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State of Minnesota

District Court

County of Redwood

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| Judicial District: | Fifth      |
| Court File Number: | 64-CV-     |
| Case Type:         | Harassment |

Deborah Hess  
OBO First Presbyterian Church  
Petitioner

**Order on Petition for  
Harassment Restraining Order**  
(Minn. Stat. §609.748)

vs.

Christopher Roller  
Respondent

Based upon Petitioner's Affidavit and Petition for a Harassment Restraining Order and other information provided to the Court, **THE COURT FINDS:**

The petition has no merit and the matter should be **dismissed**.

There  is  is not an immediate and present danger of harassment to justify temporary relief.

There are reasonable grounds to believe that Respondent has harassed Petitioner (or minor children included in the petition) as follows:

- Physically or sexually assaulted the Petitioner;
- Followed, pursued or stalked the Petitioner;
- Made uninvited visits to the Petitioner;
- Made harassing phone calls to the Petitioner;
- Made threats to the Petitioner;
- Frightened Petitioner with threatening behavior;
- Broke into and entered the Petitioner's residence;
- Damaged the Petitioner's property;
- Stole property from the Petitioner;
- Took pictures of the Petitioner without permission of the Petitioner;
- Did acts repeatedly that meet the legal definition of "targeted residential picketing";
- Pattern of attending public events after being notified that Respondent's presence at the events is harassing to Petitioner;
- Other: made threats after unsuccessful suit.

The harassment has or is intended to have a substantial adverse effect on Petitioner's safety, security, or privacy.

Petitioner requested a court hearing.

**IT IS ORDERED:**

1.  The case is **dismissed** because the Petition lacks merit.
2.  The request for temporary relief is **denied** because the petition fails to allege an immediate and present danger of harassment.
3.  The request for temporary relief is **granted** and:
  - Respondent shall not harass  Petitioner  Petitioner's minor child/ren or ward(s).

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The minor child/ren or wards included in this Petition are: \_\_\_\_\_

Respondent shall have no contact with  Petitioner  Petitioner's minor child/ren or ward(s).

Respondent shall stay away from Petitioner's home at: (address) 235 East 4th St  
Redwood Falls MN

Respondent shall stay away from Petitioner's job site at: (address) \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

#### NOTICE

The following conduct is a violation of this order if an Order For Relief is granted: Any contact with the protected person(s), direct or indirect, any visits to or phone calls to the protected person(s), threats or assaultive behavior to the protected person(s), damaging or stealing property belonging to the protected person(s), breaking into and entering the Petitioner's or minor child's residence, taking pictures of a protected person without permission of the Petitioner, and \_\_\_\_\_

4.  This Restraining Order is in effect until 2-27-2013 unless changed by a later court order. Respondent can ask the court to change or vacate the Restraining Order by filing a *Request for Hearing* within 45 days of the date of this Order.

5.  A hearing will be held on (date) \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ .m at (address) \_\_\_\_\_ .The

hearing is scheduled because:  Petitioner requested a hearing  Petitioner requested a restraining order for longer than 2 years and the court wants more information about the need for a longer restraining order  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Respondent shall appear personally in Court for the hearing and explain why the requests made in the Petition should not be granted. Petitioner shall appear personally in Court for the hearing and provide proof that the statements in the Petition are true and that Respondent's actions are harassment.

6. The Court Administrator shall send a copy of this Order to the following law enforcement agencies: Redwood County Sheriff's Department and Redwood Police Department which have authority over the residence of the Petitioner(s). Every police department and sheriff's office in Minnesota is responsible for enforcing this order.

7. If respondent is an organization, this order  shall  shall not apply to all members of the organization.

8. Other: \_\_\_\_\_

9. The sheriff of any county in this state shall perform the duties relating to service of this Order without charge to the petitioner.

10. It is not a violation of this order if the parties pursue or participate in voluntary mediation through court approved mediation programs. The party wanting to mediate must contact the mediation program directly to arrange it. He/she may not contact the other party directly or through friends or relatives. The mediation programs will determine if mediation is acceptable under Minnesota mediation guidelines (MN Stat 494.03 and MN Rule of Court, General Rules of Practice, Rule 114.)

#### Notices

If a hearing is scheduled and respondent does not attend the hearing, a Harassment Restraining Order may be granted. Failure of respondent to appear WILL NOT be a defense to criminal charges against respondent for violation of any part of this Order. If petitioner does not attend the hearing this case may be dismissed.

A police officer shall arrest respondent without warrant and take her/him to jail if a police officer believes that respondent has violated this Restraining Order, and shall hold respondent in jail for at least 36 hours, excluding the day of arrest, Sundays, and legal holidays, unless the respondent is released earlier by a judge or judicial officer.

Violation of this Restraining Order may be treated as a misdemeanor, gross misdemeanor, or felony. A misdemeanor violation may result in a sentence of up to 90 days in jail and/or a \$1000.00 fine. Some repeat violations are gross misdemeanors and may result in a sentence of up to one year in jail and/or a \$3,000.00 fine. Other violations are felonies and may result in a sentence of imprisonment for up to five years and/or a \$10,000 fine. A person who engages in a pattern of harassing conduct is guilty of a felony and may be sentenced to imprisonment for up to ten years and/or a fine of \$20,000.00.

Dated: 2/28/11

  
Judge of District Court

#### Distribution

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| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Copy for file until original returned  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Copy for local police department <b>RFPD</b> |
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State of Minnesota

District Court

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| County<br>Ramsey |
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| Judicial District: | Second     |
| Court File Number: |            |
| Case Type:         | Harassment |

In the Matter of:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Petitioner

**Request for Hearing  
(Minn. Stat. § 609.748)**

vs.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Respondent

I am the Petitioner/Respondent in this action. My current address is: \_\_\_\_\_

My telephone number is: \_\_\_\_\_

**For Respondent only:** I, the Respondent in this matter, was personally served by the police/sheriff on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_ (or received a copy of the papers by United States mail on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_).

**I respectfully request the Court to hold a hearing in the above-entitled action. I understand that any harassment restraining order issued by the Court shall remain in full force and effect until the date of the hearing.**

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_  
Petitioner/Respondent

**NOTE**

A hearing will not be held unless you request one within 45 days of the filing or receipt of the Petition. **If a Temporary Restraining Order has been issued, then you only have 45 days from the date of the order to request a hearing.** To request a hearing, complete this form and return it to the court administrator along with the civil filing fee at: Domestic Abuse/Harassment Office, Ramsey County Juvenile and Family Justice Center, 25 West 7<sup>th</sup> Street, St. Paul MN 55102, ph: 651-266-5130. If you can not afford the filing fee, contact the court for instructions.

## Important Notice to Respondent

**If you are served with these papers, one of the following has happened (see attached papers for specifics):**

- A temporary harassment restraining order has been issued against you. A hearing has been scheduled. **OR**
- A temporary harassment restraining order has been issued against you. A hearing has not been scheduled. **You have 45 days from the date of the order to request a hearing. OR**
- No harassment restraining order has been issued at this time. A hearing has been scheduled.

### **Review the attached papers carefully.**

What is a Harassment Restraining Order?

**A person who is a victim of harassment may seek a restraining order from the Court. The parent or guardian of a minor who is the victim of harassment may seek a restraining order on behalf of the minor. The restraining order prohibits harassment. A restraining order may be issued against an individual who has engaged in harassment, or against organizations that have sponsored or promoted harassment.**

#### **What is Harassment?**

**Minn. Stat. § 609.748 defines harassment as ANY of the following:**

- A single incident of physical or sexual assault.
- Repeated incidents of intrusive or unwanted acts, words or gestures that have a substantial adverse effect or are intended to have a substantial adverse effect on the safety, security or privacy of another, regardless of the relationship between you and the alleged harasser.
- Targeted residential picketing, which includes:
  - a. marching, standing, or patrolling by one or more persons directed solely at a particular residential building in a manner that adversely affects the safety, security, or privacy of an occupant of the building, and
  - b. marching, standing, or patrolling by one or more persons which prevents an occupant of a residential building from gaining access to or exiting from the property on which the residential building is located.
- A pattern of attending public events after being notified that one's presence is harassing to another.

#### **Change of Address:**

It is important that the court knows your mailing address to send you notices. If your mailing address changes, notify the court administrator of your new mailing address.

#### **Hearing:**

You have the right to request a hearing. If a temporary restraining order has been issued, you have 45 days from the date of order to file a Request for Hearing with the court. You will be required to pay a civil filing fee unless you qualify as low income. You may complete and file an IFP form that would be reviewed by a judge who would determine whether to waive your filing fee. IFP forms are available from the court administrator. The court will notify the parties with a date and time to appear for a hearing.

#### **Violations:**

You may be charged with a misdemeanor, subject to a sentence of up to 90 days in jail and/or a fine of \$1000.00, if you are aware of the existence of a restraining order and you violate it. Some repeat violations are gross misdemeanors that may result in a sentence of up to one year in jail and/or a \$3,000.00 fine. Other violations are felonies that may result in a sentence of imprisonment for up to five years and/or a fine of \$10,000.00. A person who engages in a pattern of harassing conduct is guilty of a felony and may be sentenced to imprisonment for up to ten years and/or a fine of \$20,000.00. You may be arrested and taken into custody without warrant if a peace officer has probable cause to believe you are in violation of the restraining order. You will be held in jail for at least 36 hours, excluding the day of arrest, Sundays, and legal holidays, unless you are released earlier by a judge or judicial officer. Violation of the restraining order also constitutes contempt of court.

State Of Minnesota

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| Judicial District: | <u>fifth</u>         |
| Court File Number: | <u>64. CV-11-146</u> |
| Case Type:         | <u>Harassment</u>    |

Petitioner's Affidavit and Petition for Harassment Restraining Order (Minn. Stat. §609.748)

Petitioner

|  |  |
|--|--|
| Name:  | <u>DEBORAH HESS OBO</u>  |
| Address:   | <u>235 E 4th St. PO Box 444</u><br><u>REDWOOD FALLS MN 56283</u> |
| Date of Birth:   |  |
| On behalf of: (names of minor children who are victims of harassment and their dates of birth) |  |
| Name:  | DOB:   |
| <u>FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH</u>   |  |
| Name:  | DOB:   |
| Name:  | DOB:   |

vs.

Respondent

|  |   |
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| (Person harassing you or your minor child) : |   |
| Name:  | <u>CHRISTOPHER ROLLER</u>                                       |
| Address:                                     | <u>806 S. JEFFERSON ST. #2</u><br><u>REDWOOD FALLS MN 56283</u> |
| Date of Birth:                               |   |
|  | (if known, or approximate age)                                  |

STATE OF MINNESOTA )  
COUNTY OF REDWOOD ) ss  
(COUNTY WHERE AFFIDAVIT IS SIGNED)

I understand that I am under oath/affirmation and I must tell the truth. I state that:

- 1. I am the Petitioner in this case. The victim of the harassment is  me  a minor child for whom I am the parent, legal guardian or stepparent. (If you are the guardian, attach a copy of the order appointing you.)  
The name of each victim, other than me, is: \_\_\_\_\_

How does each victim know the Respondent and what is their relationship? The only relationship is in the past he was stalking our pastor and more recently sued our church for tithing fraud. Now is threatening with more

If you are filing on behalf of another person, what is your relationship to each victim? MEMBER OF THE CHURCH SESSION (ELDER)

- 2. How many restraining orders have been in effect, ordering Respondent to stay away from the victims you

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2. How many restraining orders have been in effect, ordering Respondent to stay away from the victims you included at #1 above?  none  one  two or more. For each restraining order provide:

| Court File Number, if known | County and State where the court is located |
|-----------------------------|---|
| PASTER SCOTT PROUTY         | REDWOOD, MN                                 |
|                             |   |
|                             |   |

3. The following court cases involve me and the Respondent in issues of child custody or parenting time:

| Court File Number | County and State where the court is located |
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4. Respondent has harassed the victim(s) as follows:

- Check all boxes that apply and give the date and details of each incident.
- To get a Restraining order, you must describe actions that meet the legal definition of harassment in Minnesota. See the Instructions for the definition of harassment.
- One incident of physical or sexual assault can meet the definition of harassment. For any other act, there must be more than one incident.
- If you need more space, attach a full sheet of paper and continue your description there. Do not write on the back.

Respondent physically or sexually assaulted the victim as follows: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Respondent has followed, pursued or stalked the victim as follows: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Respondent made uninvited visits to the victim as follows: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Respondent made harassing phone calls to the victim as follows: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Respondent made threats to the victim as follows: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Respondent frightened the victim with threatening behavior as follows: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Respondent broke into and entered the victim's residence as follows: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Respondent damaged the victim's property as follows: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Respondent stole property from the victim as follows: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Respondent took pictures of the victim without permission as follows: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

More than once, Respondent has done acts that meet the legal definition of "targeted residential picketing" by: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I told Respondent not to come to certain public events that I or the children attend because: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
After that, Respondent attended public events I/we attended: (List dates, places and name of events)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

These acts by Respondent show a pattern of attending public events while knowing that attending is harassing to me/children.

Other: CLAIMING HE IS GOD/JESUS/THE MESSIAH HE TOOK OUR CHURCH TO SMALL CLAIMS COURT FOR DTHING FRAUD, SENT A LETTER THREATENING FURTHER LAWSUITS UNLESS WE MEET HIS DEMANDS AND IS NOW CALLING OUR CHURCH AND THREATENING & ACCUSING US OF UNLAWFUL ACTS.

5. Describe the effect the harassment has upon the victim's safety, security or privacy:

FEELING OF BEING STALKED,

6. Do you believe the harassment will continue? Why?

YES, BECAUSE IT KEEPS HAPPENING, WITH NO PROVOCATION FROM US.

PAST ACTIONS KEEP MAKING US BELIEVE THE PAST, FEAR; STAFF EXPERIENCING

STOMACHES, THAT IT WILL NEVER STOP, & DOESN'T KNOW HOW TO STOP THE PHYSICAL SYMPTOMS WHEN HE CONTACTS THE OFFICE.

7. I ask the Court to issue a Restraining Order as follows: Check all boxes (a through e) that apply:

a. Respondent shall not harass  me  minor child (ren) for whom I am the parent, legal guardian, or stepparent. List the full names of the minor children included in this Petition: \_\_\_\_\_

b. Respondent shall have no contact with  me  the minor child(ren) listed above.

c. Respondent shall stay away from where I/we live (address) \_\_\_\_\_

d. Respondent shall stay away from my/the victim's job site located at \_\_\_\_\_

e. Other: PHONE CALLS, LETTERS, EMAILS, TEXT, 3<sup>RD</sup> PARTY, IN PERSON

### 8. Court Hearing

*Petitioner: Read these Notices about a Hearing*

- You have a right to request a court hearing.
- If the Judge dismisses your case because it has no merit, no hearing will be held.
- The Judge can issue a Restraining Order without a court hearing if the Judge finds there is immediate and present danger of harassment.
- If the Judge issues a Restraining Order without a hearing, the Respondent can request a hearing within 45 days of the date the Restraining Order is issued. If Respondent requests a hearing, the court will notify you by mail at least five days before the hearing date.
- If there is a hearing, you must attend the hearing and prove that the statements in your Petition & Affidavit are true, and that Respondent's actions are harassment, as defined by Minnesota law.

Choose a. or b.

a. I am not requesting a court hearing at this time.

But if the court denies my request for a restraining order because the court finds there is no immediate and present danger of harassment, then (check one)  I want  I don't want a court hearing.

OR

b. I am requesting a court hearing.

9. I request a Restraining Order for a length of:

2 years

Until the following date: \_\_\_\_\_, which is less than 2 years from today.

Up to 50 years because:

I have two or more prior restraining orders against Respondent (listed at #2 above.)

Respondent has violated a prior or existing restraining order between us on two or more occasions.

I understand the court will likely schedule a court hearing for any request over 2 years.

Dated: 2-24-11

Deborah Hess OBO <sup>FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH</sup>  
Signature (sign only in front of notary public or court administrator.) (ELDER OF THE CHURCH)

Name DEBORAH HESS

Address 235 S 4th ST

City/State/Zip REDWOOD FALLS MN 56283

Telephone (507) 627-8751

Notice: If your address or telephone changes, you must give Court Administration your new information right away, in writing.

Subscribed and sworn to before me

Date: 2-25-2011

Bundra Desser

Notary Public \ Deputy Court Administrator

Lawsuit Premise:

Churches are not clubs. People donate tithing in the name of God, hoping to get back more than they gave, so that it makes their life better (get back more than they receive). I would like to conduct matters in the name of God, because tithing should be entitled to Chris Roller, who states under penalty of perjury, is Jesus, God's direct representative, who is the Trinity, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. This way I can better affect the people who are tithing to me, Jesus, instead of the church doing the decision-making.

I allege churches know Chris Roller is God/Jesus/Messiah, and are committing fraud because they are preaching deceit in church, while taking people's money in Jesus' name. I need statements disputing these allegations, otherwise it's an undisputed truth, making the claim undisputed. This fraud would result in deceit (intentional misrepresentation) tort for damages for the month in question. Asking 25% of tithing for the month of September 2010.

I'm getting ready to take churches to court for tithing fraud because I allege I am Jesus and should receive the offering, at least a portion.

[www.mytrumanshow.com](http://www.mytrumanshow.com)

I need you to set me straight, to tell me I am not Jesus/God.

Please sign and notarize the attached statements, and mail it or fax it back to me.

I'm sending this to dozens of churches until I get back enough statements (approximately dozen) to solidly indicate that I am incorrect in my notion.

If I do not get your statement back from your church, consider this a warning that I am going to sue your church soon for tithing fraud in the coming months.

I, claiming to be Jesus, cannot walk on water except when it's frozen here in Minnesota. But I've implemented a miracle called TruthUnderOath.com, the only claimed miracle in reality, a perjury prevention service which keeps my opponents from lying under oath. That is why I'm asking you to sign this statement in front of a notary public, because lies cannot be told to me under oath. That is, unless I'm wrong about TruthUnderOath.

So when you sign the 2 statements, it serves two purposes...

1. it tells me that my miracle, TruthUnderOath, is not happening, meaning I am not a miracle maker as I claim.
2. it also tells me that I am not Jesus/God/Messiah/Savior as I state.

If I do not get your 2 statements back from your church, it will be used as evidence in the courtroom that you cannot tell me that I am not God because of TruthUnderOath service, indicating two things,

1. TruthUnderOath works, that I am the miracle maker.
2. That Chris Roller is the Jesus/God/Messiah/Savior, and should deserve or portion of your tithing for use in my ministry.

My fax number is 206.339.7775.

Or mail back to  
Christopher Roller  
806 S. Jefferson St. #2  
Redwood Falls, MN 56283

507 637 0918

Again, please do this, because without it, I will be suing you soon for tithing fraud.

Christopher Roller

From: F P <churchofc@hotmail.com>  
To: Deb Hess <gmc1953dih@aol.com>  
Date: Thu, Feb 24, 2011 11:21 am

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(Jason said that last night when he drove by to go to the post office. The lights at the Church were not on that he noticed.)  
(The times he comes to the bar... He is literally comes in scans that place and leaves. Very rarely does he say anything to anyone or order anything.)

10:39 am 02/24 L1  
Roller C  
15076370918  
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I answered the phone with a Hello. Not using my name.

He stated he was Chris Roller and wanted to speak to someone of Management. He asked who is was speaking to.

The phone rang on the other line. I put him on hold.

I came back, he asked who he was speaking to, I didn't say my name and asked him what I could do for him.

He stated he was suing the Church and he had gone to court with us.

He had wanted to keep this matter between him and us, it was a business matter. But it seems that it is now public news. He was out last night and was having a conversation with a gentleman who seemed to get upset when he told him he was God. This gentleman didn't threaten him but he felt threaten by others that were in the bar. He wasn't happy that the Church would hire "thugs" to go after him. I said "The Church would never hire thugs to go after anyone." He said that this situation was obviously making many people upset and he wanted to resolve it quickly.

He had sent some papers following court to the Church and was wanting us to "get 10 of my buddies to sign them" stating he is not God. That would bring this to an end. He stated something about someone saying he wasn't God in a court before. He said that when we were in court the persons from the Church said nothing to him about NOT BEING God.

He said so then if you can get me those papers this will end. I said I would pass the message on and he said if anyone had any questions to call him at \_\_\_\_\_, (I didn't write it down or listen). I said thank you.

\*\*\*I never said my name to him whatsoever. But I know he knows exactly who I am. And that I work at the bar.

State of Minnesota

County of Redwood

Conciliation Court

Judicial District

Fifth

Case No.

64-CO-10-141

Plaintiff #1

Name Christopher Roller

Address 806 S Jefferson St #2

City/State/Zip Redwood Falls MN 56283

vs.

Plaintiff #2

Name

Address

City/State/Zip

vs.

Defendant #1

Name Presbyterian Church

Address 235 East 4th Street

City/State/Zip Redwood Falls MN 56283

Defendant #2

Name

Address

City/State/Zip

Appearances:  Plaintiff  Defendant  Neither Party  Contested  Default

Order for Judgment on Claim and Counterclaim

Upon evidence received, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

Plaintiff is entitled to judgment against defendant for the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_, plus fees of \$ \_\_\_\_\_, disbursements of \$ \_\_\_\_\_, and conditional costs of \$ \_\_\_\_\_, for a total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Judgment shall be entered in favor of Defendant (without damages).

Plaintiff's claim is dismissed without prejudice.

Plaintiff's claim is dismissed with prejudice.

Defendant shall immediately return \_\_\_\_\_

to the \_\_\_\_\_ and that the Sheriff of the county in which the property is located is authorized and directed to effect repossession of such property according to Minn. Stat. § 491A.01, subd. 5, and turn the property over to \_\_\_\_\_.

Other /  Memo: See Memorandum on next page.

Dated: 2-10-11 Judge: *Lucy P. Hansson*

JUDGMENT is hereby declared and entered as stated in the Court's Order for Judgment set forth above, and the Judgment shall become finally effective on the date specified in the notice of judgment set forth below.

Dated: 2-10-11 Court Administrator/Deputy: *Brenda Dessen*

NOTICE: THE PARTIES ARE HEREBY notified that Judgment has been entered as indicated above, but the Judgment is stayed by law until (Date) 3/7/11. (Time) 4:30 p.m. (to allow time for an appeal/removal if desired).  
\*\*\* Date includes 3 extra days allowed by law if notice is served by mail.\*\*\*

THE PARTIES ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that if the case is removed to District Court and the removing party does not prevail as provided in Rule 524 of the Minnesota General Rules of Practice for the District Courts, the opposing party will be awarded \$50 as costs.

Dated: 2/10/11 Court Administrator/Deputy: *Brenda Dessen*

Transcript of Judgment: I certify that the above is a correct transcript of the Judgment entered by this Court.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_ Court Administrator/Deputy: \_\_\_\_\_

Christopher Roller

Plaintiff

VS.

Presbyterian Church

Defendant

MEMORANDUM

Plaintiff has sued the church for tithing fraud. Plaintiff testified that he is "God, Jesus, and the Messiah." Plaintiff testified that no one has ever stated, under oath, that he is not God. Plaintiff contends that this is evidence that he is God.

Based upon the contention that he is God, Plaintiff has sued the church, alleging that they are obtaining their tithes by fraud. Plaintiff has sued for \$6,500, which he believes represents 25% of the tithes collected by the church from August 2010 to October 2010. The Court has two concerns. First, this Court is aware of no common law basis for a claim of tithing fraud. Without a cause of action previously recognized in case law in Minnesota, this Court is not aware of a legal basis upon which to award Plaintiff a judgment.

Second, to find that the church committed any fraud, the Court would have to find that Plaintiff has proven that he is God. The Court cannot make such a finding. First, Plaintiff's testimony that he is "God, Jesus, and the Messiah" is only evidence that he believes he is "God, Jesus, and the Messiah." It is not proof that he actually is "God, Jesus, and the Messiah." Second, if this Court made a finding that Plaintiff is God, this Court might be violating the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. As Justice David Souter stated in Board of Education of Kiryas Joel Village School District v. Grumet, 512 U.S. 687, 703 (1994), "government should not prefer one religion to another, or religion to irreligion."

This Court does not believe that Conciliation Court is the proper forum to argue whether or not Plaintiff is God. This may be a topic to be explored in theological or metaphysical debate, but not in a Conciliation Court claim.

Dated: 2-10-11 Judge: George J. Hanson

Order Vacating Judgment For Cause

Minn. Gen. R. Prac. 520

Upon cause shown by the [ ] Plaintiff [ ] Defendant, the written judgment is hereby vacated and costs in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is assessed against the [ ] Plaintiff [ ] Defendant as [ ] Absolute/ [ ] Conditional costs.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_ Judge: \_\_\_\_\_

Order Vacating Judgment Upon Removal/Appeal

Minn. Gen. R. Prac. 521(e)

Removal/Appeal by the [ ] Plaintiff [ ] Defendant having been perfected, the within judgment is vacated.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_ Judge: \_\_\_\_\_

State of Minnesota  
Redwood County

District Court  
Fifth Judicial District

Court File Number: **64-CV-11-146**

Case Type: Harassment

Deborah Hess, First Presbyterian  
Church vs Christopher Roller

**Notice of Case Reassignment**

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Based on the filing of:

- A Notice to Remove by \_\_\_\_\_, and a Certificate of Timeliness signed by \_\_\_\_\_,  
or  
 An Affidavit of Prejudice by \_\_\_\_\_, and a Certificate of Timeliness signed by \_\_\_\_\_,  
or  
 Recusal of the case by Judge Michelle Dietrich for the following reason: na,

the above-entitled case has been reassigned to: Judge Leland Bush.

Dated: February 28, 2011

Patty Amberg, Court Administrator

By:   Brenda Dressen    
Deputy Court Administrator  
(by authority of Administrative Order 34)  
Redwood County District Court  
250 S Jefferson, PO Box 130  
Redwood Falls MN 56283  
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State of Minnesota  
Redwood County

District Court  
Fifth Judicial District

Court File Number: **64-CV-11-146**

Case Type: Harassment

Deborah Hess, First Presbyterian  
Church vs Christopher Roller

**Notice of Case Reassignment**

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Based on the filing of:

- A Notice to Remove by \_\_\_\_\_, and a Certificate of Timeliness signed by \_\_\_\_\_,  
or  
 An Affidavit of Prejudice by \_\_\_\_\_, and a Certificate of Timeliness signed by \_\_\_\_\_,  
or  
 Recusal of the case by Judge David W. Peterson for the following reason: na,

the above-entitled case has been reassigned to: Judge Michelle Dietrich.

Dated: February 28, 2011

Patty Amberg, Court Administrator

By: Brenda Dressen  
Deputy Court Administrator  
(by authority of Administrative Order 34)  
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