

THE FAST LETTER

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Child sex abuse

False allegations statistics

FACTS:

Children and teens are lying about sex abuse all over the western world.

The US National Education Association (NEA) states that 80% of allegations of sex abuse against school personnel are false.

The Innocence Project (conservatively) estimates that 10% to 25% of all people convicted of child sex abuse are innocent.

Since the FBI began doing DNA testing in 1989 in sexual assault cases with biological evidence, they found that 25% of the cases where they get results, they are getting exclusions of the primary suspect.

Nearly 600,000 people are registered on the Sex Offender Registry in the USA. If we use a very conservative 10% estimate for those that are innocent, it means that 60,000 innocent people are on the SOR.

The current accepted method for dealing with defendants charged with alleged child sex crimes is to offer them plea bargains. According to what FAST, False Allegations Solutions Team is discovering, many innocent people take plea bargains. No one knows what kind of percentage this is, but we believe it to be extraordinarily high, just as the above numbers show, and possibly more.

We are talking about hundreds of thousands of innocent people being falsely accused, charged, convicted, and taking plea bargains, for false allegations of child sex abuse every year.

This is unconscionable and no civilized country should tolerate the level of injustice shown by these numbers.

The public has a lot of misinformation about child sex abuse, and has lost its collective balance as a result. We are doing everything we can to educate the public about the true facts and statistics.

Get the case dismissed before the trial!

In order to win false allegations of child sex abuse cases, defense attorneys must do MORE than with any other kind of case.

Elaine Lehman

Allen Cowling, national level defense strategist for false allegations of child sex abuse cases, firmly believes in doing everything possible to get the case dismissed prior to a trial. In fact, many of his cases are dismissed prior to trials. He and his clients' attorneys use several different motions and hearings to accomplish this goal. What a terrific way to end a terrible nightmare!

**In child sex abuse cases, defense attorneys must prepare a
!!!! BLOCKBUSTER !!!!
legal packet to get a case dismissed.**

This packet must contain most of the same elements that are necessary for winning at a trial. Attorneys cannot stop short of a very thorough, pro-active attack on the prosecution. They have to do the MOST they can do.

Reasonable doubt is not enough. This packet and all hearings must clearly lift the client up into the realms of innocence, and out of any suspicion of guilt.

Attorneys will not succeed if all they do is give a few weak arguments. That is just going through the motions to satisfy the client, and will impress no one, especially a judge.

In child sex abuse cases, defense attorneys must take a strong

!!!! OFFENSIVE STANCE !!!!

**This is the direct opposite of the traditional role of a
DEFENSE attorney.**

WHY?

1. NEW ALLEGATIONS CAN SURFACE:

If you sit around waiting "to see what will happen," as one of our recent FAST member's attorney has been advising him, new charges can easily surface. This happens a lot more often than you might think. These delayed charges might turn out to be more dangerous than the first ones.

Delayed charges just surfaced in a current FAST case. A girl made the first allegations in 2004. Last week, the girl came forward and made a new, very serious allegation, just a few days before a trial was to take place.

Medical evidence or confirmed alibis might help protect the defendant in the first set of allegations. When there are delayed allegations, there is no longer any medical evidence, and alibis are very difficult to prove. In fact, that is exactly what happened in our FAST case.

Our current "delayed charges" case demonstrates that a lying accuser can make new allegations and the district attorney can bring new charges many months or even years after the first allegations surfaced. So why wait around, to "see what happens?" It makes no sense to wait even a day to begin working vigorously to get the case dismissed as soon as possible.

2. STRESS:

When someone is falsely accused of child sex abuse, the stress and terror are worse than anything the person has felt, before. He and his loved ones are shocked and horrified at the terrible injustice. The accused person is constantly filled with adrenaline from his fear, and cannot sleep at night.

Even men who do not cry easily, cry often and uncontrollably.

They are depressed to the point of feeling suicidal. Suicide is a big mistake, because there are several good ways to overturn convictions, even if you are convicted. Besides, suicidal feelings always pass.

They have feelings of paranoia that they never experienced, before.

They consider running away, and a few actually do make this very poor decision.

Often a loved one, sometimes his own child, made the false allegations, and the accused person is crushed and devastated by the betrayal.

Others that he trusted; his family members, friends and business associates, sometimes turn against him.

He has lost his good reputation.

He might lose his employment or place of business.

His marriage might be in jeopardy.

He might have to sell everything he owns to pay attorneys.

He has to divest himself of all assets, to avoid losing it all in lawsuits, if he is convicted.

And more.

A soldier on the front lines in a war feels terrible stress, but at least the soldier was trained for it. He expected it, and knew how to cope with it. That is an entirely different kind of stress. People respect the soldier. People despise the falsely accused person.

When a case is dismissed prior to a trial, the debilitating stress goes away sooner than if the accused person waited for a trial. Trials are often delayed, and some people wait years for a trial while living in that hell of betrayal, loss and fear.

Elements to include in a !!!! BLOCKBUSTER !!!! defense strategy to get a case dismissed:

"PETDAL"

Psychological examination

Attorneys should not use these exams to try to "catch" a guilty client or to prove his innocence. In fact, attorneys should NOT have a guilty client take a psych exam. You have clients take the exams after you are already reasonably sure the client is innocent, and will do well on the examinations.

If the child is 13 or under, psychological examinations show that an innocent defendant is not a pedophile.

If the child is 14 or older, use a psychological examination for all innocent defendants to show that he/she is a healthy, normal man or woman who is unlikely to break the law and have sex with a minor, age 14 or older.

Allen Cowling, national level defense strategist for false allegation cases, recommends "a battery of psychological tests which include sexual interest, depression inventory. Wender Utah Rating Scale, sexual addiction screen,

Minnesota Multiphasic Personality inventory – 2 (MMPI-2) PDQ-4, sexual behavior assessment and reaction time assessment."¹

Expert witnesses, in a hearing for dismissal.

Use experts to add weight to the defense. The scales are already heavily weighted in favor of the child.

The defense needs to present an innocent defendant to the court, to get a case dismissed, and needs real, solid weight on the defense side, to do that.

Expert witnesses win false allegation cases. It is a big mistake NOT to use experts, if it is at all possible.

Testifying for himself, if the type of hearing calls for it.

The defendant **MUST** testify for himself. This is the opposite of what defense attorneys usually do. Defense attorneys do not want their clients to testify, because they might get twisted up, and the whole thing might backfire. When the client really is innocent, the chances of getting twisted up are slight to none. After all, he is simply saying what really happened, over and over again. He isn't inventing things as he goes along.

Judges and juries want to hear the defendant's side.

Child sex abuse cases are lost when the defendant does not testify.

Discredit accuser(s):

If the child has a history of antisocial behaviors, those behaviors must come out at the hearing. When the child has several antisocial behaviors, the child thinks differently than normal children, and would not hesitate to hurt an adult. He/she might, in fact, actually enjoy destroying an adult's life.

If the child made any previous false allegations against someone else, it is absolutely necessary to include this information.

Add powerful items of information specific to each case.

For instance:

In some cases, the child was interviewed several different times. As a result, the child is not a credible witness. He or she was "tainted" by the various interviews.

This situation may call for a "Taint Hearing," which is specifically for this type of case.

¹ Cowling, Allen, Website: www.allencowling.com, "Our Use of Psychological Tests and Polygraph Examinations."

Many defense attorneys, prosecutors, judges, and other court personnel, do not know much, if anything, about the Taint Hearing, so the attorney must make a powerful legal argument in order to get the Taint Hearing.

There is a Taint Hearing Motion to use to get a Taint Hearing.

Attorneys who have never used a Taint Hearing, might object to using one. We are all creatures of habit, and attorneys rarely like trying something they have not used, before. If that happens, the client can insist.

Another way to go is to include the "taint" information, with a powerful legal argument, in a regular hearing for dismissal.

In some cases, add a drug screen diagnosis.

Also, sometimes include 3 PRIVATE polygraph tests, given by a well-qualified examiner, when the attorney and the defendant are certain of success.

And more.

Lies of the accuser(s):

The truth is in the details of the documentation. Go through the documentation with a fine tooth comb, to find the discrepancies and conflicts in the allegations that show lies.

Present a list of the lies to the court at the hearing.

If the attorney does not want to spend the time this takes (most public defenders do not have much time), the defendant or someone he trusts must do it.

Thinking of running away?
FEAR is the name of the lifestyle you will lead!

Elaine Lehman and Elaine Ralph

In the May, 2006, issue of THE FAST LETTER, we featured two articles about former FAST member, Chris Adams, who ran away just prior to his trial in March, 2005, and has been missing every since. Chris is now on the "America's Most Wanted" website. Chris is innocent of the charges against him.

Elaine Ralph is a FAST member in England. Her fiancé, Fred, spent over a year in jail, and was finally acquitted of the charges against him. Elaine and Fred are happily re-building their lives, together.

This is what Elaine Ralph wrote, in response to the articles about Chris Adams:

"I've been thinking about this case, and it is really sad. This is a very difficult situation: i.e. If he gives himself up there is no guarantee that he will be acquitted, although, hopefully, he will be.

The alternative is that he keeps on running, but he'll probably be caught eventually, anyway. Then, it will be worse for him."

ELAINE RALPH'S DREAM:

"I had a dream when Fred was locked up. In the dream, he had escaped and had come to see me to say goodbye. I helped him to climb out of the window as the police were entering the building. I had a weird feeling in my dream, because I knew that although I had helped him to escape, it meant we would never be together again. Furthermore, I knew he would never be free.

Strangely, when I woke up and realized he was still in jail, I felt a sense of relief. I knew that going through the trial and proving his innocence was the only real solution.

I wish Chris the very best and hope it works out for him."

ELAINE LEHMAN: The best thing Chris Adams can do, is turn himself in.

So far, FAST has two other members who ran away besides Chris. One was Jim Satterlee, who just spent his third Christmas in prison. His wife, Nancy, didn't find our website until after Jim was in prison. Now, they are working to get his conviction overturned.

On the last day of Jim's trial, in 2003, when the jury was deliberating, they asked some questions that made Jim's attorney believe they were going to convict Jim. Jim heard that, and immediately disappeared from the courthouse. He didn't tell anybody where he was going so his wife and daughter would not get into trouble. He remained on the run for three months. During those months, his wife, Nancy, went through hell.

Finally, the police caught Jim in a nearby city, and brought him back. Then, he was convicted of running away as well as of the sex abuse charges. The first two years Jim spent in prison were his sentence for running. Running away only got Jim a longer prison sentence. (We fully believe that Jim will win, when he gets a new trial.)

The third FAST member who ran away was caught in another state several months later. His case is too sensitive for me to give any more details, right now. However, he has spent about 15 months in jail, since running away. After you run and return, there is no way of getting bailed out.

If you run:

Running away gets you a terribly stressful lifestyle, always looking over your shoulder. You get paranoid about every police car you see. Every knock on the door scares you. You live in fear of having a car accident, for fear of the police looking up your record. You don't dare communicate with your loved ones, for fear of getting them in trouble, too. You live hand-to-mouth, taking jobs under the table, for fear of using your social security number. If you manage to obtain fake ID's, you are afraid you will be caught for that. You cannot easily find housing, and might spend periods of time homeless, perhaps living in your car. You cannot easily get medical insurance or simple medical care. The list of a fugitive's problems goes on and on. In other words, there is nothing pleasant, happy, healthy or good about the life you will lead if you run away.

What happens after you run?

If you ran away from felony charges, the police in your state will put out an All Points Bulletin for your arrest. Modern high tech law enforcement methods will be watching for you, everywhere. All law enforcement agencies are in computer contact all over the world, if the need arises.

Shortly after the police broadcast the APB, bounty hunters will get involved. Bounty hunter firms have website, and they will put your photo on the website, with any other information they have. So, not only are the police after you, but so are the many bounty hunters all over the country, and even the world.

Some bounty hunters are decent people, and will treat you decently if they catch you. Some bounty hunters have few scruples and are practically criminals, themselves. They will treat you very roughly, if they catch you.

If your case really frustrates your local police department, they can do what they did in Chris Adams' case, and contact "America's Most Wanted" about you. AMW is VERY good at catching fugitives.

Once you are on "America's Most Wanted," every single person you meet might recognize you and turn you in. The numbers of people watching for you will multiply if there is a reward involved. Nobody can be trusted while you are on the run. Anybody who ever knew you or saw you while you were on the run, might turn you in. The paranoia you felt, before, will get much worse. There is no dignity in any of this. FEAR is the name of your lifestyle, now.

If you stay and fight:

If you stay and face your hearings and trials, you can get your case dismissed or win. If you lose, and have to go to prison, at least you did it legally and honestly. Also, there are several methods for overturning convictions.

Running away from problems does not work. Running away from charges of child sex abuse is the worst choice you could make. Do not let FEAR make your choices. FEAR does not think things through, or look at the reality of a future on the run. FEAR makes terrible decisions.

Background Information

Bob and Elaine Lehman

Educators, co-authors, co-publishers, co-hosts of radio show, activists

Elaine Lehman is a former teacher from Baltimore, Maryland, with nearly 20 years of teaching experience with all ages, including adults. Bob is a former rocket engine engineer, who worked for 21 years on the Delta Satellite Program at Cape Canaveral before he and Elaine started their two schools for antisocial teens, in 1977. After the schools closed in 1983, Bob became an airplane mechanic.

1977–1983, Elaine and her husband, Bob Lehman, co-founded and directed two schools for antisocial teens. Elaine and Bob developed their own successful courses of study.

The Lehman's two schools ended up with a documented 100% success rate of the graduates, and an 80% success rate of those who did not complete the program. (See "Baltimore Sun" and Carroll County Times, MD, feature articles on our website.)

1989 -1992, Bob and Elaine Lehman co-founded a statewide organization in Oregon, aimed at getting the broad, vague child abuse laws changed to clear, specific laws. BUST also exposed the many dreadful problems of the child service division. "BUST, Break Up System's Troubles," ended up with 500 members, statewide. Because of BUST, the Oregon state legislature had a \$200,000 study done, and the study group wrote a scathing report that said all of the same things the Lehmans had said. The legislature changed some of the laws, but not the right ones, due to federal funding problems, if they did. (See "Stayton Mail" article on website.)

1997, Bob and Elaine co-founded a similar national organization, "SOC, Save Our Children," which quickly led to their radio show.

1997 - 1999, Bob and Elaine co-hosted their own radio show, "The Save Our Children Show," which was simulcast on two 50,000 watt stations in Providence, RI, and Phoenix, AZ. The show was all about antisocial children and teens and false allegations of child sex abuse.

1999, Bob and Elaine Lehman were professional "expert" guests on two national TV talk shows, "The LEEZA Show" and "The QUEEN LATIFAH Show." Both shows were about discipline and antisocial children. Elaine has also appeared on several radio shows and TV shows, and she and Bob have given lectures to community groups.

1995 - 1996 - The couple co-authored two published books, Petey, the Peacock Breaks a Leg, Winston-Derek Pub. Co., Nashville, TN, 1995, and "BIG K, the Kundalini Story." Hara Publishing Group, Seattle, Washington, 1996.

1978 – Present - The couple co-published a newsprint periodical in Oregon, and several international newsletters. These publications were all about antisocial juveniles and false allegations of child abuse. (See "Newsletters" on our website.)

2001 – Present, Bob Lehman's son, Craig Lehman, created and maintains a website, www.beanswers.com There are several categories about antisocial juveniles, the FAST, False Allegations Solutions Team, false allegations of sex abuse, and more.

2004 - Present: Bob and Elaine Lehman and several others co-founded, and Elaine directs, the "FAST, False Allegations Solutions Team," an international, educational email support group for people who have been falsely accused of child sex abuse.

Elaine Lehman is an expert witness

Elaine Lehman can help with false allegation cases by acting as an expert witness about older children and teens lying and making false allegations against innocent adults. Elaine's background is unique, because of her work with and about antisocial juveniles since 1977, and her work with false allegations of child abuse cases since 1989. She completely understands juveniles with antisocial characteristics who make false allegations of sex abuse. She also understands the western world situation of too many false allegations of sex abuse. We have never heard of anybody else with this particular combination in his or her background.

Elaine Lehman's fees: \$550.00 per day, for a minimum of two days, because the attorney must prepare the expert witness on a day prior to the trial = \$1100.00, plus travel, motel, food, rental car, parking, gasoline, and any office expenses.

If it takes one day to get there and another day to get back, minimum is 3 days: \$1600

If the client or his attorney sends documents and recorded interviews with the juvenile to Elaine to analyze at home, prior to the trial = \$90 per hour

Elaine must be paid in full, for the minimum of two days and for all other expenses, two weeks in advance of the hearing or trial, so personal checks can clear.

Client may pay with a personal check, money order or cashier's check.