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# Chilliwack family blames RCMP daughter



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**15-year-old Jehovah's Witness follower ran away from home after dispute with mother over religion**

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A Chilliwack, B.C., family is furious with the RCMP for failing to return their 15-year-old daughter after police found the runaway teen at a downtown Vancouver hotel.

Jeff Wier and Candis McCarville-Wier are the legal guardians for Cassidy McCarville; Candis is also her biological mother. The teen became a Jehovah's Witness two years ago but her parents are not followers, and that has been a point of strife between Cassidy and her parents.



Candis McCarville-Wier says she just wants her 15-year-old daughter, who ran away from home after a dispute over being a Jehovah's Witness, to come home and get counselling. (CBC)

Candis says her daughter has taken the religion too far — preaching door to door instead of doing her school work. When she tried to ground Cassidy on Tuesday night, preventing her from going to a Jehovah's Witness meeting, the teen ran away from home.

Police were called and found Cassidy at the Vancouver hotel early Wednesday morning with friends from church.

“Cassidy told them she just wasn't happy — ‘cause all 15-year-olds who are grounded are happy — and the cops left her with this woman, and my daughter is still not home,” said a visibly upset Candis.

The RCMP said they had no authority to seize the 15-year-old and return her to her parents because she was not in any danger and had not committed any crime.

*'We have no anger towards Jehovah's Witnesses themselves, but Cassidy's involvement with them has been detrimental to her.'* - Jeff Wier

"I think probably the police are looking at this and saying it's futile," said family law expert Tracey Jackson. "I can go find your child, bring the child home, and the child will just run away again. And I'm not going to do that 100 times — I have other things to do."

On Thursday night, Cassidy texted her parents, saying she had hopped a bus to the Okanagan and is now staying with a cousin.

In a telephone conversation with CBC News, Cassidy said she didn't run away — she was forced by her parents to choose between living under their roof and her Jehovah's Witness activities.

Jehovah's Witnesses are not supposed to associate with non-witnesses, but an elder told CBC News that they would never ask a child to leave their parents.

The family says they just want their daughter to come home, and get counselling.

"We have no anger towards Jehovah's Witnesses themselves, but Cassidy's involvement with them has been detrimental to her," Jeff said.

*With files from the CBC's Natalie Clancy*

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The mom can go to the local Justice of Peace and lay charges of Abduction of a Minor -- and provide the names of the RCMP officers who know where she is.

I wonder who is paying for her hotel room. Yes, children under 16 are allowed to contract for necessities; so the hotel operator is off that legal hook. But I sure would not want to be fingered as the one providing the money or transportation as that amounts to removing the child from the care and custody of her guardians.

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According to them, Gabriel had a falling out with God and became the devil and all other angels siding with Gabriel are demons, watching them 24 hrs. a day. Since only 144,000 make it and demons watching them continuously keeping track of them, one can see why they behave the way they do. It started in 1870 and I think the guy didn't imagine in his wildest dreams that he would hook so many people with this rubbish.

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What the JW's believe is irrelevant to the case. Totally and completely irrelevant. So is your or my opinion of them.

They didn't take her from her parents, she apparently isn't staying with them, and there's no evidence from the article that they told her to leave her parents.

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In Ontario at 16 a person can leave home and go anywhere. So, at age 15, and x months, the cops aren't likely to spend time to enforce a return to a home, when any Youth Court issue or order isn't going to be adjudicated before it's a moot point anyway.

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