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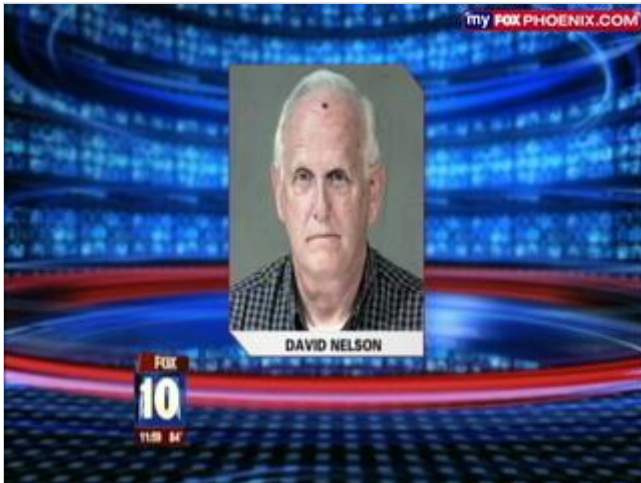
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David Nelson

Church Elder Pleads Guilty to Sex Crime

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PHOENIX - A 64-year-old man has pleaded guilty to two counts of sexual conduct with a minor, some 31 years after he victimized a 14-year-old boy.

Four other charges were dismissed as part of David Clarke Nelson's plea deal.

The victim, now an adult, [reported the abuse](#) last year. He decided to come forward after talking to his wife and telling her what he went through.

In 1979, Nelson met the boy through the Madison Park Congregation Church and became a friend of his family.

Nelson was a Jehovah's Witness elder, a preacher and leader of the congregation.

In a recorded phone call last year, Nelson admitted to the sexual conduct with the victim and even apologized. He stated that it was all his fault and the victim was totally innocent.

Nelson will be sentenced on April 7. He has since retired from the church.

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well if god exists gods caught ya lying and if god does not exist then end sex laws now for world peace because sex laws are rediculous.

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My concern with Jehovahs witness is that they have had a huge ongoing pedophile scandle similar to the catholic church. Apparently the majority of the time when pedophiles are reported it's hushed up to keep the name of the church clean in the community.

The only difference between them and the catholics is that the catholics don't send preist out to my door to sell me magazines. How do I know that when my teens are home alone and I'm out at work there isn't a pedophile going to my house trying to peddle their magazines and trying to get...[show more](#)

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Was he an elder or is he an elder? Retired? You don't retire from being a JW, no one gets paid, it is not a job. Poor journalism.

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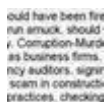
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