Kevin Annett, beaten, exposes role of Canada's police and churches in sex crimes and child trafficking

By Brenda Norrell (UPDATE Jan. 14, 2010)

Kevin Annett, human rights activist beaten in Vancouver on Wednesday, released a new article today exposing the role of Canada's police and churches in sex crimes and child trafficking, including the abuse of Native women and children.

Kevin Annett, a community minister, was assaulted by two men in Vancouver's downtown eastside on Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2010. Just two days after he published an article on church and government complicity in child trafficking on Canada's west coast.

Annett suffered cuts, bruises, and at least one broken rib as a result of the unprovoked beating by two men, one of whom is linked to a downtown church agency.

Today, after being beaten, Annett released a new article on the role of Vancouver police in sex crimes http://www.censored-news.blogspot.com/ (http://www.censored-news.blogspot.com/)

Annett begins the article with this quote: "Ten of the last dozen women to be taken to the killing site at Piggy's Palace were accompanied by Mounties or regular cops. You think it was just Willie Picton who was killing them?"

The article continues, "She told me the man's name, a senior RCMP officer, and then said, 'Who doesn't matter. They're all doing it. It's called the 'hooker game'. The Vancouver cops will pick up girls off the street, drug them with scopolamine and film them as they f-k them, in a cop club downtown on Georgia street. Then sometimes they kill the girls and film that too, and sell it for $25,000 as a snuff film.'"

Annett has exposed the rape, torture and murder of Native children in Canada's residential schools, through church documents and interviews. In one case, a Native girl was raped and the infant she gave birth to was thrown into the furnace. The abuse of Native children in Canada's residential schools mirrored the abuse in aboriginal boarding schools in Australia and BIA boarding schools in the United States.

Annett is now exposing the role of the church and Canadian government in sex crimes, including the disappearance of Native children in child trafficking and murder of Native women.

Annett also released a statement today about the attack.

"I have waited to comment on the attack because of my need to rest and recover, but concerns from many people have prompted me to go public with what happened to me.

"Last Wednesday, January 6, at around 9 am, I was assisting a woman facing eviction collect her belongings at 566 Powell street in Vancouver's downtown eastside. Two men suddenly burst into the room, and one of them, a tall, strongly built Caucasian man named Dave who apparently is the manager of the building and a former employee of the Union Gospel Mission, began punching and kicking me. I received severe bruises on my neck and back, and a bruised and possibly broken rib because of this attack.

"At no time did he or his accomplice, another strongly built Caucasian man who was taking the beating, say why they were attacking me. The woman who I was assisting is a former sex trade worker who is now homeless, and who in the past has provided me with information concerning the disappearance of women in the downtown eastside.

"This assault occurred just two days after an article I wrote entitled 'Child Trafficking in Beautiful British Columbia' in The Agora newspaper was widely disseminated in the downtown eastside of Vancouver. The article describes the documented complicity of churches, the police and the government in the trafficking of children in protected pedophile networks in B.C. I therefore believe there is a connection between the publicizing of this story and the attack made on me. This incident represents yet another case of repressed aimed at community activists by the 2010 Olympic security forces and police, and other unknown parties," Annett said.

Meanwhile, the oppression in Canada toward those who speak out against the 2010 Olympics was exposed when border guards recently detained and interrogated Amy Goodman of Democracy Now! Although Goodman had not planned to speak out about the Olympics, the harassment at the border backfired and exposed the ongoing oppression of those in the movement: "No Olympics on Stolen Land."

Annett, who for fifteen years has led the campaign to bring to justice the churches and government responsible for genocide in Canada's Indian Residential Schools, made international news in October 2009 when he held the first memorial service for missing and murdered Native women and children.

Annett has been threatened by church officials and police, according to a statement from Hidden From History.

Annett said he will be returning to Rome and Europe in April with residential school survivors to confront Pope Benedict over the fate and buried location of thousands of children who died in Catholic Indian schools in Canada.

William Annett, Kevin Annett's father, wrote to the Prime Minister of Canada to demand
You are fully aware who Reverend Kevin Annett is. In case you’ve forgotten, I remind you that more than any other individual, it was his work and sacrifice over 17 years that made inevitable your ‘apology’ to the victims and survivors of the Indian Residential Schools, which you delivered in the House of Commons in June, 2008.

Annett’s father described the attack and said, “I cannot accuse, because we cannot identify the source of this brutality. But I do know -- and you have the means of discovering -- who those responsible are. Certainly, the perpetrators exist somewhere within the following organizations, these sanctimonious Canadian institutions (still shielded by your government) who have ostracized, vilified and persecuted Kevin Annett, trashing his life since 1992, and aided in default by the gutless Canadian media who have known the truth since 1907: The Canadian Government/ the Department of Indian Affairs; The United Church of Canada; The Anglican Church of Canada; The Roman Catholic Church; The RCMP; The Vancouver Police Department; Certain Tribal Councils and Chiefs (establishment Indians).”

“This will not happen again,” William Annett said in his letter to the Prime Minister. Annett’s website is Hidden From History: http://www.hiddenfromhistory.org

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From the Files of the Community Task Force on the Disappeared – Downtown Eastside of Vancouver

Memorandum on Eyewitness Evidence of the Organized Abduction, Torture, Exploitation and Murder of Women and Children on Canada’s West Coast

Synopsis

1. An organized system of abduction, exploitation, torture and murder of large numbers of women and children appears to exist on Canada’s west coast, and is operated and protected in part by sectors of the RCMP, the Vancouver Police Department (VPD), the judiciary, and members of the British Columbia government and federal government of Canada, including the Canadian military.

2. This system is highly funded and linked to criminal organizations including the Hell’s Angels, the Hong Kong Triad, and unnamed individual “free lance” mobsters from Vancouver and the USA. It is funded in part by a massive drug trade, with which it is intimately connected.

3. This system is decades-old and has been supplied for many years with women and children from aboriginal reserves and residential schools, with the paid collusion of lawyers, clergy and officials of the Roman Catholic, Anglican and United Church of Canada, along with state-funded aboriginal leaders and officials of the Department of Indian Affairs.

4. This system is international in scope, Vancouver being one spoke in a wheel of pedophilia, sex slavery, human organ black markets, “snuff” films and violent child pornography that has outlets throughout the Pacific Rim world, particularly in China and Thailand.

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