupied by a white male.

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After rally participants exit the bus and retrieve all of their equipment, the two JCPD officers and Louisville agent depart the area and return to downtown Louisville.

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Date of transcription 06/29/2000

[redacted] white male, date of birth [redacted]  
 [redacted] residing at [redacted]  
 [redacted], telephone number [redacted], pager  
 number [redacted], was contacted at the Fern Creek Fire Protection  
 District, 6200 Bardstown Road, Fern Creek, Kentucky, telephone  
 number (502)239-7075. After being advised of the identity of the  
 agent, [redacted] provided the following information:

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[redacted] stated that he has been a volunteer fire fighter  
 for the Fern Creek Fire Protection District [redacted]  
 [redacted] as of September 2000. [redacted] stated that he was on  
 truck number 7134, the first unit to respond to the Heart of Fire  
 Church from the Fern Creek Fire Protection District. Upon  
 arrival at the scene, [redacted] stated that he was asked to set up  
 the rig, truck number 7134. Upon arrival, the Buechel Fire  
 Department was already there. The Fern Creek Fire Protection  
 District set up to protect the Buechel Fire Department.

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[redacted] was questioned as to whether or not the  
 building, the Heart of Fire Church, showed any signs of having  
 been broken into and [redacted] stated that the Buechel Fire  
 Department was already in the building.

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[redacted] was questioned as to how access was made to the  
 building and [redacted] stated that entry was made through the rear  
 door of the church by the pastor's office and hallway.

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[redacted] was questioned as to whether or not anyone  
 opened up the building for them and [redacted] stated that the  
 Buechel Fire Department would know.

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[redacted] was questioned as to whether or not there were  
 any signs of the Klu Klux Klan having been there and [redacted]  
 stated that he did not see anything.

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[redacted] was questioned as to whether or not there were  
 any letters, notes, graffiti or any other signs or symbols  
 indicating that the Klu Klux Klan was involved and [redacted] stated  
 that he did not see anything.

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\_\_\_\_\_ was questioned as to when Pastor Danny Johnson arrived and \_\_\_\_\_ stated that he saw Johnson park his car and watched him run up to the scene. Johnson was very emotional and had to be restrained. \_\_\_\_\_ recalled that Johnson came out of nowhere and that Johnson fell to his knees at the front of the church.

\_\_\_\_\_ was questioned as to whether or not he was aware of any other threats to a church by a Klu Klux Klan and \_\_\_\_\_ stated no.

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\_\_\_\_\_ was questioned as to who first notified Danny Johnson of the fire and \_\_\_\_\_ stated that he does not know.

\_\_\_\_\_ was questioned as to whether or not his office received any other calls reporting the fire and \_\_\_\_\_ stated that he does not know.

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\_\_\_\_\_ was questioned as to whether or not he heard or saw any alarms at the church and \_\_\_\_\_ stated that he did not hear or see any.

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\_\_\_\_\_ stated that it was odd that the alarm company was not notified of the fire. \_\_\_\_\_ stated that if there was an alarm system in the structure, it should have caused an alarm to go off. Typically this is how their fire department is notified of a fire.

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\_\_\_\_\_ was questioned as to whether or not there is anything else the agent should be made aware of and \_\_\_\_\_ stated no.



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Date of transcription 06/30/2000

[redacted] Fern Creek Fire Protection District, 6200 Bardstown Road, Louisville, Kentucky 40291, telephone number (502)239-7075, was contacted at his place of employment. As background, [redacted] advised that his date of birth is [redacted], and that he has been the Fire Marshal [redacted]. [redacted] is described from observation as a white male. Having been advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the nature of the interview, that being the fire that occurred at the Heart of Fire Church, 5017 Bardstown Road, Louisville, Kentucky, [redacted] provided the following information:

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[redacted] then provided the agent with a two page document titled Fern Creek Fire Department, Station Sign In Report, dated June 13, 2000. [redacted] stated that the purpose of the report is to identify which fire fighters were in each truck that responded to the fire. Each truck is listed in order as arriving on the scene. In examining the report, [redacted] stated that the first truck on the scene was truck number 7134. [redacted] noted that this is documented in the column titled Truck Order. [redacted] further pointed out that the Fern Creek Fire Department was not the first fire department to respond to the fire. [redacted] stated that the Buechel Fire Department received the call first. [redacted] stated that the reason the Buechel Fire Department was called out is the central dispatch thought the fire was in the Buechel area based on the landmarks used by them.

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Based on the Station Sign In Report, [redacted] provided the following chronology of events occurring on June 13, 2000, in military time:

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<u>Time</u>	<u>Description</u>
0107	Original dispatch
0109	First unit, number 7134 arrives at scene

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0111 [REDACTED] Second alarm dispatch is made. [REDACTED] advised that typically this would have been sent to Buechel for additional backup; however, they were already there.

0118 Arson is reported to Jefferson County Police Department.

0120 Louisville Gas and Electric is contacted to cut the utilities.

0127 Third alarm sent to Highview Fire Department.

0224 State Fire Marshal is called.

1027 Louisville Water Company is contacted.

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Referencing the Station Sign In Report, [REDACTED] stated that the report lists the individual fire fighters. The fire fighters responding to the call are identified with an "x" in the lefthand column next to the name. To the right of each name, the fire truck in which the fire fighter was assigned is noted. [REDACTED] stated that next to the truck numbers assigned to the fire fighter names are symbols. The symbol "O" stands for officer, the symbol "T" stands for tailboard, and the symbol "E" stands for driver. [REDACTED] explained that the tailboard is a description formerly used to identify the area on which a fire fighter stood on the side of a truck when it responded to a fire. [REDACTED] stated that the fire fighters now ride in a compartment located inside the truck. [REDACTED] stated that the fire fighters with the numbers beginning with [REDACTED] are [REDACTED] officers. A copy of the Station Sign In Report is attached and made a part hereto.

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[REDACTED] then provided the agent with a two page report titled Incident Report, Fern Creek Fire Protection District. A copy of the report is attached and made a part hereto.

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[REDACTED] then provided the agent with a document titled Fern Creek Fire Protection District, Unit Responses by Incident. [REDACTED] stated that the numbers 7101 through 7106 are command cars. The numbers 7131 through 7181 indicate fire fighting units. The numbers 7193 through 7197 represent support vehicles.

[REDACTED] was questioned as to whether or not the building showed any signs of having been broken into. [REDACTED] stated not that he knew of. [REDACTED] said he has heard that the rear door which gained access to the pastor study showed forced entry. [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED], Buechel Fire Department, might know more about whether the building was broken into or not.

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[REDACTED] was questioned as to how access was made to the building and [REDACTED] stated that he had no idea.

[REDACTED] was questioned as to whether or not anyone opened up the building for him and [REDACTED] stated that he has no idea and that he arrived at a quarter after, after entry had been made.

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[REDACTED] was questioned as to whether or not there were any signs of the Klu Klux Klan having been there and [REDACTED] stated not that he had seen.

[REDACTED] was questioned as to whether or not there were any letters, notes, graffiti, or any other signs or symbols indicating that the Klu Klux Klan was involved and [REDACTED] stated not that he had seen.

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[REDACTED] was questioned as to when Pastor Danny Johnson arrived, and [REDACTED] stated that he called Pastor Johnson at home. [REDACTED] stated that he called the Johnsons three times. [REDACTED] stated that the first time he called there was no answer. [REDACTED] stated that he maintains a list of people to contact in the event there is a fire. Based on that list, he contacted the second person that was on the list.

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[REDACTED] stated that he was able to get through to the second person who is believed to be [REDACTED]. On the second call to the Johnsons or third call made by [REDACTED], [REDACTED] stated that the Johnson phone line was busy. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] stated that he called the Johnsons a third time and finally got ahold of [REDACTED] stated that the Johnsons were at the church within 10 minutes of receiving the call. [REDACTED] stated that he made the first call to the Johnsons immediately upon his arrival at the church and estimates the time being 1:20 AM.

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[REDACTED] was questioned as to whether or not he was aware of any other threat to a church by the Klu Klux Klan and [REDACTED] stated no.

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[REDACTED] was questioned as to when Danny Johnson arrived and [REDACTED] stated that Johnson arrived approximately 10 minutes after the call to his house. [REDACTED] stated that it did not take Johnson long to arrive at the church. [REDACTED] stated that the fire fighters were evacuated from the church and that evacuation occurred at 1:33 AM. Johnson was there at that time.

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[REDACTED] was questioned as to who first contacted Pastor Danny Johnson about the fire and [REDACTED] stated that the person that would have contacted Johnson would have been the lady that he, [REDACTED], called first.

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[REDACTED] was questioned as to what time the Fern Creek Fire Department arrived and [REDACTED] stated that the first unit, number 7134, arrived at 0109. [REDACTED] was questioned as to what was found upon their arrival and [REDACTED] stated that he is not sure other than it was a working structure fire.

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[REDACTED] was questioned as to whether or not his office received any other calls reporting the fire and [REDACTED] stated that there may have been additional calls received at the Fire Alarm office, telephone number (502)574-2111, located on Barrett Avenue, Louisville, Kentucky.

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[REDACTED] was questioned as to how his department was first notified of the fire, and [REDACTED] stated that he was advised of the fire through the county wide dispatch. The notification would have occurred at 0107.

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[REDACTED] commented that upon Pastor Danny Johnson's arrival, he ran up to the building and got on his hands and knees and began to pray. [REDACTED] stated that he and [REDACTED] had to move Pastor Johnson out of the way.

[REDACTED] stated that two things appeared to be odd to him. The first thing that was odd was the smoke detectors and the second thing was Danny [REDACTED] answers concerning what time someone was last in the building.

With respect to the smoke detectors and fire alarms, [REDACTED] stated that he was surveying the building and while doing so he was able to see in some of the rooms through the windows. [REDACTED] stated that he could see smoke in the rooms. The odd thing was that he could not hear the smoke detectors going off nor could he see the strobe alarm. [REDACTED] stated that the smoke detectors and strobe alarms were not working. [REDACTED] stated that the day care is one and a half years old and that the alarms and detectors would have had to been there in order for the day care to meet code.

[REDACTED] stated that there is a private security firm that may be able to advise whether or not they received an alarm from the church to notify his department. [REDACTED] stated that the security company's name is unknown to him.

[REDACTED] stated that the fire marshal, Frankfort, Kentucky, would have a fire alarm inspection report for the day care. The fire marshal is Jess Thompson, General Inspection Supervisor, telephone number (502)564-3626.

With regards to the second odd item, [REDACTED] stated that he asked Pastor Johnson about the last time someone was known to be in the building on Monday, June 12, 2000. Danny Johnson stated specifically 7:00 PM. [REDACTED] stated that he asked Danny Johnson again as to when the last time someone was in the building, out of the whole building, and Danny Johnson again stated 7:00 PM.

[REDACTED] stated that he then asked [REDACTED] separately about the last time that someone was in the building and she stated 11:00 PM. [REDACTED] stated that he asked [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] again and she again stated 11:00 PM. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] advised that it would have been 11:00 PM because of the day care operation.

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[REDACTED] stated that the responses provided to him by Danny [REDACTED] nson as to when the last time someone was in the building did not sit well with him because Danny [REDACTED]

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With respect to the fire alarm system, [REDACTED] suggested that the agent contact the security company as to whether or not they received an alarm. [REDACTED] also suggested that the agent contact the security company to find out how the alarm could have been disarmed to prevent a signal from being sent to the security company.

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[REDACTED] stated that the church itself did not have any fire alarm system but did have smoke detectors.

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[REDACTED] stated that he tried in January 1999, to get Dan Johnson to retrofit the church with fire alarms but Johnson said the money was not available.

[REDACTED] recalled that the initial installation of the day care fire alarm system was not acceptable to the state inspectors. Upon inspection, the state inspectors required a retrofit and the newly installed system had to be removed and a new system put in. The inspector was [REDACTED] Day Care Inspector, Frankfort, Kentucky. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] required the upgrade.

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[REDACTED] then provided the agent with a copy a document titled Heart of Fire Church, 5017 Bardstown Road, Emergency Phone Numbers. Attached and made a part hereto is a copy of the document. [REDACTED] explained that this is the listing of individuals to be contacted in the event there is a fire. [REDACTED] stated that the first person he was able to speak to was [REDACTED] telephone number [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] stated that upon dialing the [REDACTED] telephone number, the operator, phone service, advised that there was a new number. [REDACTED] contacted the new number, later identified as [REDACTED] [REDACTED] also stated that the Buechel Fire Department would not have this list of individuals to contact.

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[REDACTED] stated that the Heart of Fire Church is not in the Buechel district, but is in the Fern Creek Fire Protection District and therefore his department would be the one responsible for contacting the individuals.

[REDACTED] stated that the building was last inspected on December 28, 1999. [REDACTED] stated that inspections occur every six months and that the next inspection would have been June 28, 2000. With respect to the December 28, 1999, inspection, [REDACTED] stated that there was only one violation and that was to make the front door openable without the use of a key or special knowledge or effort. [REDACTED] stated that there were no inspection violations previously.

[REDACTED] stated that the state, [REDACTED] inspects the day care and that she would have information regarding the safety inspections.

[REDACTED] stated that there were no signs of anyone accepting responsibility for the fire or indicating that it was a hate crime.

[REDACTED] stated that he was around the building extensively and that there was no writing on the walls or anything to indicate anyone accepting responsibility. [REDACTED] noted that even the photographs of the church that were in the Courier Journal show no signs of writing or anything that would indicate someone taking responsibility for the fire.

[REDACTED] provided the agent with a letter from Jess Thompson, Chief Deputy State Fire Marshal, Department of Housing, Buildings and Construction, Division of Fire Prevention, 1047 U.S. Highway 127 South, Bay 1, Frankfort, Kentucky, addressed to [REDACTED], 5017 Bardstown Road, Louisville, Kentucky, regarding a statement of deficiencies which must be corrected. A copy of the letter is attached and made a part hereto.

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### FERN CREEK FIRE DEPARTMENT Station Sign-In Report



Run # 230 Dispatch 0107 On Scene 0109 Clear 1242 Date 6/13/08

Address 5017 Brandstow Rd. Box \_\_\_\_\_

Description Of Incident Structure

Truck Order #1 7134 #2 7131 #3 7181 #4 7133 #5 7132

Addition Units

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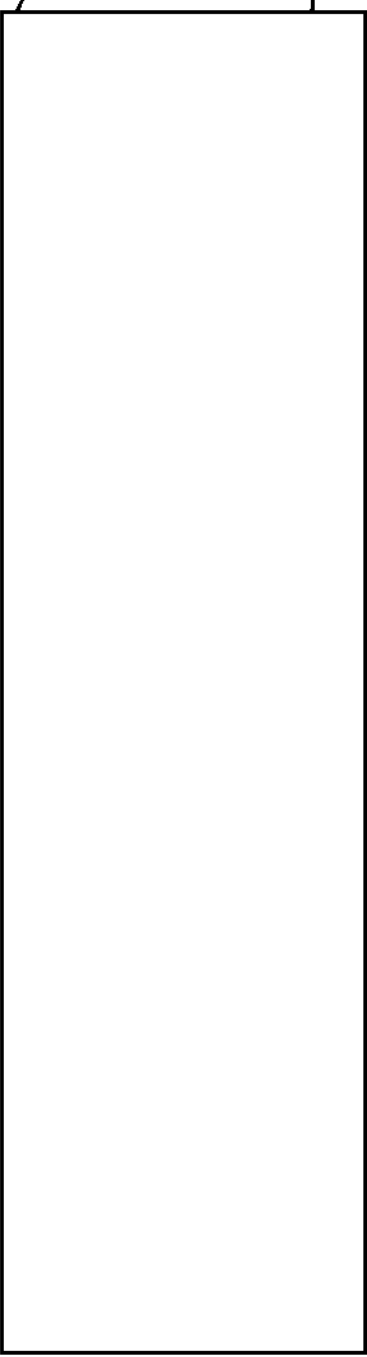
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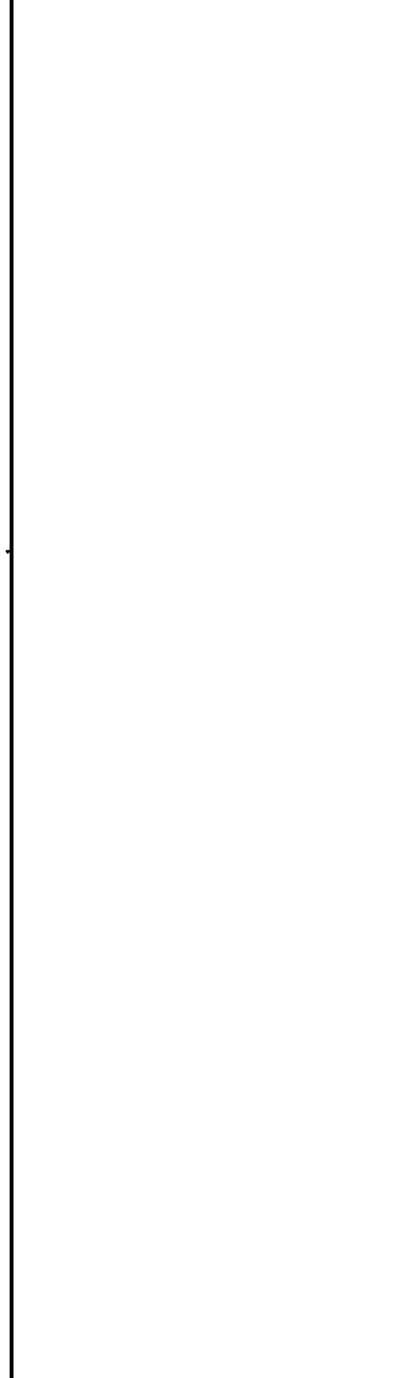
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Fern Creek Fire Department  
6200 Bardstown Road - P.O. Box 91025  
Louisville, Kentucky 40291  
(502) 239-7075  
Fax (502)-239-1872  
[FERNCREEK@aol.com](mailto:FERNCREEK@aol.com)



To:

Unified Investigations & Sciences, Inc.  
6520 Huntley Road  
Columbus, OH 43229

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From:

Incident Records

Date: 19 June, 2000

Reference: Incident # 00-000230

Address of Incident: 5017 Bardstown Road

Date of Incident: 13 June, 2000

Fax Sent To: (502) 966-5492

3 pages including cover sheet

# INCIDENT REPORT

## Fern Creek Fire Prot. Dist.

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A	FDID <b>56285</b>	INCIDENT NO <b>00-000230</b>	EXP NO <b>00</b>	MO <b>06</b>	DAY <b>13</b>	YR <b>00</b>	DAY OF WEEK <b>Tuesday 3</b>	ALARM TIME <b>01:07:00</b>	ARRIVAL TIME <b>01:09:00</b>	IN SERVICE <b>12:42:00</b>	
B	TYPE OF SITUATION FOUND <b>Structure Fire 11</b>						TYPE OF ACTION TAKEN <b>Extinguishment 1</b>			MUTUAL AID <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recd [ ] Given	
C	FIXED PROPERTY USE <b>Church, Chapel 131</b>						IGNITION FACTOR <b>Incendiary, No Civil Disturb. 11</b>				
D	CORRECT ADDRESS <b>5017 Bardstown Road Fern Creek, KY</b>							CO. <b>056</b>	TWN <b>40291</b>	ZIP CODE <b>40291</b>	CENSUS TRACT <b>0111.04</b>
E	OCCUPANT NAME <b>Heart of Fire Church</b>							TELEPHONE <b>502-491-3587</b>		ROOM/WAPT NO	
F	OWNER NAME <b>Heart of Fire Church Johnson, Dan</b>					ADDRESS <b>5017 Bardstown Road Fern Creek, KY</b>			TELEPHONE <b>502-491-3587</b>		
G	METHOD OF ALARM FROM PUBLIC <b>Telephone Tie Line 7</b>			TYPE OF ALARM <b>Telephone Tie Line 7</b>			DISTRICT <b>115</b>	SHIFT <b>N</b>	STATION <b>G</b>	NO. ALARMS <b>2</b>	
H	911 USED <b>E911 1</b>		PERSONNEL RESPONDED <b>035</b>		ENGINES RESPONDED <b>004</b>		AERIAL APPARATUS <b>000</b>		OTHER VEHICLES <b>008</b>		

ALL INCIDENTS

I	NUMBER OF INJURIES FIRE SERVICE <b>000</b> OTHER <b>000</b>			NUMBER OF FATALITIES FIRE SERVICE <b>000</b> OTHER <b>000</b>		
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J	COMPLEX <b>Public Recreation Complex 11</b>			MOBILE PROPERTY TYPE <b>Not Applicable 08</b>		
K	AREA OF FIRE ORIGIN <b>Undetermined 00</b>			EQUIPMENT INVOLVED IN IGNITION <b>Undetermined 00</b>		
L	FORM OF HEAT OF IGNITION <b>Undetermined 00</b>		TYPE OF MATERIAL IGNITED <b>Undetermined 00</b>		FORM OF MATERIAL IGNITED <b>Undetermined 00</b>	
M	METHOD OF EXTINGUISHMENT <b>Master Streams 8</b>		LEVEL OF FIRE ORIGIN <b>Undetermined 0</b>		ESTIMATED LOSS <b>ESTIMATED VALUE</b>	

ALL FIRES

N	NUMBER OF STORIES <b>Two Stories 2</b>			CONSTRUCTION TYPE <b>Protected Wood Frame 7</b>		
O	EXTENT OF FLAME DAMAGE <b>Structure of Origin 6</b>			EXTENT OF SMOKE DAMAGE <b>No Damage of This Type 9</b>		
P	DETECTOR PERFORMANCE <b>Detectors In Room - No Oper. 3</b>			SPRINKLER PERFORMANCE <b>No Equipment 8</b>		
Q	IF SMOKE SPREAD BEYOND ROOM OF ORIGIN	TYPE OF MATERIAL GENERATING MOST SMOKE <b>Not Applicable 98</b>		AVENUE OF SMOKE TRAVEL <b>No Significant Avenue of Travel 8</b>		
R		FORM OF MATERIAL GENERATING MOST SMOKE <b>Not Applicable 98</b>				

STRUCTURE

S	IF MOBILE PROPERTY	YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	SERIAL NO.	LICENSE NO.
T	IF EQUIPMENT INVOLVED IN IGNITION	YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	SERIAL NO.	

CHECK IF COMMENTS

U	OFFICER IN CHARGE (NAME, POSITION, ASSIGNMENT)		DATE
	<b>Chief</b>		<b>06/13/2000</b>
	MEMBER MAKING REPORT (IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE)		DATE
	<b>Captain</b>		<b>06/14/2000</b>

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**INCIDENT REPORT**  
**Fern Creek Fire Prot. Dist.**

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FDID	INCIDENT NO	EXP NO	MO	DAY	YR	DAY OF WEEK	ALARM TIME
56285	00-000230	00	06	13	00	Tuesday 3	01:07:00

NARRATIVE

**PRELIMINARY REPORT**

Major structure fire that is currently under investigation by Jefferson County Police Fire Investigation Unit and Fraud Unit, KY State Fire Marshal Office, and

Time line:

- 0107 Initial call
- 0111 2nd dispatch to advised working structure fire
- 0118 Request fire investigation unit to scene
- 0120 Request utility service to scene
- 0127 Second alarm requested
- 0133 Sounding of evacuation of structure because on imminent collapse
- 0224 Request state fire marshal office to scene
- 1027 Louisville Water Company requested to disconnect service

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Fern Creek Fire Prot. Dist.

Unit Responses  
by Incident

Incident Number equal to "00-000230"

00-000230     Fire     EMS

Unit	Date	Resp Code	Response	Hours	Miles	Fire	EMS
7101	06/13/2000	1 Emergency	00:02:00	11.5	0.0	X	
7102	06/13/2000	1 Emergency	00:02:00	11.5	0.0	X	
7103	06/13/2000	1 Emergency	00:02:00	11.5	0.0	X	
7104	06/13/2000	1 Emergency	00:02:00	11.5	0.0	X	
7106	06/13/2000	1 Emergency	00:02:00	11.5	0.0	X	
7131	06/13/2000	1 Emergency	00:02:00	11.5	0.0	X	
7132	06/13/2000	1 Emergency	00:02:00	11.5	0.0	X	
7133	06/13/2000	1 Emergency	00:02:00	11.5	0.0	X	
7134	06/13/2000	1 Emergency	00:02:00	11.5	0.0	X	
7181	06/13/2000	1 Emergency	00:02:00	11.5	0.0	X	
7193	06/13/2000	2 Non-emergency	00:02:00	11.5	0.0	X	
7197	06/13/2000	1 Emergency	00:02:00	11.5	0.0	X	

Subtotal Responses: 12      Average Response: 00:02:00      Totals: 138.9      0.0

Response time calculated as dispatch to arrival times for each unit response record.

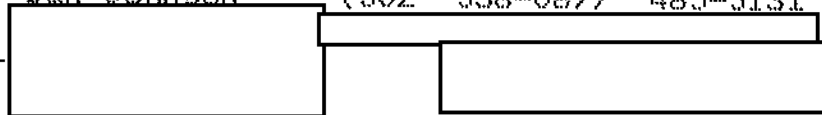
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Heart of Fire Church  
5017 Bardstown Road

Main Building  
Business Phone 491-3587

Emergency Phone Numbers

Dan Johnson (502 538-0877 485-5131



Property Owner 502-491-3587  
Heart of Fire Church -000-0000

*Lead person  
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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING, BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION

DIVISION OF FIRE PREVENTION  
1047 US HIGHWAY 127 S, BAY 1  
FRANKFORT, KENTUCKY 40601-4322  
(502) 564-3626  
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PAUL E. PATTON  
GOVERNOR

DAVE L. MANLEY  
STATE FIRE MARSHAL

January 19, 1999

5017 Bardstown Rd  
Louisville, KY 40291

RE: Heart Of Fire Child Care  
Heart Of Fire Church  
5017 Bardstown Road  
Louisville, KY 40291

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Dear

Pursuant to the authority vested in this office by Chapter 227.300 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes, an inspection has been made of the above captioned property by a representative of this office.

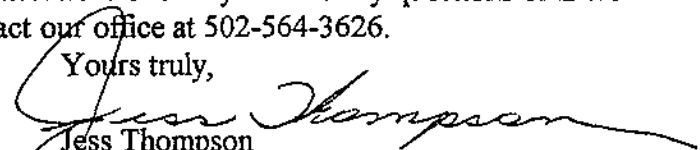
In order for this office to approve your facility, all the items listed on the enclosed Statement of Deficiencies must be corrected and a follow-up inspection made by this office to verify that the corrections have been made. Also, this center may not be occupied until such time as it is licensed by the Cabinet of Human Resources.

Return this Statement of Deficiencies to this office stating the dates that each item was completed, that the deficiencies have been corrected and that you are now ready for an inspection to verify corrections. Please sign and date this document.

If you should decide not to use this building, please notify this office.

I trust you will give this matter your immediate attention. Should you have any questions or if we can be of any assistance, please feel free to contact our office at 502-564-3626.

Yours truly,

  
Jess Thompson  
Chief Deputy State Fire Marshal

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cc: Division of Licensing and Regulation  
Fire Chief Fern Creek ✓

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This center has 3232 square feet and could be approved for the maxium of 92 children for day and night time care.



**STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION**

**FACILITY:** Heart Of Fire CC

**DATE OF SURVEY:** 1/4/99

**ADDRESS:** 5017 Bardstown Rd, Louisville

**COUNTY:** Jefferson

**NOTE:** This document contains a listing of the deficiencies cited by the surveyor as requiring corrections. In the column Provider's Plan of Correction, the statements should reflect the facility's plan for corrective action and anticipated time for correction.

<b>SUMMARY STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES NOTED BY THE SURVEYOR</b>	<b>PROVIDER'S PLAN OF CORRECTION WITH TIME TABLE</b>
<p>Install an approved manual fire alarm system. Plans to be submitted to the Division of Building Codes Enforcement prior to installation. 101-11-7.3.4.1</p> <p>Install 1 approved electric (AC) powered single station smoke detector(s) at areas occupied by children . 11-7.3.4.2, 11-8.3.4, 11-9.3.4</p> <p>Install 2 approved fire extinguisher(s) suitable for Class A fires, with a minimum rating of 10# ABC in center. 101-11-7.3.5</p> <p>Install 1 approved portable fire extinguisher(s), suitable for cooking fires, in kitchen with a minimum rating of 10# C. 101-11-7.3.5, 11-8.3.5, 11-9.3.5</p> <p>Install an approved 1 3/4" solid bonded wood core door at kitchen . Door to be equipped with an approved self-closing device. 101-11-8.3.3.1</p> <p>Dept of Housing, Bldgs. &amp; Construction 1047 US 127 South, Ste 1 Frankfort, Ky. 40601-8337</p>	<p><i>All deficiencies were Completed as of Jan. 19, 1999 for Heart of Fire Church &amp; Child Care</i></p> <p><i>[Signature]</i></p> <p><b>PROVIDER REPRESENTATIVE'S SIGNATURE</b></p>



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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 06/30/2000

[redacted], a white male, residing at [redacted], telephone number [redacted] pager number [redacted] was contacted at the Fern Creek Fire Protection District, 6200 Bardstown Road, Fern Creek, Kentucky 40291, telephone number (502)239-7075. After being advised of the identity of the agent and the nature of the interview, that being the fire that occurred at the Heart of Fire Church, [redacted] provided the following information:

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[redacted] stated that he has been with the Fern Creek Fire Protection District [redacted] that he is a fire fighter [redacted] [redacted] stated that the best way to contact him is by his pager number [redacted] [redacted] stated that his pager is both voice and digital. [redacted] stated that he works for the [redacted] and that his work hours are 10:30 PM to 6:30 AM.

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[redacted] stated that his unit, number 7134, was the first Fern Creek Fire Protection District unit to arrive at the Heart of Church Fire. [redacted] stated that his responsibilities were to drive the unit and for the pumping of water.

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[redacted] was questioned as to whether or not the building showed any signs of having been broken into and [redacted] stated not that he knows of. [redacted] stated that upon arrival at the church he pulled in by the Buechel Fire Department truck and that he stayed by the truck.

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[redacted] was questioned as to how access was made to the building and [redacted] stated that one team made an entry from a door under the carport. [redacted] stated that his team went into the back of the building with the Buechel Fire Department.

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[redacted] was questioned as to whether or not anyone opened the building up for them and [redacted] stated that it is unknown to him.

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[redacted] was questioned as to whether or not there were any signs of the Klu Klux Klan having been there and [redacted] stated no.

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[REDACTED] was questioned as to whether or not there were any letters, notes, graffiti, or any other signs or symbols indicating that the Klu Klux Klan was involved and [REDACTED] stated no.

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[REDACTED] was questioned as to when Pastor Danny Johnson arrived and [REDACTED] stated that he has no clue and that he never saw him.

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[REDACTED] was questioned as to whether or not he was aware of any other threats to a church by the Klu Klux Klan, and [REDACTED] stated no.

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[REDACTED] was questioned as to whether or not his office received any other calls to report the fire and [REDACTED] stated that they just received one call which was smoke in the area. [REDACTED] stated that the Buechel Fire Department got the first call of smoke in the area.

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[REDACTED] was questioned as to whether or not he noticed any alarms upon arrival at the fire scene and [REDACTED] stated that he did not hear or see any. [REDACTED] stated that he knows the church has alarms as does the day care, because he has responded to them before. [REDACTED] stated that there is an alarm company that calls the central dispatch. [REDACTED] stated that rumor has it that there was a fire alarm, burglar alarm, and maybe a water alarm installed at the church.

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[REDACTED] stated that he has heard rumors that the Heart of Fire Church protested the Klu Klux Klan rally.

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[REDACTED] was questioned as to whether or not he noticed anything odd regarding the fire and [REDACTED] stated that rumor has it that the Buechel Fire Department saw a burn trail. [REDACTED] explained that a burn trail is a substance that is poured to the main pour to ignite the fire.

[REDACTED] stated that the roof collapsed in a short period of time, about one half hour after their arrival. [REDACTED] stated that he had his rig set up and that the roof began to collapse from the back to the front.

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stated that he did not go inside.

was questioned as to whether or not there was anything else the agent should be made aware of and  stated no.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 06/30/2000

[redacted], a white male, date of birth [redacted] residing at [redacted] telephone number [redacted], cellular telephone number [redacted] was contacted at the Fern Creek Fire Protection District, 6200 Bardstown Road, Fern Creek, Kentucky 40291, telephone number (502)239-7075. After being advised of the identity of the agent, and the nature of the interview, that being the fire occurring at the Heart of Fire Church, 5017 Bardstown Road, Louisville, Kentucky, [redacted] provided the following information:

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[redacted] stated that he has been with the Fern Creek Fire Protection District [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that his unit, number 7134, was the first unit to arrive at the fire at the Heart of Fire Church by the Fern Creek Fire Protection District.

[redacted] stated that upon arrival, he went around to the back of the church and saw the Buechel Fire Department at the back door and that they were already working. [redacted] stated that the first call to respond to the fire went to Buechel. [redacted] stated that the Buechel Fire Department responded to the fire first because it was thought that the fire was located at the landmark of Watterson Trail and Bardstown Road.

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[redacted] was questioned as to whether or not the building showed any signs of having been broken into and [redacted] stated that he did not see any signs of the building being broken into and that they did not have to force entry. This was due to the fact that the Buechel Fire Department was already on the scene.

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[redacted] was questioned as to how access was made to the building and [redacted] stated that access was made through the back door located in the center part of the church. [redacted] stated that later on the Fern Creek Fire Department entered through a side door under a carport. [redacted] stated that the Buechel unit that entered the building was possibly the crew of unit number 3734.

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by SA [redacted] *SZE* /cmc

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[REDACTED] was questioned as to whether or not anyone opened up the building for them and [REDACTED] stated no.

[REDACTED] was questioned as to whether or not there were any signs of the Klu Klux Klan having been there and [REDACTED] stated no.

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[REDACTED] was questioned as to whether or not there were any letters, notes, graffiti, or any other signs or symbols indicating that the Klu Klux Klan was involved and [REDACTED] stated no.

[REDACTED] was questioned as to when Pastor Danny Johnson arrived, and [REDACTED] stated that he remembered Johnson arriving and that it seemed that Johnson arrived pretty quick.

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[REDACTED] was questioned as to who first notified Pastor Danny Johnson of the fire and [REDACTED] stated that he does not know for sure but he was told that [REDACTED] did.

[REDACTED] was questioned as to whether or not his office received any other calls to report the fire and [REDACTED] stated that they just received one call.

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[REDACTED] was questioned as to whether or not there were any alarms going off upon their arrival and [REDACTED] stated that none were going off and that there was no visible fire. [REDACTED] stated that he went around looking in windows and saw smoke. [REDACTED] wondered why alarms were not going off. [REDACTED] stated that once the back door was opened it appeared to be arson because of the trailers. [REDACTED] explained that a trailer is where it looks like an accelerant was used to start a fire for an easy means of exiting. [REDACTED] stated that it was obvious and that [REDACTED] Buechel Fire Department, noticed the trailers also.

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[REDACTED] stated that he has been a fireman [REDACTED] and that he has seen people lose everything. When this happens, they go into shock. [REDACTED] noted that Danny Johnson, however, ran up to the building and threw himself down as if putting on a show.

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[redacted] stated that the rate of fire spread was abnormal.

[redacted] wondered immediately why the fire went up so high, at an abnormal rate of spread. [redacted] stated that there was either a construction error or arson was involved. [redacted] also explained that the fire may have spread quickly inasmuch as he has heard that ceiling panels were missing.

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[redacted] stated that he did not make entry in the back door.

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[redacted] stated that he did not speak to the Johnsons, Danny [redacted].

[redacted] stated that he has heard that [redacted] Republic Bank, Fern Creek, Kentucky, branch, had spoken to Danny Johnson quite a bit. Johnson was looking to buy an old Kroger building which was in very bad shape. Republic Bank declined the loan for some unknown reason.

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Date of transcription 06/30/2000

[redacted] white male, date of birth [redacted]  
 [redacted], residing at [redacted]  
 [redacted], telephone number [redacted], pager number [redacted]  
 [redacted] was contacted at the Fern Creek Fire Protection District, 6200 Bardstown Road, Fern Creek, Kentucky, telephone number (502)239-7075.

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[redacted] stated that he is a fire fighter and has been with the Fern Creek Fire Protection District as a volunteer [redacted]  
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[redacted] was questioned as to whether or not the building, Heart of Fire Church, 5017 Bardstown Road, Louisville, Kentucky, showed any signs of having been broken into, and [redacted] stated not that he noticed. [redacted] stated that his job was to go to the rear of the building and assist the Buechel Fire Department on entry into the church. [redacted] stated that Buechel was already gaining access to the back door when he arrived and that they had already started in. [redacted] stated that the front door looked fine.

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[redacted] was questioned as to how access to the building was made and [redacted] stated that from his standpoint the only access was from the rear of the building.

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[redacted] was questioned as to whether or not there were any signs of the Klu Klux Klan having been there and [redacted] stated that he did not see anything.

[redacted] was questioned as to whether or not there were any letters, notes, graffiti, or any other signs indicating that the Klu Klux Klan was involved and [redacted] stated that he did not notice anything.

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[redacted] was questioned as to when Pastor Danny Johnson arrived and [redacted] stated that he noticed Pastor Johnson arrive while he was on relief. Johnson came running up to the building and collapsed up front as if in shock.

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[REDACTED] was questioned as to whether or not he was aware of any other threats to a church by the Klu Klux Klan and [REDACTED] stated no.

[REDACTED] was questioned as to who first notified Pastor Danny Johnson of the fire and [REDACTED] stated that he does not know.

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[REDACTED] was questioned as to what time the Fern Creek Fire Department arrived and he stated that he is not exactly sure.

[REDACTED] was questioned as to whether or not the Fern Creek Fire Department received any other calls to report to the fire and [REDACTED] stated that he is not sure.

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[REDACTED] was questioned as to how his department was notified of the fire and [REDACTED] stated that they were advised through the county dispatch.

[REDACTED] was questioned as to whether or not he heard or saw any fire alarms going off at the church, and [REDACTED] stated that he did not hear or see any alarms. [REDACTED] stated that a lot of times you will hear them when you arrive.

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[REDACTED] stated that he found it odd that the radio dispatch of the fire did not come from the security company. [REDACTED] stated that there was heavy smoke when they arrived and that the fire alarms should have been going off. [REDACTED] stated that he does not remember or know the name of the alarm company.

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[REDACTED] recalled that there were a lot of wires hanging from the duct work in the back hallway where they were to gain entry. [REDACTED] stated that there was also a lot of heavy black smoke.

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[REDACTED] was questioned as to his responsibility at the scene, and [REDACTED] stated that he was placed on the rapid intervention group. The responsibility of his group was to provide safety for the first group in, that being the Buechel Fire Department, and that his group was to be the next group in

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upon removal of the Buechel Fire Department team. Upon entry into the building, [redacted] stated that they were to look for fire and put it out.

[redacted] was on unit 7134 from the Fern Creek Fire Department District, the first unit to respond from that district.

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[redacted] was questioned as to whether or not there is anything else the agent should be made aware of, and he stated no.

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Date of transcription 07/03/2000

[redacted] white male, date of birth [redacted] residing at [redacted] telephone number [redacted] pager number [redacted] was contacted at the Fern Creek Fire Protection District, 6200 Bardstown Road, Fern Creek, Kentucky 40291, telephone number (502)239-7075. After being advised of the identity of the agent and the nature of the interview, that being circumstances regarding the fire occurring at the Heart of Fire Church, he then provided the following information:

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[redacted] stated that he has been a fire fighter with the Fern Creek Fire Protection District [redacted] [redacted] stated that he was [redacted] in unit number 7134, the first Fern Creek Fire Protection District unit to arrive at the fire scene.

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[redacted] was questioned as to whether or not the building showed any signs of having been broken into and [redacted] stated no. [redacted] stated that smoke was showing and that was it. [redacted] stated that upon arrival at the fire scene, he took his personnel to the rear of the building to meet up with the Buechel Fire Department.

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[redacted] was questioned as to how access was made to the building and [redacted] stated that he did not know. [redacted] stated that upon arrival, Buechel Fire Department's last man was just going in the back door of the church.

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[redacted] was questioned as to whether or not anyone opened up the building for them and he stated no.

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[redacted] was questioned as to whether or not there were any signs of the Klu Klux Klan having been there and [redacted] stated no.

[redacted] was questioned as to whether or not there were any letters, notes, graffiti, or any other signs or symbols indicating that the Klu Klux Klan was involved and [redacted] stated no.

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\_\_\_\_\_ stated that while positioned at the back door of the church and providing protection for the Buechel Fire Department, he noticed a burn trail. Based on this observation, \_\_\_\_\_ stated that the burn trail in the back of the entry made it look like arson. \_\_\_\_\_ stated that he noticed the burn trail at the back door or known as side three. \_\_\_\_\_ explained that the address side of the building or front of the building is side one. Going clockwise, the next side of the building would be side two, the rear of the building would be side three and the right-hand side facing from the address side would be side four.

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The agent questioned \_\_\_\_\_ as to what a burn trail is, and \_\_\_\_\_ explained that a burn trail is used by a person who starts a fire to give them an opportunity to get out. \_\_\_\_\_ explained that a person that starts a fire would use a flammable fluid to create a trail to the main accelerant. Upon lighting the trail, there would be a path created to the main accelerant. This would be the burn trail.

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\_\_\_\_\_ was questioned as to whether or not his office received any other calls to report the fire and \_\_\_\_\_ stated that just the central dispatch call.

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\_\_\_\_\_ stated that the fire was going good when they arrived.

\_\_\_\_\_ stated that he did not hear or see any fire alarms, however a fire alarm above the door was already melted.

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\_\_\_\_\_ explained that the Buechel Fire Department was the first fire department on the scene. \_\_\_\_\_ explained that a 911 caller reported smoke to the central dispatch. Based on the landmarks used by the central dispatch, they thought the fire was occurring in the Buechel Fire District. The Buechel Fire Department then responded to a smoke in the area call. \_\_\_\_\_ stated that someone who drove by called in and reported the smoke.

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\_\_\_\_\_ stated that based on what he had seen, he does not believe the fire was a hate crime.

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The agent questioned  as to whether or not there was anything else the agent should be made aware of and  stated no.

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Date of transcription 06/30/2000

[redacted], white male, date of birth [redacted] place of employment, Buechel Fire Protection District, 4101 Bardstown Road, Louisville, Kentucky 40218, telephone number (502)491-0085, pager number [redacted]. After being advised of the identity of the agent and the nature of the interview, that being the fire that occurred at the Heart of Fire Church, 5017 Bardstown Road, Louisville, Kentucky, [redacted] provided the following information:

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[redacted] stated that he has been a volunteer fireman for the Buechel Fire Protection District, 4101 Bardstown Road, Louisville, Kentucky [redacted] stated that he was on the unit, number 3734, that first arrived at the Heart of Fire Church fire.

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[redacted] was questioned as to whether or not the building showed any signs of having been broken into and [redacted] stated not when they got there. [redacted] stated that he had heard [redacted] say that the door opened easily. [redacted] stated that he was not present when [redacted] opened the door at the rear of the church.

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[redacted] was questioned as to how access was made to the building and [redacted] stated that access was made through the rear center door of the church. [redacted] stated that he knows this because he was part of the entry team.

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[redacted] was questioned as to whether or not anyone had to open up the building for them such as using a key, and [redacted] stated no. [redacted] stated that [redacted] was waiting at the door when he arrived to make entry.

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[redacted] was questioned as to whether or not there were any signs of the Klu Klux Klan having been there and [redacted] stated no. [redacted] stated that there was nothing to indicate that the fire was racially motivated. [redacted] stated that there were just signs of arson. [redacted] explained that the signs of arson included a fire trail to the body of the fire. [redacted] stated that it was like a stepping stone to follow to the body of the fire. [redacted] stated that he has had arson classes before and this, fire trails, was studied. [redacted] stated that there were no other signs of arson. [redacted] stated that the fire was pretty

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spread out by the time they got there.

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[REDACTED] was questioned as to whether or not there were any letters, notes, graffiti, or any other signs or symbols indicating that the Klu Klux Klan was involved and [REDACTED] stated no.

[REDACTED] was questioned as to whether or not there was anything indicating the fire was a hate crime or threat or racially motivated and [REDACTED] stated no.

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[REDACTED] was questioned as to whether or not he was aware of any other threats to a church by the Klu Klux Klan and [REDACTED] stated no.

[REDACTED] was questioned as to who first notified Pastor Danny Johnson of the fire, and [REDACTED] stated that he does not know.

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[REDACTED] was questioned as to when Pastor Danny Johnson arrived and [REDACTED] stated that he does not know.

[REDACTED] was questioned as to what time the Buechel Fire Department arrived and [REDACTED] stated that he believes the department arrived at approximately 1:10 AM on June 13, 2000. [REDACTED] stated that he did not find anything of interest or noteworthiness upon his arrival.

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[REDACTED] was questioned as to whether or not his office received any other calls to report to the fire and [REDACTED] stated no.

[REDACTED] was questioned as to how the department was notified of the fire and [REDACTED] stated that the county dispatch notified the Buechel Fire Department of the fire reported via 911 call. [REDACTED] stated that if the fire was reported commercially, as by an alarm company, they would have called 911.

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[REDACTED] was questioned as to whether or not there were any other alarms, either visual or by sound, going off when he arrived at the church and [REDACTED] stated no. [REDACTED] stated that he does not know why the alarms were not going off.

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[redacted] was questioned as to whether or not the back door behind the church or any door was open and/or broken into or ajar when he arrived and [redacted] stated that the back door was open when he arrived. The back door did not look like it was forced open.

[redacted] was questioned regarding entry into the church as to whether or not there were wires hanging from the ceiling or if he or his coworkers pulled the wires down and [redacted] stated that upon entry into the church they did not notice a lot of wires and duct work hanging down from the ceiling. However, upon exiting the building there were wires and duct work hanging down. [redacted] stated that the wires that were hanging down were the wires that would have held the suspended ceiling.

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[redacted] was questioned as to whether or not he smelled any gasoline or saw any gasoline cans, and [redacted] stated that he did not smell any gas or see any cans.

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[redacted] was questioned as to whether or not there was anything else the agent should be made aware of and [redacted] stated that the fire was very well spread out and that it had to have been burning for an hour before their arrival. [redacted] stated that it does not sound like a coincidence.

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[redacted] Volunteer Fireman, Buechel Fire Protection District, was contacted at his [redacted] place of employment, Buechel Fire Protection District, 4101 Bardstown Road, Louisville, Kentucky, telephone number (502)491-0085. After being advised of the identity of the agent and the nature of the interview, that being the fire at the Heart of Fire Church, 5017 Bardstown Road, Louisville, Kentucky, [redacted] then provided the following information:

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[redacted] is described from observation and inquiry as a white male, date of birth [redacted]. [redacted] stated that he has been a volunteer fireman with the Buechel Fire Protection District. [redacted] stated that he can be contacted on his pager, number [redacted], or at the station, telephone number (502)491-0085. [redacted] stated that he was on the first unit to arrive from the Buechel Fire Protection Unit, unit number 3734, on June 13, 2000, at the Heart of Fire Church fire. [redacted] stated that his unit was the first unit in the back door.

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[redacted] was questioned as to whether or not the building showed any signs of having been broken into and [redacted] stated not that he noticed. [redacted] recommended that the agent contact [redacted], who was the first to gain access to the church. [redacted] stated that [redacted] is believed to have just opened the rear center door to the church. [redacted] stated that he does not think that [redacted] had to force entry. [redacted] stated that the door was open when they got there.

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[redacted] was questioned as to how access was made to the building and [redacted] stated that access was made through the back center door. Eventually, firefighters entered through a rear door to the right and left of the center door that they originally entered through. [redacted] stated that the doors to the right and left of the center door that was originally entered, had to be forced entry.

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[redacted] was questioned as to whether or not anyone opened up the building for them and [redacted] stated no.

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Garrett was questioned as to whether or not there were any signs of the Klu Klux Klan having been there and Garrett stated no.

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[REDACTED] was questioned as to whether or not there were any letters, notes, graffiti, or any other signs or symbols indicating that the Klu Klux Klan was involved and [REDACTED] stated no.

[REDACTED] was questioned as to whether or not there was anything indicating that the fire was a hate crime or threat or racially motivated and [REDACTED] stated no. [REDACTED] stated that it was an arson fire for sure. [REDACTED] stated that he knew it was an arson within two minutes after arrival. [REDACTED] stated that he knew it was an arson fire by the trailer leading to the main fire. [REDACTED] explained that a poured trail is rarely seen. [REDACTED] stated that if he had a video camera he wished he could have taken a picture of it to show as an illustration to firefighting classes. [REDACTED] advised that the trailer was approximately one foot wide running down the hallway. The trailer started approximately one to two feet inside the doorway of the church and may have traveled down to the main seed of the fire which was about twenty to thirty feet into the building. [REDACTED] stated that the entry team followed the trailer back to an office where they hit the fire really good. From the office, they went to the right about three feet and knocked down some ceiling panels. They proceeded back to the office where [REDACTED] was able to see in the sanctuary. From the office, [REDACTED] stated that he could see into the sanctuary and that it was fully involved in the fire. [REDACTED] stated that there was a lot of fire.

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[REDACTED] was questioned as to whether or not he was aware of any other threats to a church by the Klu Klux Klan and [REDACTED] stated no.

[REDACTED] was questioned as to when Pastor Danny Johnson arrived and [REDACTED] stated he has no idea.

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[REDACTED] was questioned as to who was the first to notify Danny Johnson of the fire and Garrett stated that he has no idea.

[REDACTED] was questioned as to what time the Buechel Fire Department arrived and [REDACTED] stated that they arrived about 1:10 AM to 1:12 AM, but the run report will have the correct time. [REDACTED] stated that they dispatched at 1:06 AM on June 13, 2000.

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[REDACTED] was questioned as to whether or not his office received any other calls to report the fire and [REDACTED] stated no.

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[REDACTED] was questioned as to how his department was notified of the fire and he stated that it was through the county dispatch office.

[REDACTED] was questioned as to whether or not there were any alarms, either sound or visual, going off when he arrived at the church and [REDACTED] stated not that he noticed.

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[REDACTED] was questioned as to whether or not the back door behind the church or any door was opened and/or broken into or ajar when he arrived and [REDACTED] stated that it did not look like a forced entry.

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[REDACTED] was questioned as to upon entry into the church if there were any wires hanging down from the ceiling and/or if his coworkers pulled them down and [REDACTED] stated that he thinks that some light wires were down but he was not sure. [REDACTED] stated that the suspended ceiling dropped later and fell on them. The wire that was then exposed was the wire that was holding the suspended ceiling. [REDACTED] stated that it was not as if the ceiling panels had been removed and electrical wires were hanging down.

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[REDACTED] was questioned as to whether or not he smelled any gasoline or saw any gas containers at the scene and [REDACTED] stated that he did not smell any gas or see any cans. [REDACTED] stated that the reason he would not have smelled any gas was because he was in a self-contained breathing apparatus at the time.

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[REDACTED] was questioned as to whether or not there was anything else the agent should be made aware of and [REDACTED] stated that there is nothing else that he can think of at the present time. [REDACTED], however, did suggest that the agent check on Pastor Danny Johnson's prior problems. [REDACTED] stated that he knows the Buechel Fire Protection District had an issue with Johnson previously.

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Date of transcription 06/30/2000

[redacted] Buechel Fire Protection District, 4101 Bardstown Road, Louisville, Kentucky 40218, was contacted at his place of employment. After being advised of the identity of the agent and the nature of the interview, [redacted] provided the following information:

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[redacted] stated that he is residing at [redacted], and that his home telephone number is [redacted]. [redacted] is described from observation and inquiry as a white male, date of birth [redacted]. [redacted] stated that he has been with the Buechel Fire Protection District [redacted]

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[redacted] was questioned as to whether or not the Heart of Fire Church, 5017 Bardstown Road, Louisville, Kentucky, showed any signs of having been broken into and [redacted] stated yes. [redacted] stated that upon arrival he and [redacted] District Chief, radio number [redacted] arrived via their cars. [redacted] stated that he and [redacted] positioned their cars towards the front of the church and to the left, facing the church. [redacted] said that it is standard procedure to walk full circle around a building upon arrival. [redacted] said [redacted] went around the back and he, [redacted], went around the front. [redacted] stated that the odd thing was that Buechel Fire Department received the call based on a 911 call by a passerby. [redacted] stated that the Fern Creek Fire Protection District should have received the call.

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Shortly after the arrival of [redacted] and [redacted], [redacted] radio number [redacted], Major, Buechel Fire District, arrived on the scene.

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Upon [redacted] review of the back of the building, he advised [redacted] that he had found a door that was open. [redacted] stated that he does not know if the door was opened by [redacted] and if it was opened by force or just happened to be unlocked.

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[redacted] stated that he could see heavy brown smoke coming from the eaves of the church. The agent questioned [redacted] as to the significance of the brown smoke and [redacted] stated that

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there was a shortage of oxygen inside the church from the fire and it was causing the smoke to be brown.

[REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] went to the rear of the building with [REDACTED] and help set up the rapid intervention team in order to enter the building.

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[REDACTED] stated that upon his arrival, he surveyed the building, by way of looking in windows along side number two of the church and along the front of the church. [REDACTED] explained that the front of the church that is facing Bardstown Road, would be side one. Facing the front of the church or going clockwise, the side to the left, would be side two, the rear of the building would be side three and the far right-hand side, facing from the front, would be side four. [REDACTED] stated that upon looking in the church, he did not see any smoke. [REDACTED] stated that this was due to all of the fire being in the attic of the building. [REDACTED] remarked that the intervention team was able to stand up as they entered the building due to the lack of smoke.

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[REDACTED] stated that the Fern Creek Fire District arrived and that stuff was going pretty quick.

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[REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] commented that they smelled gas and saw trailers. [REDACTED] explained that a trailer is a line of fire, a trail of gas or paper, that acts as a fuse.

[REDACTED] stated that he did not personally examine the back door used for entry, and this was the only door found open on arrival.

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[REDACTED] stated that he did not notice any graffiti or anything on the sides of the building along sides two, four, and one.

[REDACTED] remarked again that there was all of a sudden a lot of fire. [REDACTED] stated that the fire had to have been burning awhile.

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[REDACTED] was questioned as to how access was made to the building and [REDACTED] stated that access to the building was made through the back door. Later on, entry was made from side two by way of a doorway located underneath a carport. [REDACTED] stated

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that a forced entry had to be made through the second doorway. A third entry was then made from side four and it was a forced entry. Eventually the fire department had to break all of the glass out of the front door to shoot water through it.

[REDACTED] was questioned as to whether anyone opened up the building for them and he stated no.

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[REDACTED] was questioned as to whether or not there were any signs of the Klu Klux Klan having been there and [REDACTED] stated no.

[REDACTED] was questioned as to whether or not there were any letters, notes, graffiti, or any other signs or symbols indicating that the Klu Klux Klan was involved and [REDACTED] stated none.

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[REDACTED] was questioned as to whether or not there was anything indicating that the fire was a hate crime or a threat or racially motivated and [REDACTED] stated nothing that he was aware of, or noticed on the scene.

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[REDACTED] was questioned as to whether or not he was aware of any other threats to a church by the Klu Klux Klan and [REDACTED] stated no, not at a church. [REDACTED] stated that there was an incident where a small cross, such as those seen along the road in memory of those who were killed in auto accidents, was set afire. [REDACTED] stated that he suspects that it was an act committed by kids.

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[REDACTED] was questioned as to when Pastor Danny Johnson arrived and [REDACTED] stated that he does not know.

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[REDACTED] was questioned as to who first notified Pastor Danny Johnson of the fire, and [REDACTED] stated that it may have been [REDACTED]; however, he really does not know.

[REDACTED] was questioned as to what time the Buechel Fire Department arrived at the scene and [REDACTED] stated that the Buechel Fire District was dispatched at 1:06 AM, the time they received an alarm. [REDACTED] stated that they arrived at the scene at 1:08 AM on June 13, 2000. From that point on, [REDACTED] stated that he did not see any containers or items of note, inasmuch as

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his primary concern was to extinguish the fire. [REDACTED] stated that once the arson investigators, the Jefferson County Police Department, was on the scene, his focus became that of putting the fire out.

[REDACTED] was questioned as to whether or not his office received any other calls reporting the fire and [REDACTED] stated no.

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[REDACTED] was questioned as to who notified his department of the fire and [REDACTED] stated that they were notified through the Jefferson County Central Dispatch and that the alarm was sounded at 1:06 AM.

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[REDACTED] was questioned as to whether or not there were any alarms, either sound or visual, going off when they arrived at the church and [REDACTED] stated that there were none. [REDACTED] stated that while looking through the windows, he did not think of looking for any of the alarms or listening for them. [REDACTED] stated that he did not realize it until he was asked about it by [REDACTED], Jefferson County Police Department. Once asked by [REDACTED] if he, [REDACTED], noticed the alarms, [REDACTED] stated, yes then he thought it was odd that they were not going off. [REDACTED] stated that there was sufficient smoke and fire to have caused the alarms to go off and he is not aware of any reasons or findings as to why the alarms were not going off.

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[REDACTED] was questioned as to whether or not the back door by which they made entry behind the church was open and/or ajar, or had to be broken into, and [REDACTED] stated that it is unknown to him, however [REDACTED], Louisville Fire Department, telephone number [REDACTED], should be able to answer that question.

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[REDACTED] was questioned as to upon entry to the church if there were wires hanging down from the ceiling or if he or any of his coworkers had pulled them down and [REDACTED] stated that he knows that a firefighter was tangled in the duct work; however, he has no knowledge of wires hanging down from the ceiling upon entry into the building.

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[REDACTED] was questioned as to whether he observed anything that would be of benefit regarding his observations at

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the scene and [redacted] stated that from the sides that he reviewed, sides one, two and four, they were pretty clean.

[redacted] provided the agent with a hand drawn map showing the locations of his units. Attached and made a part hereto is a copy of the map. [redacted] explained that unit 3701 [redacted] and unit 3703 was that of [redacted]. b6 b7C

[redacted] then provided the agent with a copy of the Incident Report, Incident Number 249, regarding the Heart of Fire Church, 5017 Bardstown Road. [redacted] explained that the category titled Type of Action Taken containing code number one stands for extinguishment. Attached and made a part hereto is a copy of the incident report. b6 b7C

[redacted] then provided the agent with a copy of the document titled Buechel Fire Protection District, Fire Run Sign-In Sheet, dated June 13, 2000. A copy of the Fire Run Sign-In Sheet is attached and made a part hereto. [redacted] explained that the document shows who responded to the fire from the fire department and the unit that they were in. The first unit on the scene was unit number 3734, identified as 4 by the firefighter's name. b6 b7C

[redacted] was questioned as to who made up the first entry team or first responders to the fire from the Buechel Fire Protection District and Yuodis provided the following information: b6 b7C

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Telephone Number</u>
[redacted]	Volunteer	[redacted]
	Volunteer	
	Volunteer	
	Volunteer	
	Captain	
	Volunteer	

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[redacted] advised that [redacted] is currently in Florida and will be returning Saturday.

[redacted] was questioned as to whether or not there was anything else the agent should be made aware of and [redacted] stated that his department has had dealings with Pastor Danny Johnson in the past. [redacted] Fire Prevention Officer, Buechel Fire Department, Fire Prevention Bureau, 4101 Bardstown Road, Louisville, Kentucky, telephone number (502)491-0085, then provided the following information:

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[redacted] stated that in 1995, Pastor Johnson set up a tent near the Eastland Shopping Center to conduct church services. [redacted] stated that he reviewed the area for safety issues. [redacted] then provided the agent with a copy of his notes regarding the inspection. [redacted] stated that he found several problems and recommended they be corrected.

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On August 30, 1995, [redacted] returned to the site to make sure the area was safe. Upon [redacted] arrival at the area, [redacted] encountered three burly guys. [redacted] noted that there was a fourth guy behind the van that [redacted] had just pulled in with. [redacted] stated that he was confronted by Pastor Johnson who threatened him with religious statements. Johnson was in [redacted] face praying. [redacted] stated that Johnson wanted to know which church [redacted] went to and what [redacted] faith was.

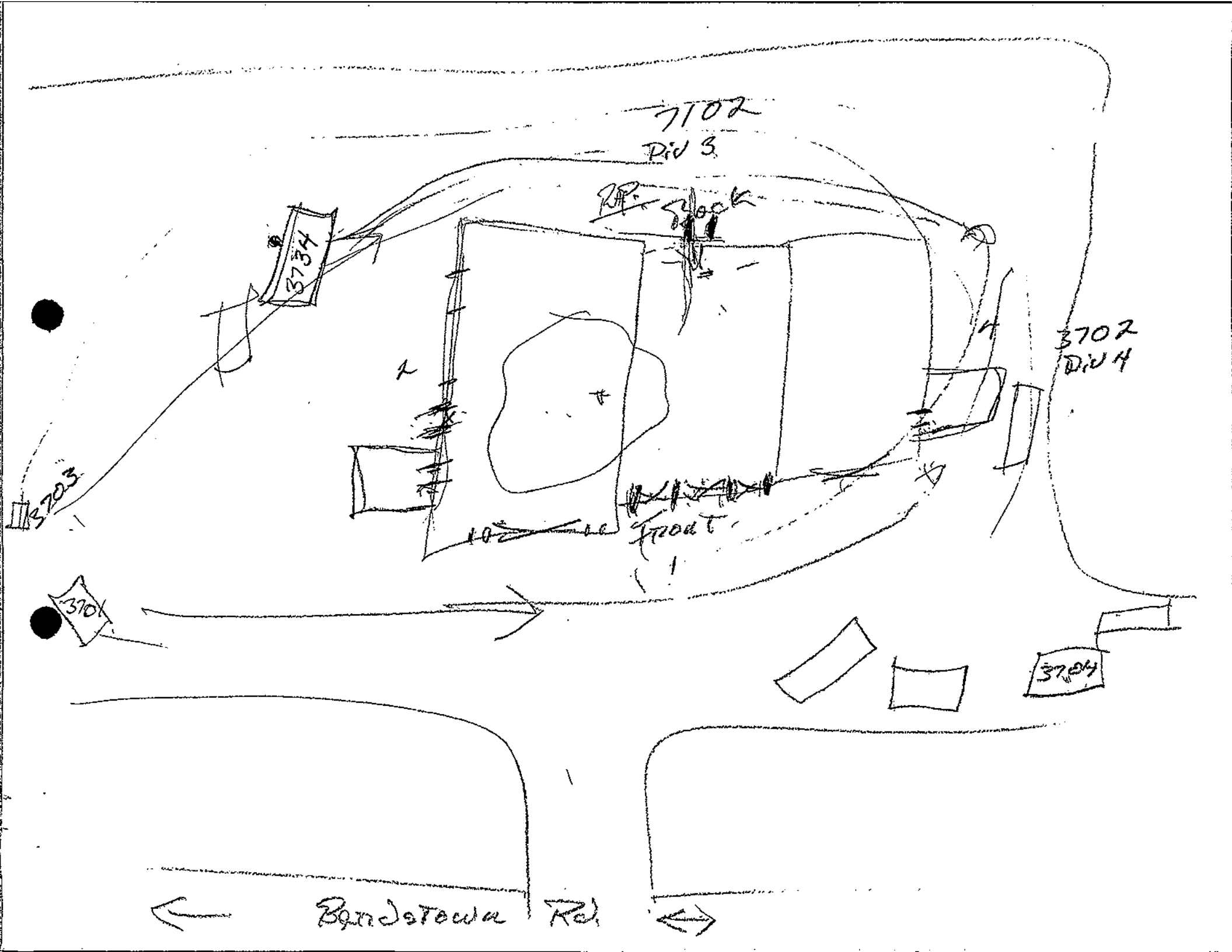
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[redacted] stated that he arrived to help out Harrison and Johnson confronted him also.

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[redacted] provided a copy of his notes on his contact with Johnson and copies of correspondence dated September 1, 1995, and August 31, 1995, regarding his encounter with Johnson, all of which are attached and made a part hereto.





**INCIDENT REPORT**  
**Buechel Fire Department**

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A	FDID 56279	INCIDENT NO 249	EXP 00	MO 06	DAY 13	YEAR 00	DAY OF WEEK TUESDAY	ALARM TIME 01:06	ARRIVAL TIME 01:08	TIME IN SERVICE 05:52	
B	TYPE OF SITUATION FOUND Cover assignment 57				TYPE OF ACTION TAKEN Extinguishment 1				MUTUAL AID 1 RECD 2X GIVEN		
C	FIXED PROPERTY USE Church, chapel 131				IGNITION FACTOR Suspicious-not civil dist 21						
D	CORRECT ADDRESS 5017 Bardstown Road				ZIP CODE 40291				CENSUS TRACT 0111.04		
E	OCCUPANT NAME (LAST, FIRST, MI) Heart of Fire Church				TELEPHONE (502) 491-3587				ROOM OR APT		
F	OWNER NAME (LAST, FIRST, MI) Heart of Fire Church			ADDRESS 5017 Bardstown Road					TELEPHONE (502) 491-3587		
G	METHOD OF ALARM FROM PUBLIC Phone direct to FD 1			CO. INSPECTION DISTRICT FCD			SHIFT 2		NO. ALARMS 1		
H	NO. FIRE SERVICE PERSONNEL RESPONDED 23		NO. ENGINES RESPONDED 2		NO. AERIAL APPARATUS RESPONDED 1			NO. OTHER VEHICLES RESPONDED 5			
I	NUMBER OF INJURIES FIRE SERVICE		OTHER		NUMBER OF FATALITIES FIRE SERVICE			OTHER			
J	COMPLEX				MOBILE PROPERTY TYPE						
K	AREA OF FIRE ORIGIN				EQUIPMENT INVOLVED IN IGNITION						
L	FORM OF HEAT OF IGNITION			TYPE OF MATERIAL IGNITED				FORM OF MATERIAL IGNITED			
M	METHOD OF EXTINGUISHMENT			LEVEL OF FIRE ORIGIN				ESTIMATED LOSS (DOLLARS ONLY)			
S	IF MOBILE PROPERTY		YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	SERIAL NO.		LICENSE NO.			
T	IF EQUIPMENT INVOLVED IN IGNITION		YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	SERIAL NO.					

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OFFICER IN CHARGE (NAME, POSITION, ASSIGNMENT) [Redacted] Colonel	DATE 06/13/00
MEMBER MAKING REPORT (IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE) [Redacted] Firefighter	DATE 06/13/00

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REMARKS

Buechel Fire Department

For Incident: 249 Exposure: 00 DATE: 06/13/00 TIME: 01:06

Dispatched to a report of church fire on Bardstown Road north of Watterson Trail. Radio advised that "Heart of Fire Church", which is in Fern Creek's district. [redacted] Major [redacted], Major [redacted], Unit [redacted] 3734, 3735 and 3732 responded to the scene. Buechel units assisted Fern Creek with large working church fire.

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**BUECHEL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**  
4101 BARDSTOWN RD. LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY 40218  
(502) 491-0085 • FAX# (502) 495-1503

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Friday, September 01, 1995

[Redacted]

Electrical Department, County Code Enforcement  
531 Court Place Suite 301  
Louisville, KY 40203-3391

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Dear [Redacted]

The Fire Prevention Officer of the Buechel Fire Department has made an inspection of a temporary structure (Tent) located at 4750 Bardstown Road. The service pole was inspected under permit number 95E4720 dated 8/28/95. Since then additional electrical wiring has been added without a permit.

This letter is intended to serve as official notice that further action should be taken to ensure electrical wiring is installed in accordance with required codes.

Sir

[Redacted signature]

Fire Prevention Officer  
Buechel Fire Department

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RFH/mc

cc: [Redacted] Deputy State Fire Marshal

[Redacted]

Pastor Dan Johnson  
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To	[Redacted]	From	[Redacted]
Co.	[Redacted]	Co.	[Redacted]
Dept.	[Redacted]	Phone #	[Redacted]
Fax #	574-5924	Fax #	[Redacted]

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**BUECHEL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**  
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August 31, 1995

Mr. Dan Johnson  
Heart of Fire Ministries Church  
4750 Bardstown Road

RE: Fire Prevention Code Violation's

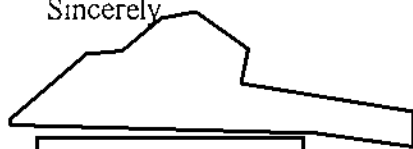
Dear Mr. Johnson:

On August 29, 1995, this office made an inspection of the above referenced property. The Property was inspected by the Fire Prevention Officer of the Buechel Fire Department. Certain conditions deemed hazardous to life and/or property were found to exist. These conditions are in violation of Kentucky Standards of Safety, KRS 227.300, 815 KRA 10:040, and/or Jefferson County Ordinances #17 Series 1991 and #29 Series 1980. The specific conditions which constitute violations of the above statutes, regulations and ordinances are enumerated on the attached page in order that they may be corrected promptly.

In order to provide safety as soon as possible for the occupants of this facility, it has been determined that the non-complying conditions can and should be corrected on or before the completion date indicated below.

Please advise this office when all corrections have been made in order that we might certify this facility as meeting minimum fire safety regulations. If you desire further assistance from this department, or if for any reason you are unable to correct the non-complying conditions before the final completion date shown below, please call this office at (502) 491-0085.

Sincerely,



[Redacted]  
Fire Prevention Officer  
Fire Prevention Bureau

September, 1, 1995  
FINAL COMPLETION DATE

RFH:mc

cc [Redacted]  
[Redacted] Deputy State Fire Marshal  
[Redacted] Jefferson County Code Enforcement  
[Redacted] Marshal Realty Company, Inc.  
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Violations noted from Inspection:

1. Discontinue use of trailer until a permit is obtained and a Letter of Completion has been issued by County Code Enforcement. **FPC F-106.2**
2. Remove combustible materials from inside the tent envelope or certify to this office the flameresistance and flame spread ratings as listed by the manufacturer or other approved testing facility. **FPC F-1901.1**
3. Certify to this office the carpet used inside the tent is installed to the manufacturers specifications or remove all carpet. **FPC F-1701.1.1**
4. Protect extension cords from possible physical damage. **FPC F-314.5**

Upon completion of the above violations, notify this office so a follow-up inspection can be conducted prior to occupying the structure. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Tent shall be constructed as required by **KBC 3104.4** and as referenced in **NFPA 102** listed in chapter 35 of the KBC.

Electrical services shall be installed in accordance with **KBC 2705.0 Temporary Use**. The part covered by the temporary certificate shall be installed in accordance with **NFPA 70** as listed in chapter 35 of KBC.

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8/29/95 Inspection of Tent set-up at Eastland.  
DON JOHNSON - Hearts of Fire (Tent Revival)

4750 Bardstown Road

Tent Permit issued by County Code Enforcement,  
Sarah Stinson and I met with MR. JOHNSON  
at the tent location @ 11:00 am

Mr. Johnson was advised by myself that  
the tent was permitted as long as the following  
conditions were met:

1. All Grass and vegetation be removed from inside  
of the tent structure and an area of 10 feet  
around the perimeter of the tent.
2. Carpet remnants be removed or certify to  
the Fire Prevention Office that the materials  
were manufactured as non-combustible interior  
finishes by the carpet manufacturer.
3. The approved outdoor extension cords were  
protected from physical damage. (Extension Cords  
can not be run under carpet or rugs.)  
One of the gentlemen present asked if  
burial of the cords would be allowed. I  
advised him that the wiring would need to  
be rated / listed for the intended use.
4. The portable building could not be used  
for child care unless proper permits and  
inspections were obtained. Mr. Johnson  
assured Sarah and myself that it was only  
used for storage of electronic equipment.



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Mr. Johnson told me that all of these conditions would be met. I asked him to contact me upon completion so I could complete the inspection and they could begin using it. (P)

8/30/95 - Heart of Fire tent revival

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20:53 - Major [redacted] notified me that the tent at 4750 Bardstern Road, was occupied. At that time I told him I would check on it.

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I drove to the Eastland Shopping Center to check on the complaint. Upon arrival I was greeted by an gentleman wearing dark pants and a striped shirt. I identified myself and asked to speak to Mr. Don Johnson, the gentleman said he would go and get him.

I walked over to the trailer window and observed six children and two adults occupying the trailer.

Mr. Johnson came out of the tent and immediately asked me why I was unfairly harassing them. I advised Mr. Johnson that I was there to check on the use of the tent & that the children would have to be removed from the trailer. The other conditions we asked to be met were not completed. I tried to talk reasonably with Mr. Johnson but he started praying for my salvation and judgement by God. I asked that he stop the prayers and talk to me. It was about then that 4 more of his followers approached us. I returned to my vehicle for my own safety and requested our radio room to notify

Chief [redacted] by pager that he would be needed at this location. I also requested a county police beat car respond for assistance.

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Maj. [redacted] arrived on scene and advised him of the situation. Mr. Johnson then stopped his sermon, and returned to the tent.

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Chief [redacted] arrived and he was updated on the situation.

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Officer [redacted] arrived on scene and was advised of the situation.

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Chief [redacted] instructed me to write up violations and return to the tent on 9/31/95 to issue written notices for compliance.

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8/31/95 STATE FIRE MARSHAL STAFF MEETINGS.

1.) CODE SEARCH EXERCISE -

Special Construction

KBC 3104.4 - ref. NFPA 102

[redacted] recommended photographing and either have chief [redacted] issue order to remedy or take items to Frank Port and request [redacted] to close the operation down.

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Staff meeting closed. 11:30 am

[redacted] called 8/31/95 @ 13:55 message left for her.

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(Midland Park - 10:00 - 3:00 pm. Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>)

(Fire Prevention Request.)

Bardston Road Plaza, Inc.

[redacted]

~~Eastland~~ Baptist

Don Johnson

[redacted]

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