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Sexual Harassment Denied

(AP) — A Portland pastor denies that he sexually harassed a female pastor he supervised in the late 1980s at a Kansas City, Missouri, church. The Rev. Ronald Williams, who ministers to the Bethel A.M.E. Church in Portland, acknowledges

that the woman — Sandra McFadden-Weaver — won a settlement of her harassment claim against him. But Williams says an insurance company made the payments, not himself.

The woman's lawyer says Williams wasn't dismissed as a defendant until after the settlement was reached. Williams says he had a consensual sexual relationship with the woman while he was unmarried but she was married.

Obituaries

Precious Lucy Montgomery

Precious Lucy Montgomery was born to the union of James Minor and Obbie Lowery Minor on May 3, 1938 in Pine Bluff, Arkansas. She was the first of five children. Precious moved with her family to LaGrande, Ore. in 1945. She united with the Church of God in Christ under the leadership of the late Rev. I.W. Lowe.

After completing the rest of her education in LaGrande, she moved to Portland at the young age of 17. While in Portland, she met and married Frank Montgomery of Fresno, Calif.

She is the mother of two children; son John Cleveland of Portland and daughter Terry Montgomery of Fresno. She is stepmother to Leo Montgomery and Lula Mae Brown, both of Fresno; Arthur and Willie Montgomery, both of Portland, and Frank Montgomery of Los Angeles.

Precious was a domestic engineer until she retired in 1997. After retirement, she moved to Fresno and joined the Church of Light where she was baptized and saved by God's graces. She remained in Fresno as a member of the church until her death.

Precious was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; her brother David and sister Lillie Jane. Left behind to celebrate her memory are her children, stepchildren as well as her brothers Robert and Anglee Minor of Portland; sister-in-laws Velma Minor of Portland and Emma Pue of Weed, Calif; grandson Johnell Cleveland of San Diego; uncle Hasker Lowery (Laurine) of Portland; and a host of nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, cousins, extended family and friends.

A memorial service will be held Saturday July 28 at 6 p.m. at the Salvation Army, 5335 N. Williams.

Barbara J. 'Bobbie' Brown

A funeral was held July 2, 2001, in Cornerstone Community Church of God in Christ in Portland for Barbara J. "Bobbie" Brown, who died June 25 at age 61.

Mrs. Brown was born Barbara J. Brant on Oct. 21, 1939, in Tuscaloosa, Ala. She moved to Portland in 1947 and graduated from Roosevelt High School. She was a homemaker and a foster mother. In 1969, she married Robert W. Brown.

Survivors include her husband; father, John D. Brant Sr.; sisters, Betty J. Watson, Mary A. Turner and Debra R. Douglas; and brothers, John D. Brant Jr., Larry C. Brant and Anthony D. Brant.

Interment in Rose City Cemetery. Arrangements by Killingsworth Little Chapel of the Chimes.

Lorene Parker

A funeral was held July 11, 2001, in Rose City Funeral Home for Lorene Parker, who died July 1 at age 66.

Mrs. Parker was born Lorene Nelson on Sept. 4, 1934, in Mira, La. She moved to the Portland community of Vanport in 1948 and graduated from Lincoln High School. She moved to Ohio in 1963 and attended nursing school in Akron. She was a nurse for several hospitals in Ohio until retiring in 1997 due to poor health. In 1963, she married Eddie Parker Sr.; he died in 1997.

Survivors include her daughters, Vernice Ellis and Veta Parker; sons,

Bennie, Eddie Jr. and Alex; mother, Viola Horsley; sisters, Gloria Hall, Lizzie Smith, Ika Edwards and Alhora Edwards; nine grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Rosa Lee Washington

A funeral was held Saturday, July 7, 2001, in Mt. Sinai Community Baptist Church in Portland for Rosa Lee Washington, who died June 30 at age 87.

Mrs. Washington was born Rosa Lee Smith on Jan. 17, 1914, in Holt, Ala. She moved to Portland in 1942, and was a coach cleaner for Union Pacific Railroad for 29 years, retiring in the late 1960s. She moved in 1994 to Carson, Calif. In 1931, she married Vernon Washington Sr.; he died in 1977.

Survivors include her daughters, Maxine Andrews, Willie-Lou Gildon, Olivia Washington and Sherry Holmes; sons, Vernon Jr., Jimmy, Timmy and Jerry; grandchildren; great-grandchildren; great-great-grandchildren; and great-great-great-grandchildren.

Interment in Rose City Cemetery. Arrangements by Rose City.

Isaiah Hill Caples

A funeral was held Tuesday, July 3, 2001, in Killingsworth Little Chapel of the Chimes for Isaiah Hill Caples, who died June 27 at age 5 months.

Isaiah was born Jan. 5, 2001, in Portland.

Survivors include his mother, Lori Ann Hill; father, Johnny E.; and brothers, Johnny E. II, Leonard L., Michael A. and Keenan E.

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