

REVEREND DOUGLAS ANDERSON
CHURCH ATTORNEY STATEMENT

OFFENSES

The Reverend Douglas Anderson engaged in acts that constitute Sexual Misconduct in violation of Title IV, Canon 4.1(h)(1) of the Canons of the Episcopal Church.

The Reverend Douglas Anderson engaged in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation in violation of Title IV, Canon 4.1(h)(6) of the Canons of the Episcopal Church.

The Reverend Douglas Anderson engaged in Conduct Unbecoming a Member of the Clergy in violation of Title IV, Canon IV.1(h)(9) of the Canons of the Episcopal Church.

Summary of the Acts, Omissions or Conditions Supporting the Offenses

In May 2019, ██████████ began employment as the ██████████ of the ██████████ in Texarkana, Texas (the "████████"). St James Episcopal Church, also in Texarkana was and is a partner in the ██████████. At the time ██████████'s employment began, Reverend Douglas Anderson was both the Rector at St. James and the President of the ██████████ Board.


Shortly after ██████████'s arrival at the ██████████, Rev. Anderson began coming to her office, calling her, texting her and confiding in her. Rev. Anderson told Ms. ██████████ that he was experiencing marital difficulties and that his wife was going to Canada for close to a month to visit relatives. During the period his wife was away, Rev. Anderson, on several occasions, invited Ms. ██████████ to dinner at his home. On one such occasion, Rev. Anderson engaged in

oral sex with Ms. [REDACTED]. Thereafter, Rev. Anderson repeatedly asked Ms. [REDACTED] if she would consider a romantic relationship with him. This caused Ms. [REDACTED] to experience a significant amount of stress. She did not want to be sexually involved with a married man and didn't want to feel awkward around Rev. Anderson whom Ms. [REDACTED] considered to be her boss. Ms. [REDACTED] responded to Rev. Anderson's many unwanted calls, texts and visits in large part to placate him so she could protect herself and her job. She was concerned that she would lose everything she had worked hard to achieve.

In late 2019, Rev. Anderson told [REDACTED] that he had been approached about a position at Church of the Advent in Boston, that he was in love with her and that if she would not reciprocate, he was going to accept the position in Boston. Ms. [REDACTED] told Rev. Anderson that she did not think the two of them had a future together. In January 2020 Rev. Anderson moved to Boston. Right before his departure he asked Ms. [REDACTED] to get a hotel room together with him. He told her that she owed it to him to do so. She refused.

In February 2020, Rev. Anderson sent Ms. [REDACTED] a book, a letter, and tickets to fly from Texarkana to Boston to visit him on Valentine's Day while his wife was away. Ms. [REDACTED] did not go.

In his interview with the Investigator in March 2022, Rev. Anderson intentionally misrepresented his behavior toward Ms. [REDACTED]. He falsely denied having oral sex with her and falsely denied sending her a love letter and airline tickets to visit with him in Boston on Valentine's Day.


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