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Interview report with brother [REDACTED], president of the [REDACTED] Temple by elder [REDACTED] of the Seventy, first counselor of the [REDACTED] Area presidency. The interview was held at the area offices at 8:30 am.

- Brother and Sister [REDACTED] were first invited into my office together and I expressed my love and told them about the accusation and said I would interview him first asking her to wait outside.

- I started by mentioning there was authorization from the First Presidency to hold the interview and mentioned the concern that if there was any truth in the allegations, he would have the opportunity to free himself from the bonds of sin and read D&C 58-42-43 together. Then I fully disclosed the accusation.

- I explained to Brother [REDACTED], that the current missionary, Sister [REDACTED] came to her Mission president asking about the possibility of a new patriarchal blessing, leading to her disclosing of the alleged abuse.

- Explained that Sister [REDACTED] was willing to confront Brother [REDACTED] with the detailed accusations, only after helping her understand the Church's desire to help him repent if he is unworthily leading other people. I explained we find no apparent desire on her to discredit him with accusations and that she is not perusing a legal accusation.

- Brother [REDACTED] acknowledged that [REDACTED] and her mother lived at his home but for only for a short time and that he never touched her inappropriately, or in any other way. He denies ever going into her room or that any of the described events took place. He could find no reason as to why she would make such accusations as he considers her a good girl.

- I then invited Sister [REDACTED] in. Even before she heard any details, she immediately denied all accusations and sustained her husband as an irreproachable person. She stated that [REDACTED] and her mother lived in their home for only about a month and a half and not a year as stated. The [REDACTED] moved in by invitation from the [REDACTED]'s trying to help them as new converts in need and never requested that they paid any money for food or lodging. The mother, Sister [REDACTED] decided to move out after the mentioned period of time because she she was in a better economical condition and because she felt uncomfortable with two other teenagers that also lived in the house and used the same bathroom they used. Both of the [REDACTED]'s mentioned that the room in the home (small), was down the hall about 20 feet from their bedroom and that to their knowledge, the girl never slept alone at night and that the mother always slept in the same room with her.

- Neither Brother nor Sisters [REDACTED] understand the reasons behind the accusations as they consider [REDACTED] and her mother, in despite their family problems having been abandoned by the father and [REDACTED] sister going away with her boyfriend, a good and reasonable people. Sister



██████ did not allow much to get into any analysis or details of any possibility of wrongdoing at the part of her husband.

- Lastly, I asked sister ██████ to wait outside and again questioned Brother ██████ again about any wrongdoing; reminding him of the eternal perspective. He acknowledged and denied all facts and shared with me one last thought. He recalled that, back in ██████, when he, Brother ██████ gave ██████ her sister, and their father and mother their respective patriarchal blessings, questioned that why the four of them would have to have the same lineage.

- As they departed I expressed love to them asking them to call me if anything came to their mind and heart.

Personal impressions.

Brother ██████ was just a little nervous, but could be normal due to the implications of the accusation. Sister ██████ did not allow much for details to analyze the possibilities of any wrongdoing, deviating the conversation to small shortcomings of the accuser and mother; but this could be normal under the circumstances. They were both always in control and I felt, like always, goodness in them. The case is difficult because the total denial by brother ██████ implies that one of the parties is totally wrong, eliminating the possibility of any of confusion that sister ██████ misinterpreted paternal hugs with abusive touching