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Stars of 1968's 'Romeo and Juliet' sue Paramount over nude scenes filmed when they were minors Source CNN

Actors from the 1968 film "Romeo and Juliet" have filed a lawsuit against Paramount Studios, which produced the film, for allowing the movie to be released with scenes showing them nude when they were minors.

The lawsuit, filed last week in Santa Monica Superior Court by stars Olivia Hussey and Leonard Whiting, accuses Paramount of sexual exploitation and distributing nude images of adolescent children.

In a copy of the suit provided to CNN, the complaint alleges that the film's director Franco Zeffirelli, who died in 2019 and is not named as a defendant in the suit, assured the actors that there would be no nudity, and that they would be able to "wear flesh colored undergarments during the bedroom/love scene."

However, according to the complaint, Zeffirelli later told Hussey and Whiting – who were 15 and 16 at the time, respectively – that "they must act in the nude or the Picture would fail."

The complaint also alleges that the actors were given body makeup and were told exactly where the camera would be positioned, and though the director assured them that no nudity would be photographed or released in the film, that is not what happened.

The scene that was included in the film and shown in theaters featured images of both Whiting's buttocks and Hussey's bare breasts, the complaint states.

CNN has attempted to reach legal representatives for Paramount Studios and Zeffirelli's son for comment.

The lawsuit seeks damages Hussey and Whiting say are believed to be in excess of \$500 million. The actors both claim the scene has caused them mental anguish and emotional distress in the 55 years since the film's release.

Since it was filed at the end of 2022, it is not affected by the expiration of a California law that temporarily suspended the statute of limitations for older claims of child sexual abuse.

The actors, now both in their 70s, also maintain they have lost out on job opportunities as a result.

"What they were told and what went on were two different things," Tony Marinozzi, a business manager for both actors, told Variety. "They trusted Franco. At 16, as actors, they took his lead that he would not violate that trust they had. Franco was their friend, and frankly, at 16, what do they do? There are no options. There was no #MeToo."

The actors' attorney, Solomon Gresen, told the outlet that the nude scenes were shot when his clients "were very young naive children in the '60s who had no understanding of what was about to hit them. All of a sudden they were famous at a level they never expected, and in addition they were violated in a way they didn't know how to deal with."

CNN has reached out to both Hussey and Whiting's representation for additional comment.



Ignorance of facts and best practices drive comments about “pedophilia” Source NARSOL



By Sandy . . . In a recent broadcast of Tucker Carlson, Fox news exhibits, and allows Carlson to exhibit, that ignorance. Fox, in bold headlines, announces, [“TUCKER CARLSON: No healthy society can tolerate pedophilia,”](#) with a sub-heading of “Tucker speaks out against child sexual abuse.” The connection is made: Pedophilia and child sexual abuse are interchangeable terms.

[In another video](#), Carlson bemoans the fact that California is “Putting thousands of pedophiles back on the street.” He is speaking of individuals who have been convicted of child sexual abuse, have completed the court-ordered incarceration period, and are released under community supervision for the remainder of the sentence. Once again, the connection between the word and the crime is inescapable.

That connection, that inference, is WRONG. And in so making it, Fox and Carlson do what they accuse the “academics” of doing: They manipulate language in order to elicit a desired response that serves their own interests.

These are the facts about pedophilia. It is a medical term, not a legal one. There are no laws or statutes criminalizing pedophilia. Depression might cause a person to shoplift, but the criminal act is shoplifting, not having depression. Not everyone who shoplifts has depression, and not all with depression shoplift.

The same is true with pedophilia. Not everyone who molests a child has pedophilia – in fact, research suggests the percentage is low – and not everyone with pedophilia has engaged in any criminal conduct, including molesting a child.

Carlson and Fox News ignore these facts and do everything possible to cement the connection in their viewers’ minds.

Carlson takes the “academics” further to task for introducing the term “minor-attracted person” in place of “pedophile.” This is not, as Carlson claims, to create a climate accepting of sexual abuse of children but rather to create a climate in which society and, most importantly, those who have committed a crime, see themselves as a person first, a person who has committed a crime, a person capable of repenting and being rehabilitated.

Why does this matter?

Person-first language recognizes that people are not their crimes, but rather that people commit crimes. And above all, it gives those who have committed crimes, are repentant, and have changed or want to change a way of looking at and feeling about themselves that is correlated with a [reduction in criminal behavior](#).

A reduction in criminal behavior is for the benefit of public safety as a whole. So while Fox and Tucker Carlson claim he is “speaking out” against child sexual abuse, what they are doing in reality is criticizing and vilifying those who are actually working to reduce it.

Until now, the use of the word “pedophile” has not been found in American, mainstream news outlets or publications. It has occasionally been found in “fringe” British media. In crossing the Atlantic, it seems to have found a home with Fox.



WI: Oshkosh city council approves \$1 million project to expand sex offender housing

Source fox 11 online.com

The Oshkosh City Council is giving the go ahead for a county-owned housing facility for sex offenders.

Residential housing for sex offenders in Winnebago County has been in the works since early last year. After a meeting in Oshkosh Tuesday night, the last hurdle was cleared.

“These are individuals

who’ve served their time, gone through treatment,” Oshkosh board member Lynnsey Erickson said. “Continuing treatment, under intense supervision, we can’t just throw these people away.”

The Oshkosh Common Council approved the city’s conditional use permit, meaning a facility in Oshkosh could soon house up to

eight registered sex offenders. The \$1 million project would be located off County Road Y in rural Oshkosh. At the location now is a home that holds only two sex offenders.

Join us every day for a morning devotional using “Our Daily Bread” We use Free Conference.com Which is a free telephone call. It last 30—45 minutes. It starts at 7:00am Mountain Standard Time. The telephone number is 605-475-4092. Call Don for the passcode at 505-315-7940.

SC: Shield Ministries doctor explains treatment for sex offenders

Source abcnews4.com

“When you have a pedophile leading pedophiles, it puts a really bad taste in your mouth,” Walterboro resident Kevin Lyles said.

This is a common concern among Walterboro residents that live near Barracada Road.

The executive director of Shield Ministries, David Truluck, is a registered sex offender planning to open a third treatment center and halfway house there.

We took the resident’s concerns to Dr. William Burke, a doctor who treats sex offenders in the Shield Ministries program.

Dr. Burke has performed around 10,000 evaluations on sex offenders, including David Truluck himself.

“I know Mr. Truluck fairly well because I evaluated him pre-trial. He was in treatment with our program for about a year and a half before he pled guilty. He then was in our treatment program for five years after that,” Dr. Burke said.

Dr. Burke says he wouldn’t work with someone who would re-offend, so Truluck agreed to the polygraph and has been polygraphed over 25 times.

“Some people can never

change, you know, but I think there are individuals who can change, and again, I wouldn’t be doing the work if I didn’t believe that to be true,” Dr. Burke said.

Dr. Burke uses polygraph testing and the PPG to help determine recidivism risk for people convicted of sex crimes.

“It’s been proven time and time again to be the single greatest predictor of recidivism with child molesters. Now, this is not supposed to be used for guilt or innocence. Okay. This is supposed to be utilized for the level of risk,” Dr. Burke said.



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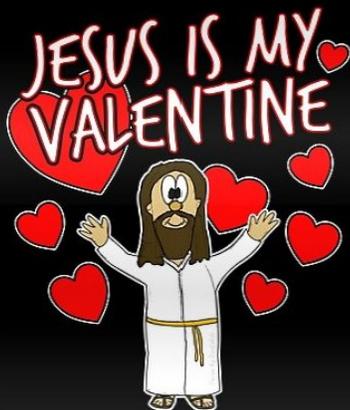
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Hebrew 13:3 - Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.

Remember if you change your address you need to let us know if you want to continue to receive this newsletter



Don Johnston's Message

Last month my wife Alice wrote this editorial and mentioned my problem with my eyes. I am presently getting shots in both of my eyes.

I received a few letters from you all concerning my eyes. Thank you all very much for your prayers. I am going to get surgery for one of my eyes. We are trusting God for His will to be done. The reason I have eye problems is due to my diabetes.

I was wondering what I could write to you all this month. I then thought we all have eye (I) problems.

"I" want to get rich-win the lottery. I want to relax, retire, I want to get well. I want a new house, car. I want to be famous. I want to get off the Registry. I do not think it is bad to want some of these things as long it is in the will of God.

Satan, Lucifer, that morning star had an "I" problem. In Isaiah 14:12-14

"How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning!
How you are cut down to the ground,

You who weakened the nations!

¹³ For you have said in your heart:

'I will ascend into heaven,
I will exalt my throne above the stars of God;
I will also sit on the mount of the congregation

On the farthest sides of the north;
¹⁴ I will ascend above the heights of the clouds,
I will be like the Most High."

But there is One Great "I am" that can help us Exodus 3:14

And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And He said, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.' "

This was found in the Old Testament, but in the New Testament, we find Jesus as the "I am".

I am the Bread of Life (Jn. 6:35)

I am the Light of the World (Jn. 8:12)

I am the Door (Jn. 10:9)

I am the Good Shepherd (Jn. 10:12,14)

I am the Resurrection and the Life (Jn. 11:25)

I am the Way the Truth and the Life (Jn. 14:6)

I am the Vine (Jn. 15: 1,5)

The crowd knew what Jesus was saying and they tried to stone Him! Let us not be like the crowd and reject Him. This New Year let us ask Him into our hearts as the Great I AM.

I AM...



Circle of Concern has gone **ZOOM**

Circle of Concern is aimed at breaking down isolation and fear by providing a safe place for registrants and their loved ones to get together, build community, and learn ways to step out and take charge of their lives and overcome the stigma they face. The Circle of Concern is a group of concerned registered citizens, family and friends that meet together on the 3rd Sunday of each month. We are meeting this month on **February 19, 2023** at 3 pm—4 p.m. MST. We will meet on Zoom. We encourage and try to help each other. It is a safe place to share our strengths and struggles. We hope you will join us. If you are planning to attend call Don at (505) 315-7940.. He will send you the link to join by computer or phone. You can contact him at the number above or email him at

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