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[redacted] Buechel Fire Protection District, 4101 Bardstown Road, Louisville, Kentucky, telephone number (502) 491-0085, pager number [redacted] was contacted at the fire station. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the nature of the interview, that being the fire occurring at the Heart of Fire Church, [redacted] provided the following information:

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[redacted] is described from observation and inquiry as a white male born [redacted] stated that he is residing at [redacted] home telephone [redacted] stated that he is a volunteer fireman [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that he was one of the first [redacted] to arrive at the Heart of Fire Church fire. [redacted] stated that his unit number is 3704 and that he assisted Buechel Fire Department unit 3734. [redacted] stated that he entered into the Heart of Fire Church with the first entry team. [redacted] stated that he arrived at the scene approximately five minutes after the dispatch.

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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 could not see any. [redacted] stated that the other [redacted] on the scene was [redacted] told [redacted] that there was a door open.

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[redacted] was questioned as to how access was made to the building, and [redacted] stated that access was made through a back door. [redacted] stated there were two doors in the rear and that they went through the door on the left. [redacted] was questioned as to whether or not anyone else witnessed the opening of the back door used for entry, and [redacted] stated he did not witness the opening of the door and that [redacted] was alone at the rear door.

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[redacted] was questioned as to whether or not anyone opened up the building for them, and [redacted] stated no. [redacted] said all other entries were forced.

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[REDACTED] was questioned as to whether or not there were any signs of the Ku 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 Ku Klux Klan was involved, and [REDACTED] stated no. [REDACTED] was questioned as to whether there was anything indicating that the fire was a hate crime or threat or racially motivated, and [REDACTED] stated that there were no signs of it; however, he did smell gasoline upon entry into the building.

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

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[REDACTED] was questioned as to when Pastor Dan Johnson arrived, and [REDACTED] stated that about twenty minutes into the fire they, the fire department, were ordered to evacuate and did evacuate the church. [REDACTED] stated that he went to speak to members of the Fern Creek Fire Department, and at that time he noticed a guy running up to the church who was stopped by [REDACTED] another officer. [REDACTED] stated that Johnson had to be stopped and that Johnson fell to his knees.

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[REDACTED] was questioned as to who first notified Pastor Dan Johnson of the fire, and [REDACTED] stated he has no idea.

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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 he does not know.

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[REDACTED] was questioned as to how his department was notified of the fire, and he stated that they were dispatched from a 911 call.

[REDACTED] was questioned as to whether or not if the fire alarm at the church had gone off, if his department would have been notified initially, and [REDACTED] stated no. [REDACTED] stated that Buechel Fire Department responded based on a call made to dispatch advising that the fire was at the Watterson Trail and Bardstown Road area. [REDACTED] stated that based on that information

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the dispatchers thought the fire was in the Buechel area and therefore called Buechel. [REDACTED] stated that Buechel would have been a second alarm dispatch.

[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 no. [REDACTED] stated that he found this unusual because it was a commercial building. [REDACTED] stated that there should have been power there because LG&E did not get there until later.

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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, ajar, when he arrived, and [REDACTED] stated that the rear door seemed to be open. [REDACTED] recalled [REDACTED] saying that the door was closed but open, meaning it was unlocked.

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[REDACTED] was questioned as to whether or not upon entry into the church, there were wires hanging down from the ceiling or if he or co-workers pulled them down, and [REDACTED] stated there were no wires hanging from the ceiling. However, later on duct work was hanging down which became a problem. [REDACTED] stated that firefighters were becoming tangled in the wires of the duct work.

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[REDACTED] was questioned as to what he observed at the scene, and [REDACTED] stated that when he was making entry with the crew, there was a white plastic container outside of the door. [REDACTED] stated that it was melted and that he does not know if [REDACTED] pulled the container out or not. [REDACTED] recalled that [REDACTED] told them not to disturb it.

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[REDACTED] was questioned as to why the fire alarm system was not working, and he stated that it is unknown to him.

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[REDACTED] was questioned as to, based on his experience, how long he would estimate that the fire was burning before he arrived, and [REDACTED] stated that it was at least an hour. [REDACTED] based this decision on the amount of heat and smoke in the building. [REDACTED] stated that smoke was coming from everywhere. Additionally, fire was engulfing the entire sanctuary and the wood was charred quite a bit.

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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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[redacted] residing at [redacted]
 [redacted] described as a white male born
 [redacted], was contacted at the Louisville Division of the
 Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). After being advised of
 the identity of the interviewing 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 is [redacted] the
 Louisville Division of Fire, City of Louisville, corner of 12th
 and Jefferson Streets, Louisville, Kentucky, telephone number
 (502) 574-3701. [redacted]

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On June 13, 2000, the first dispatch for the Heart of
 Fire Church fire was made to the Buechel Fire District. Buechel
 was dispatched to the fire based on the landmarks of Bardstown
 and Watterson Trail. [redacted] stated that this was the area of
 his coverage. On the second dispatch, [redacted] was notified that
 the fire was occurring at the Heart of Fire Church which was in
 the Fern Creek Fire District. [redacted] stated that he and [redacted]
 [redacted] decided to continue on to the scene. [redacted] stated
 that [redacted].

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[redacted] stated that he [redacted] pulled into the
 parking lot of the Heart of Fire Church. [redacted] stated that he
 drove around the building and saw heavy smoke at the rear.

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[redacted] parked his car and prepared to assess the fire.
 As part of the assessment, [redacted] looked into the church windows
 and advised that he saw nothing.

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_____ stated that he then went to the rear of the church. _____ then drew a map and advised that he located two doors at the rear of the church. _____ stated that one door was marked private, and the other door was marked as office. _____ said that he tried the door marked private and found that it was locked and would not open. _____ then tried the door marked office and found that it was unlocked, and that at a simple tug the door opened right up. _____ stated that the door did not appear or look like it had been forced open or pried open. _____ stated that the frame and door appeared to be normal. _____ stated that he never discussed why the door was open with Pastor Dan Johnson. _____ stated that he did not speak to or see Johnson until Johnson was on the news. Apparently there is a video of Johnson running up to the church.

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_____ stated that he opened the door and that upon opening it, he saw a large lump of plastic lying in the middle of the floor which was later identified as a melted exit light. _____ stated that there was no gas can found by him in the doorway. _____ stated that he stepped two to three feet inside the door and could see the hallway and acoustical ceiling. _____ stated that there was a lot of fire at the end of the hallway. _____ stated that he also saw a burn trail which was still burning a couple of inches high. _____ stated that he has been fighting fires _____ and has never seen a burn trail actually burning before. _____ stated that the trail began or started about two and a half feet inside the door and that it was going up to the next door which _____ estimates to be fifteen to twenty feet straight down the hallway. _____ stated that the burn trail continued to the next door which was partially burned through. _____ stated that he then advised _____ that an arson investigator was needed. _____ stated that inasmuch as he was not dressed to or prepared to enter the building, he did not venture any further.

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_____ stated that he does not know who the last person was out of the Heart of Fire Church that would have locked the building up.

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[REDACTED] stated that there was an odor in the hallway; however, he cannot identify it as being gas or not. [REDACTED] stated that there was nothing to connect the odor with the fire trail on the floor.

[REDACTED] was questioned as to whether or not there were any signs of the building having been broken into, and [REDACTED] stated no. [REDACTED] stated that upon his arrival he drove around the building and that he went to the back of it. Having driven around the building, [REDACTED] stated that nothing appeared out of the ordinary to him.

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[REDACTED] was questioned as to how access to the building was made, and [REDACTED] stated that access was made through the back door that he opened. [REDACTED] stated that he does not know if anyone else witnessed him opening the back door.

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[REDACTED] was questioned as to whether or not anyone opened up the building for him, and [REDACTED] stated no, not the door of original entry which was found by [REDACTED].

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[REDACTED] was questioned as to whether or not there were any signs indicating that the Ku Klux Klan had been there, and [REDACTED] stated no.

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[REDACTED] was questioned as to whether or not there were any letters or notes or graffiti or any other signs or symbols indicating that the Ku Klux Klan was involved, and [REDACTED] stated nothing. [REDACTED] stated that the only thing out of the ordinary was the smoke.

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[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 that not when he got there. [REDACTED] stated there was no graffiti or signs and nothing indicating such.

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[REDACTED] was questioned as whether or not he was aware of any other threats to a church by the Ku Klux Klan, and [REDACTED] stated no, not in our area. [REDACTED] stated that he has heard of threats but only from what he has read.

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[REDACTED] was questioned as to when Pastor Dan Johnson arrived, and [REDACTED] stated that it is unknown to him.

[REDACTED] was questioned as to whether or not his office received any other calls to report the fire, and [REDACTED] stated that the call reporting the fire was made by a 911 cell phone call made by the county dispatcher.

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[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 no. [REDACTED] said that the reason for the alarms not going off is unknown to him.

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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 one of his co-workers pulled them down, and [REDACTED] stated that the hallway was intact. Later, as the fire continued, the ceiling tiles were pulled down and/or fell, and later the duct work came down, creating problems. [REDACTED] stated that the coils in the flexible duct work can easily entangle a person. [REDACTED] recalled that one Fern Creek Fire Department firefighter became entangled in the coils and had to be assisted in leaving the church.

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[REDACTED] was questioned as to what he observed at the scene in particular whether or not he saw any gas cans, and [REDACTED] stated that he did not observe any gas cans.

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[REDACTED] was questioned as to, based on his experience, how long he estimated the fire was burning before he arrived, and [REDACTED] stated that the fire was probably burning an hour or less before he arrived. [REDACTED] stated that he bases this opinion on the large volume of fire in the roof and the amount of dark smoke being generated.

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[REDACTED] was questioned as to whether or not there was anything else that the agent should know, and [REDACTED] stated no.

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[REDACTED] was questioned as whether or not he knows who started the fire, and [REDACTED] stated that the suspects are unknown to him as to who did it. [REDACTED] stated that the fire had a lot of help.

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The following investigation was conducted by [redacted] Special Agent (SA), Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Room 500, 600 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Place, Louisville, Kentucky, telephone number 502-583-3941, on July 7, 2000, at Louisville, Kentucky, in an effort to identify the whereabouts of [redacted];

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Kentucky Department of Motor Vehicle license inquiry revealed that on [redacted], a Kentucky Motor Vehicle license was issued to [redacted], operator's license number [redacted] is described as residing at [redacted] [redacted] is described as a [redacted] [redacted], Social Security Account Number [redacted]. A copy of the license information is attached and made a part hereto.

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The following investigation was conducted on June 13, 2000, at Louisville, Kentucky, by Special Agent (SA) [redacted], [redacted], 600 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Place, Room 500, Louisville, Kentucky, telephone number 502/583-3941:

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Inquiry into the computerized indices, known as the Universal Index, revealed a reference of Danny Ray Johnson, date of birth October 18, 1960, in Louisville file number LS 91-0, serial 187.

Examination of this case file, LS 91-0, serial 187, revealed that 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 [redacted] at 5:15 p.m. The enclosed letter was taken to be a threat [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 Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on January 5, 1998, six color photographs of the assembly taken during the protest. The location of those photographs is not known at the present time.

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

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On January 8, 1998, at 2:00 p.m. Agents of the FBI interviewed Pastor Johnson at the Heart of Fire Church. The Agents identified themselves by display of credentials and explained the nature of the interview involved the letter written by Pastor Johnson [redacted]. Pastor Johnson acknowledged that he sent the letter [redacted] and that he meant no harm or overt threat [redacted]. Pastor Johnson further explained that when people are treated unrighteously by others,

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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] the Bank of Louisville to obtain architectural drawings and city zoning approval, to obtain a loan to remodel and make additions to his church, and was led to believe until the last moment, that the loan would be approved, only to be turned down [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 [redacted]. Pastor Johnson advised that he had written a press release concerning the matter and furnished a copy to the FBI.

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Pastor Johnson was identified as a white male, date of birth October 18, 1960, place of birth Louisiana, home telephone number 502/538-2088, residing at 275 Beechwood Circle, Mount Washington, Kentucky 40047. Pastor Johnson advised that he has a doctorate from Southern Baptist Seminary.

On January 8, 1998, the FBI contacted [redacted] [redacted] Bank of Louisville, at 4:45 p.m. The FBI 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 [redacted] by Pastor Johnson. No further action was taken by the FBI.

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Attached and made a part hereto is a copy of Johnson's letter and press release.

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The following investigation was conducted on July 11, 2000, at Louisville, Kentucky, [redacted], Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), 600 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Place, Room 500, Louisville, Kentucky:

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Pursuant to a July 6, 2000, letter from the FBI, [redacted] [redacted], United States Postal Service, Iroquois Branch, 4772 Allmond Avenue, Louisville, Kentucky 40209, provided a facsimile enclosing an application for Post Office Box number [redacted] listed under the name [redacted] [redacted]. Attached and made a part hereto are the facsimile and application.

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FAX COVER SHEET

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COMPANY: FBI

PHONE:

FAX #: 569-7209

FROM: IROQUOIS POST OFFICE
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LOUISVILLE KY 40209

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The following investigation was conducted by
Investigative Analyst [redacted], at Frankfort,
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On July 12, 2000, [redacted] Cabinet for Employment
Services, Division of Unemployment Insurance, Frankfort,
Kentucky, advised a review of her respective files failed to
reveal any business listed as any of the following:

- Heart of Fire Church;
- Heart of Fire Ministry; and,
- Heart of Fire School.

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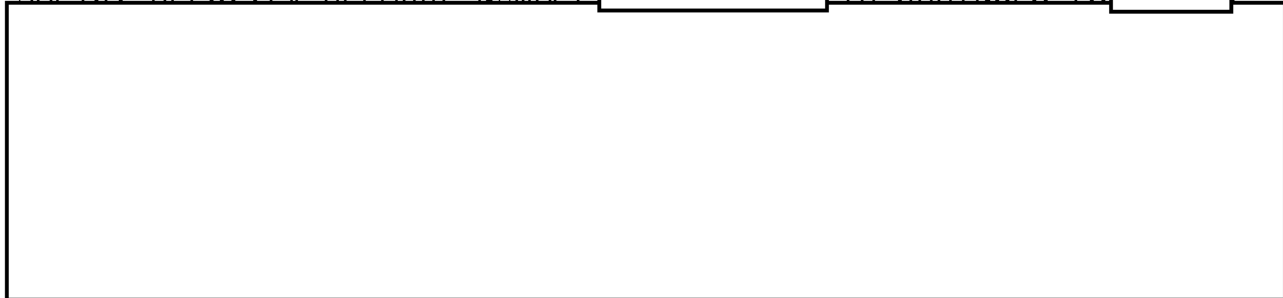
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The following investigation was conducted by Investigative Analyst [redacted], at Frankfort, Kentucky:

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On July 12, 2000, [redacted] Cabinet for Employment Services, Division of Unemployment Insurance, Frankfort, Kentucky, advised a review of her respective files revealed Social Security Account Number [redacted] is assigned to [redacted]

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The following investigation was conducted by
Investigative Analyst [redacted], at Frankfort,
Kentucky:

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On 7/14/2000, [redacted], Corporate Records, Secretary
of State Office, Frankfort, Kentucky, made available copies of
documents in regards to Heart of Fire Ministries, Inc.

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Automated Serial Permanent Charge-Out
FD-5a (1-5-94)

Date: 08/15/00 Time: 14:06

Case ID: 44D-LS-68598 Serial: 86

Description of Document:

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Date : 06/12/00

To : LOUISVILLE

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 07/18/2000

[redacted], McIntyre, Gilligan, and Mundt, Inc., Insurance Adjusters, 129 Adam Street, Louisville, Kentucky, telephone number (502) 582-3744, was contacted at this place of employment. After being 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] As a property adjuster, [redacted] stated that he is responsible for appraising property for claims. [redacted] stated that he usually handles the complex and high dollar property claims associated with insurance loss.

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[redacted] stated that he has been gathering information for Brotherhood Mutual, the company that insured the Heart of Fire Church. [redacted] stated that he will make or take estimates to make sure the property is insured for the correct value. In addition to estimating the value of the property, [redacted] stated that he will look at liens placed against the property. [redacted] stated that he has gathered information on the liens associated with the Heart of Fire Church.

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[redacted] stated that the insurance company covering the Heart of Fire Church is Brotherhood Mutual, and that the person he has been working with is [redacted] P.O. Box 2228, Ft. Wayne, Indiana 46801, toll free telephone number 800-333-3371.

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With respect to coverage provided by Brotherhood Mutual on the Heart of Fire Church, [redacted] stated that the policy had a coverage face value of \$855,000.00. In addition to the coverage face value, the Heart of Fire Church had additional coverages. The additional coverages were \$10,000.00 for debris removal; \$40,000.00 for personal property; \$25,000.00 for additional expenses to relocate; and \$5,000.00 to \$10,000.00 for loss of daycare tuition. [redacted] stated that there was no coverage on loss of use on the church or business interruption of the church.

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[REDACTED] stated that he has reviewed court records regarding liens placed against the Heart of Fire Church. During his review, [REDACTED] stated that he has located twelve liens totaling \$150,000.00. The liens requested payment on services rendered and/or fees and interest lost. [REDACTED] stated that he noted that there were large mortgages with Liberty Group, Anderson, Indiana. The Liberty Group is currently being represented by [REDACTED] Attorney at Law, Wyatt, Tarrant, and Combs, Louisville, Kentucky. [REDACTED] stated that he found mortgages totaling \$1,050,000,000. The mortgages were comprised of two large mortgages totaling \$200,000.00 and \$850,000.00, both of which were with the Liberty Group. [REDACTED] stated that he does not have any particulars on the mortgages.

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[REDACTED] stated that he is curious as to why large mortgages were outstanding yet only insured for roughly \$850,000.00.

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[REDACTED] stated that the Heart of Fire Church and Pastor Dan Johnson are represented by Attorney at Law, [REDACTED] 239 South Fifth Street, Louisville, Kentucky.

[REDACTED] stated that the only payment thus far to on Johnson and the Heart of Fire Church is in the amount of \$17,000.00. [REDACTED] stated that the payment was made last Saturday to Johnson. The purpose of the payment was for debris removal.

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[REDACTED] stated that he previously met with Johnson on the Saturday after the fire. At that time, Johnson said he had \$25,000.00 in extra expenses as a result of the fire. Johnson was requesting payment for those services. [REDACTED] explained to Johnson that he could not make payment to Johnson without receipts or documents evidencing the expenditures. [REDACTED] stated that Johnson has yet to provide any receipts or documentation supporting the \$25,000.00 in extra expenses.

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[REDACTED] stated that Brotherhood Insurance is concerned about paying the \$850,000.00 because of the outstanding liens.

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[REDACTED] stated that Brotherhood Insurance is represented [REDACTED] Louisville, Kentucky.

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Continuation of FD-302 of [REDACTED], on 07/12/2000, Page 3

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[REDACTED] was questioned as to whether or not a claim has been filed by Pastor Johnson, and [REDACTED] stated that Johnson has submitted a claim verbally through his agent. [REDACTED] stated that he cannot recall the name of the agent, and the amount of the claim is unknown to him. [REDACTED] stated that he thinks the claim may have been filed for a personal property loss of \$40,000.00.

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[REDACTED] stated that another claim that may be filed by Pastor Johnson and others is for personal property that was stored at the church. [REDACTED] stated that this property, however, should be covered by home owner's insurance. [REDACTED] stated that the Johnsons also have their home owner's insurance through Brotherhood.

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In order to file a claim, a proof of loss form must be filed within sixty days with the insurance company. [REDACTED] stated that the filing of the form is not strictly adhered to.

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[REDACTED] stated that less than two years ago an addition was made to the Heart of Fire Church and also improvements were made.

In August of 1999, a water damage claim was paid in the amount of \$30,000.00. Payment was made by Brotherhood. [REDACTED] stated that the repairs were not inspected to verify whether they were made or not. To the best of [REDACTED] recollection, a supply line in the kitchen was leaking for some period of time causing the damage.

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[REDACTED] stated that based on his estimates, the cost to make the building whole again is \$850,229.00. [REDACTED] stated that he based his estimate on using the existing foundation or slab. [REDACTED] stated that he also obtained a written estimate from E and R Industries, a local construction company, and their estimate was \$1,194,480.00. [REDACTED] stated that the E and R Industries' estimate includes a new slab/foundation.

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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], 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 and the nature of the interview, that being the fire occurring at the Heart of Fire Church, 5017 Bardstown Road, Louisville, Kentucky, he then provided the following information:

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[redacted] stated that he has been a volunteer with the Fern Creek Fire Protection District [redacted]. [redacted] advised that he was on truck number 7134, which was the first to arrive at the fire scene from the Fern Creek Fire Protection District. [redacted] stated that upon arrival, the truck was pulled back towards the rear of the building and to the left of the building from the front. [redacted] stated that he positioned himself at the back door of the church.

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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 the Buechel Fire Department was there first and that the door that he was to make entry through was already open.

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[redacted] was questioned as to how access to the building was made and [redacted] stated that access was made through the back door. [redacted] stated that there were wires hanging everywhere from the ceiling. [redacted] stated that he thinks entry was made from a side door by a truck that arrived later.

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[redacted] was questioned as to whether or not anyone opened up the building for them to gain access and [redacted] again stated that the Buechel Fire Department already had access to 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 not that he could have seen.

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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.

[REDACTED] was questioned as to when Pastor Danny Johnson arrived and [REDACTED] stated that he does not know. [REDACTED] stated a lot of people started coming up to the church around [REDACTED] about the time he had arrived.

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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 he stated no.

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

[REDACTED] was questioned as to whether or not his office received any other calls to report to the fire and [REDACTED] stated not that he knows of.

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[REDACTED] was questioned as to whether or not he heard or saw any fire alarms going off at the church and [REDACTED] stated no.

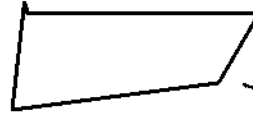
[REDACTED] was questioned as to whether or not there was anything else or anything odd about the fire and [REDACTED] stated that he thought it was weird in that there were no flames but a lot of smoke.

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

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Date of transcription 08/01/2000

[redacted], was interviewed at her place of employment, [redacted] telephone number [redacted]. Also present during the interview was [redacted]. After being advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents and the purpose of the interview, [redacted] provided the following information:

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[redacted] provided the interviewing Agents with the attached copy of [redacted] employee badge and last known address.

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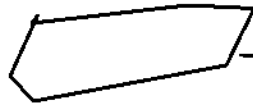
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Date of transcription 08/01/2000

[redacted]
[redacted], telephone [redacted] Social Security
Account Number [redacted] date of birth [redacted] was
interviewed at her residence. [redacted]

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After being
advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents and the
purpose of the interview, [redacted] provided the following
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[redacted] stated she had no information concerning the church burning at Heart of Fire Church, [redacted]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 08/04/2000

[redacted], McIntyre, Gilligan & Mundt, Incorporated, Insurance Adjusters, 129 Adam Street, Louisville, Kentucky, telephone number (502)582-3744, was telephonically contacted at his place of employment. After being advised of the identity of the Agent, [redacted] provided the following information:

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[redacted] stated that Pastor Danny Johnson, Heart of Fire Church, Louisville, Kentucky, has filed a personal property claim with Brotherhood Insurance. Johnson has submitted his claim via United States mail. [redacted] stated that he would provide a copy of the claim to the Agent.

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On August 3, 2000, via facsimile, [redacted] provided a cover sheet and attachments regarding the claim filed by Johnson with Brotherhood Mutual. Attached and made a part hereto are copies of the documents.

[redacted] stated that Johnson is apparently filing a claim on his personal property insurance policy to recover losses of property at the Heart of Fire Church fire. [redacted] inquired as to whether or not information was available from the [redacted] that would indicate that the property was not on the church premises. The Agent advised [redacted] that a court order would need to be obtained by Brotherhood Mutual's attorney in order to turn over any information to Brotherhood Mutual.

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[redacted] stated that Brotherhood Mutual is being represented by [redacted], attorney at law, Louisville, Kentucky.

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[redacted] noted that Johnson is filing a claim for \$20,000.00, for the loss of miscellaneous books.

[redacted] stated that Johnson is being deposed under oath today, August 3, 2000, and that Jeff Richardson, Jefferson County Police Department, is attending the examination.

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Investigation on 08/03/2000 at Louisville, Kentucky (telephonically)

File #44D-LS-68598 - 92 Date dictated 08/03/2000

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McIntyre, Gilligan & Mundt, Inc.
Insurance Adjusters

P.O. Box 33217 • Louisville, Kentucky 40232-3217
Phone 502-582-3744 • Fax 502-582-3748

FAX COVER SHEET

DATE: Aug. 3, 2000

ATTENTION: Agt. [redacted]

COMPANY: F.B.I.

FAX NUMBER: 569-3869

TIME: 10:15

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FROM: [redacted]

COMMENTS:

Re: Personal property inventory for
Dan Johnson's home owners claim

Heart of Fire Church

McIntyre, Gilligan & Mundt, Inc.
Insurance Adjusters
P.O. Box 33217
Louisville, Kentucky 40232-3217



Phone 502-582-3744

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AUG. 3. 2000 10:14AM



ATTN



Brotherhood Mutual
6400 Brotherhood Way
P.O. Box 2228
Fort. Wayne, Ind 46801

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Policy # 16MRA0300592
Claim # 0283652

PERSONAL PROPERTY INVENTORY

Insured Dan Johnson - Home owners insurance Date 6/23/00

Policy # 16MRA0314592

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State law, in some states, requires that we advise you of the following: A person commits insurance fraud, which is a crime, if he or she knowingly and with intent to defraud any insurance company or other person files a statement of claim, and in many states, submits an application for insurance, containing any false, incomplete or misleading information.

RCV-FORM#
 RCV-DATE:

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION OF ITEM (IF APPLIANCE* GIVE MAKE, MODEL, ETC.)	WHERE PURCHASED (NAME AND ADDRESS)	DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE	COST TO REPLACE TODAY	Company Use ONLY		REPLACEMENT RECEIPT/AGREED AMOUNT	REPLACEMENT COST CLAIM
					DEPRECIATION % (IF ANY) \$	AMOUNT OF CLAIM		
1000	Misc. Books/Library	various @ \$20.00 ea	1990-2000	\$20,000 ⁰⁰				
20	Childrens videos & tapes	various	1948-2000	\$500 ⁰⁰				
	childrens back pac	walmart	2000	\$19 ⁰⁰				
	childrens Lap top computer	walmart	1999	\$80 ⁰⁰				
	games / misc / educational	walmart	1999-2000	\$400 ⁰⁰				
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	desk cherry & cherry chair	sears						
	French lamp	hard made shade pennys	1999	\$90.00 \$80.00				
	end table cherry	sears	See above					
	Tape Library - various miniseries	various	1998-2000	1998-2000 \$500 ⁰⁰ +				
	writers	meiyers	2/2000	\$80 ⁰⁰ 80 ⁰⁰				
	misc tools	various	1997-2000	400 ⁰⁰				
	2 batons - flags	PizzaZ	1995	60 ⁰⁰				
	1 gold prouise hoop	PizzaZ	1995	30 ⁰⁰				
	1 large tote bag	meiyers	2/2000	20 ⁰⁰				
	umbrella	dallor general	5/2000	5 ⁰⁰				
	hair spray	hair company	5/2000	10 ⁰⁰				
	Cadence - Eternity	luzirus		50 ⁰⁰				
	Flower arrangement (silk)	2/1999		40 ⁰⁰				
				TOTALS				

*Appliance means Range, Refrigerator, Freezer, TV, Stereo, Window AC Unit, etc.

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PERSONAL PROPERTY INVENTORY

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Insured Don Johnson Home owners ins.

Date 6/23/00

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State law, in some states, requires that we advise you of the following: A person commits insurance fraud, which is a crime, if he or she knowingly and with intent to defraud any insurance company or other person files a statement of claim, and in many states, submits an application for insurance, containing any false, incomplete or misleading information.

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					DEPRE- CIATION % (IF ANY) \$	AMOUNT OF CLAIM		
	Personal Pictures & Frames ^{In foyer & In office}	1998-2000 Various	1997- 2000	\$1000-				
	Small TV.	Pawn Shop 1995	1995	\$99 ⁰⁰				
2500	2 Fold up mattress/chairs masters For distribution	Walmart	1998	\$120 ⁰⁰				
	personal preaching tapes	Kingdom tapes	1985- 2000	\$12,500 ⁰⁰				
	CD stereo and tape w/speakers	Seals	1998	\$400 ⁰⁰				
	Kimms 2 small	Leaves / dallarginal	1998	\$60 ⁰⁰				
3	Large Banners	Michaels / Garden edge	1995-2000	\$3000-				

*Appliance means Range, Refrigerator, Freezer, TV, Stereo, Window AC Unit, etc. TOTALS

AUG. 3. 2000 10:15AM MGM

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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
August 8, 2000

Postmaster
Fern Creek Branch
6302 Bardstown Road
Louisville, Kentucky



Dear Postmaster:

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) is conducting an official investigation into allegations of a civil rights violation, Title 18, United States Code, Section 247, Damage to Religious Property; Obstruction of Persons in the Free Exercise of Religious Beliefs.

In furtherance of our inquiries it is requested that the United States Postal Service identify any post office boxes held by the following:

Danny Ray Johnson, 5017 Bardstown Road, Fern Creek, Kentucky 40291;

[Redacted]

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Heart of Fire Church and/or Heart of Fire Ministries, 5017 Bardstown Road, Fern Creek, Kentucky 40291.

Response to this letter and any questions should be directed to [Redacted], Special Agent, FBI, 600 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Place, Room 500, Louisville, Kentucky 40202, telephone number (502) 583-3941.

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Sincerely yours,

Jeffrey A. Lampinski
Special Agent in Charge

- 1 - Addressee
- ② - Louisville (① - 196B-LS-68598)
- (1 - Case Agent)

LDE/bak *[Signature]*
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By: [Redacted]
Supervisory Special Agent

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TLT 8/14/00

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Accelerant used in Fern Creek church fire, tests show

Investigation of June arson is continuing

By SHANNON TANGONAN
The Courier-Journal

Lab test results on evidence collected from the charred Heart of Fire Church in Fern Creek last month confirm an accelerant was used in the

burning of the church, Jefferson County police said yesterday.

The church at 5017 Bardstown Road was destroyed by fire June 13 and evidence was sent to the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms' lab in Rockville, Md.

"The tests were conclusive and confirmed that accelerants were used to start the fire," Officer Robert Biven, a police spokesman, said. Investigators, who are not identifying the ac-

celerant, are still following up on leads and conducting interviews, Biven said.

No arrests have been made. The church's pastor, Dan Johnson, said yesterday that he still believes the arson was a hate crime. Church members participated in a protest rally against the Ku Klux Klan in downtown Louisville in May.

In June, court records showed Heart of Fire Ministries Inc. owed more than \$1 million to construction compa-

nies and contractors who renovated the church, and the issue was pending. Johnson has said the debt was consolidated under one mortgage, and payments on the debt stopped while contractors fixed a faulty sewage connection and other problems.

He emphasized last night that the church had a steady income — enough to pay the debt — through its child care operation, church offerings and other sources of revenue.

Church leaders have contacted investigators about every week seeking information, Johnson said.

The burned shell of the church stood on the property until Friday, when it was razed, Johnson said. It was difficult to watch the debris being hauled away, he said.

"We're more thankful that no one was hurt in the fire," Johnson said.

"We're asking people for their prayers and that they

simply stand with us."

Members plan to rebuild, but for now a tent will be erected on the property this week and a service will be held Aug. 6, Johnson said.

The church has also scheduled a rally on the property with representatives from the National Coalition of Burned Churches at 6 p.m. on Aug. 11.

The congregation has been holding its services at Ryan's Family Steakhouse on Bardstown Road.

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TBJT 8/11/00

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