
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

Three Angels Broadcasting Network, Inc.,
an Illinois non-profit corporation, and
Danny Lee Shelton, individually,

Plaintiffs,

v.

Gailon Arthur Joy and Robert Pickle,

Defendants.

Case No.: 07-40098-FDS

AFFIDAVIT OF ROBERT PICKLE

NOW COMES Robert Pickle of Halstad Township, Norman County, Minnesota, who deposes and testifies to the following under pain and penalty of perjury:

1. On July 21, 2008, Steffan Philip announced on the 3abnDefended Yahoo group that he had obtained the domain name 3ABNtalk.com, and was going to be starting up another forum. His announcement taken from the thread “Gailon Arthur Joy the fraudster” is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**. The domain name was obtained around July 6, 2008.

2. On September 19, 2008, Steffan Philip expressed surprise on 3ABNtalk.com that the Defendants were seeking documents pertaining to Arild Abrahamsen (hereafter “Abrahamsen”) and Linda’s Shelton’s travels. His post to that effect is attached hereto as **Exhibit B**.

3. I believe it was in the first part of September 2008 that Mr. Joy and I had a conference call with Attorney Gregory Simpson. After Mr. Joy told Mr. Simpson that Brenda

Walsh was not on the Plaintiffs' witness list, I remember Mr. Simpson stating that he was going to have to add her.

4. Attached hereto as **Exhibit C** is an email of July 8, 2007, written by Walter Thompson (hereafter "Thompson"), in which Thompson states that Linda Shelton had given Danny Shelton (hereafter "Shelton") biblical and "church manual" grounds for remarriage, which in Seventh-day Adventist theology means that Linda Shelton had committed adultery. He also states that this lawsuit is intended to reveal truth, not hide truth.

5. Attached hereto as **Exhibit D** is an email of July 16, 2007, written by Thompson in which Thompson states that Shelton had legal and moral grounds for divorce, and that this is backed up by "trustworthy witnesses and hard evidence." He also states that this lawsuit is intended to "expose truth."

6. Attached hereto as **Exhibit E** is a series of emails written between March 6 and 8, 2005, by Thompson and Johann Thorvaldsson (hereafter "Thorvaldsson"). Thompson states that he has never accused Linda Shelton of adultery, and that he has never had the kind of evidence necessary to back up such a claim.

7. Attached hereto as **Exhibit F** is a May 28, 2006, email written by Cindy Tutsch, a General Conference employee, to Linda Shelton. Cindy Tutsch cites four "central pins" of evidence that 3ABN contends give Shelton biblical grounds for remarriage. #1 is Linda's vacations with Abrahamsen in Florida and Norway before and after the divorce. #3 is a message from Linda Shelton's answering machine left by her mother, suggesting that she was in Florida with Abrahamsen. #4 is the finding of the pregnancy test.

8. Attached hereto as **Exhibit G** are the first pages of a thread from BlackSDA.com which contains the response of Dr. Kay Kuzma (hereafter "Kuzma") to a piece Thorvaldsson had written. Her response was posted on August 16, 2004. (Kuzma, 3ABN Board members

Thompson and Bill Hulsey, and Attorney Nicholas Miller comprised a special committee that was supposed to deal with Linda Shelton's situation.) The only evidence she gives regarding Linda Shelton's alleged adultery is "... that the other man had been to the States and spent time with Linda before she left Danny, and that immediately after she left Danny, the other man was with Linda. A few weeks later they spent time traveling together through Europe." This thread made up 80 pages of the Plaintiffs' Rule 26(a)(1) materials, being found on CD #1 at page 6157. A 5-page thread from Maritime-SDA-Online.org which also contained Kuzma's letter was also included in CD #3 of the Plaintiffs' Rule 26(a)(1) materials at page 240. That thread is attached hereto as **Exhibit H**, and contains a rebuttal by Thorvaldsson that again references 3ABN's allegations that Linda Shelton was in Florida with Abrahamsen, and that this is what led to the divorce.

9. One of the things that Shelton most often harped on over the course of this saga, besides telephone calls, was Linda Shelton's alleged vacation plans with Abrahamsen, and in particular, the planned trip to Florida in April 2004. Attached hereto as **Exhibit I** is a March 19, 2004, email written by Shelton to Abrahamsen in which Shelton discusses the planned "secret trip to Florida." Attached hereto as **Exhibits J-K** are emails written to Thorvaldsson by Shelton on August 8 and 14, 2004, in which he refers to the planned trip to Florida as well as other "vacations," including one just three days after the Sheltons' divorce. In the August 14th email, Shelton blames their divorce on all the alleged vacation plans. Attached hereto as **Exhibit L** is an August 23, 2004, email by Shelton to Thorvaldsson's son, again referring to the planned trip to Florida. Attached hereto as **Exhibits M-N** are emails of September 19 and October 5, 2004, written by Shelton to Linda Shelton, again referring to the planned trip to Florida.

10. Attached hereto as **Exhibit O** is a November 1, 2004, post on ClubAdventist.com by Norm Finch in which he posts a copy of an October 26, 2004, email by Shelton to himself,

along with comments. Shelton claims in the posted email that Linda Shelton had actually been vacationing with Abrahamsen prior to Linda Shelton allegedly seeking help from Attorney John Drew in getting a divorce.

11. Attached hereto as **Exhibit P** is a November 3, 2004, post on ClubAdventist.com by Inge Anderson in which she copies a portion of an email by Thorvaldsson. Thorvaldsson claims in that portion to have been fired by Shelton from 3ABN for refusing to say that Abrahamsen was with Linda Shelton in Florida when Abrahamsen had been with Thorvaldsson in Norway at the time in question.

12. Attached hereto as **Exhibit Q** is a March 3, 2005, post on ClubAdventist.com by Thorvaldsson in which he pastes an email “recently” written by Thompson. In that email Thompson claims that they have evidence that Linda Shelton did meet Abrahamsen “in Florida as planned in February.”

13. Attached hereto as **Exhibit R** is Shelton’s email of April 27, 2004, to Cheri Bethune, Linda Shelton’s sister and wife of Richard Bethune. Shelton tells Cheri Bethune to tell Linda Shelton that the marriage is over and that she should leave Shelton because she had followed her family’s advice and hidden his gun. However, he adds, she only hid one gun and he has two.

14. Attached hereto as **Exhibit S** is Richard Bethune’s email of April 28, 2004, to Linda Shelton’s mother, Carole Chapman. He states that Shelton had told him that he wanted Cheri Bethune to tell Linda Shelton to leave because the Bethunes had told Linda Shelton to hide Shelton’s guns.

15. Attached hereto as **Exhibit T** is Shelton’s email of April 28, 2004, to Alyssa Moore, Linda Shelton’s daughter, in which he claims that “spiritual adultery” has worse consequences than physical adultery, that he “intend[s] to separate” from Linda Shelton, and that

he is considering “divorce.” Shelton refers to the planned Florida trip, among other things.

16. Attached hereto as **Exhibit U** is Shelton’s email of April 29, 2004, to Richard and Cheri Bethune. Shelton states that the marriage is over, that Linda Shelton is deep into “spiritual adultery,” and that Linda Shelton would probably be placed on leave of absence from 3ABN, and suggested that she was going to be fired. He also referred to “two attempts” at “secret vacations” that he had “foiled.”

17. Attached hereto as **Exhibit V** is Shelton’s offer to Linda Shelton to buy her half of their house.

18. Attached hereto as **Exhibits W–X** are proposed subpoenas containing language similar or identical to what the Defendants would use if the Court grants leave. A necessary alteration may be the addition of whatever language the appropriate federal agency needs in order to know which Arild Abrahamsen in Norway the Defendants are seeking information about.

19. Attached hereto as **Exhibit Y** is the Plaintiffs’ motion to quash the Defendants’ subpoena *duces tecum* of Gray Hunter Stenn LLP in the Southern District of Illinois. In ¶ 7 the Plaintiffs state that they requested Gray Hunter Stenn to resist the Defendants’ subpoena.

20. Attached hereto as **Exhibit Z** is a thread from BlackSDA.com that was started on July 28, 2006. (The first page of the exhibit is the poll at the top of the thread printed out normally. The remaining pages of the exhibit are a printout of the rest of the thread using BlackSDA.com’s printer friendly format, which did not include the poll.) The thread is entitled, “Why Did Linda Buy The Pregnancy Test Kit?” and comprises 133 pages of the Plaintiffs’ Rule 26(a)(1) materials, found on CD #1 at page 403. Save3ABN.com’s article on this topic can be found at page 430 on CD #2 of the Plaintiffs’ Rule 26(a)(1) materials.

FURTHER DEPONENT TESTIFIES NOT.

Signed and sealed this 30th day of September, 2008.

/s/ Bob Pickle

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Subscribed and sworn to me
this 30th day of September, 2008.

/s/ Perry W. Kolnes

Notary Public—Minnesota

My Commission Expires Jan. 31, 2010