

Satanwatch by Paul Glumaz

Ritual case shakes Washington state

The Satanists go free, because they are on the inside of the very agencies charged with tracking them down.

The first defendant in a sensational Satanic rape case in Olympia, Washington pleaded guilty to sex abuse charges on May 1. He was sentenced to 20 years.

He is Paul Ingram, 43, and has agreed to testify against at least two other defendants, to corroborate the accusations of two of their victims—Ingram's own daughters, now aged 18 and 22.

Ingram, James Rabie, 45, and Raymond Risch, Jr., 41, were part of a Satanic cult which had carried out ritual sexual abuse going back 17 years, when the victims were young children. Court documents indicate that these rituals, at various times, involved animal sacrifice, human sacrifice, sex with animals, and other gruesome activities.

But on May 3, as the trial of Rabie and Risch was to begin, the prosecution dropped all charges against them. The reason given was that the victims were so traumatized, they were unfit to testify.

This case, including the circumstances surrounding the dropping of charges, demonstrates conclusively what investigators of Satanic cults have repeatedly stated. Mutilated bodies are found and Satanists go unpunished because the Satanists themselves occupy key positions in the very agencies charged with investigating their crimes!

Paul Ingram had been a deputy sheriff for 15 years. He was arrested in November 1988 after charges of statutory rape were filed by his two daughters, who were aided by the Safeplace Women's Shelter. Ingram

was the Republican candidate for state legislature in 1984. He had been president of the Thurston County Deputy Sheriffs Association, and was chairman of the County Republican Central Committee and the top Republican official in the county at the time of his arrest. He was also the chief civil deputy for the Sheriff's Office.

James Rabie, who was arrested in December 1988, was a 14-year Thurston County deputy sheriff, and became a lobbyist for the Washington State Law Enforcement Association, Inc. Rabie had been active in the County Committee on Child Abuse/Neglect. Rabie's detective assignments from 1982 to 1987 focused on cases involving child abuse and sex crimes.

The third defendant, Raymond Risch, Jr., was arrested at the same time as Rabie. He had been employed by the Sheriff's Department for 16 years as a mechanic. Mrs. Ingram ran a daycare center in the Ingram home. Mrs. Rabie worked as a county corrections officer.

The following are excerpts from an officer's report on an interview with the 18-year-old daughter of Paul Ingram, by one Dr. Richard Ofshe, a "cult expert" from Berkeley.

Dr. Ofshe "reminded her that she had talked previously about how she would be killed if she talked about bad things that had happened. . . . He asked her if, other than sexually, did people hurt her? . . . She shook her head yes. . . . They threatened her with a knife to her throat. She also wrote down that they cut up a baby goat in front of her and told her the

same thing would happen to her. . . . He asked how old she was when this happened. She said, 'Eleven'. . . . She indicated there was animal sacrifice, chants, worship, sermons, and some human sacrifice."

In other documents the two girls testify that they were forced to have sex with goats and dogs from about the time they were in kindergarten through high school. The goats would then be sacrificed. Much of this was photographed. Brutal rape and sodomy of the children of members of the group were carried out repeatedly over many years.

Authorities, blocked by Satanists who are "in the system," are also seldom equipped to deal with cases like this. Investigators began to consult outside experts to help make sense of the unusual information they were receiving. One such expert was Dr. Ofshe.

At first, he was very helpful, putting a rape investigation onto the track of the Satanism involved. He also gained the victims' confidence.

That is how matters stood in the latter part of February. A month later, he returned, but something had changed. He became abusive, called the victims liars, and told them they had made it all up. The Sheriff's Department was at a loss to explain his behavior. His verbal abuse of the victims, after having gained their trust, threw them into a traumatized state just prior to the scheduled hearings and trial. The charges against Rabie and Risch had to be dropped by the prosecution, to preserve the option of later bringing new indictments.

The sheriff has made it clear that they plan to upgrade their investigation, not shut it down, and has already announced that there will be two more people indicted. But, perhaps a new subject of investigation should be Dr. Richard Ofshe of Berkeley.