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# Port Orchard minister admits on tape to rape of girl

By Keith Eldridge

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## Summary

The alleged victim says she told her family about the alleged abuse by Pastor Dirk Jackson back in 2003, but nothing was done. Now 21, the woman decided to report it herself after running into Jackson at another church.

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Dirk Jackson

PORT ORCHARD, Wash. -- Investigators say a minister has confessed on tape to raping a 12-year-old girl years ago.

The alleged victim says she told her family about the alleged abuse by Pastor Dirk Jackson back in 2003, but nothing was done.

Now 21, the woman decided to report the alleged abuse herself after recently running into Jackson at another church.

The young woman claims

Jackson sexually assaulted her several times while working as a teacher at the Manchester Christian Academy in Manchester, Wash.

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The woman, who was a sixth grader at the school at the time, claims Jackson assaulted her in one of the classrooms while the other students were outside.

"We're just shocked, surprised, confused," said Pastor Jamie Greening, who works alongside Jackson. "This does not match. These allegations do not match the man we've known for eight years."

The church no longer runs the school. But when the woman visited First Baptist Church in Port Orchard last November and saw that Jackson was working as an ordained minister there, she feared he still had access to vulnerable children. So she decided to call the Kitsap County Sheriff's Office. Deputies then tapped into the woman's phone with her permission.

"Jackson stated several times he was sorry and worried what would happen with his marriage and

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children," court documents state. "He further spoke about being worried about going to prison."

On Thursday the courtroom was packed with his family and supporters. His wife sobbed. Jackson is a father of two young children.

Jackson's own father came to his defense.

"This is not a pattern," said Donn Jackson. "His life has absolutely been a contribution to our community. He won't go nowhere. We'll see to that."

A judge set bail at \$50,000.

Meantime, friends of the alleged victim credited her bravery in coming forward.

"It's not her fault," said friend Stephanie Conrad. "She shouldn't feel bad that she said anything."

"He made his own choices," said Samantha Folden, another friend. "He ruined his own reputation. She didn't ruin his reputation."

Detectives are urging any other potential victims to call Det.Chad Birkenfeld at (360) 337-5619 .

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I wish Christian ministers and priests would stop raping children.

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Sad and pathetic, well good luck in prison, because you're gonna need it and you deserve whatever the judge gives you and more. I hope your stay in prison is a long one. Frankly I think \$50,000 bail is a bit light.

Feel sorry for not only the young woman and her family, but his wife and two children !!

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I wish everybody would stop raping children.

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Jackson's own father came to his defense.

"This is not a pattern," said Donn Jackson. "His life has absolutely been a contribution to our community. He won't go nowhere. We'll see to that."

The apple doesn't fall far from the tree now does it. If I had a son who did this I sure as hell wouldn't be standing behind him. He learned that behavior somewhere.

What did he do dad? Bring some young girls home for you?

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 **rp123** 68p · 5 weeks ago

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I'm so glad she spoke up to prevent more harm. It will now be very hard on everyone involved in every way, for a time, but still a better outcome. I hope she is getting enough support.

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 **deleted9767924** 111p · 5 weeks ago

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Interesting a guy who admits to raping a 12 year old girl has supporters! What he does is a lifetime behind bars!

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After trial hang em high from the narrows bridge for 3 days.

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 **sandiegosurf65** -96p · 5 weeks ago

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A true man of the cloth

Too bad cloth is his underwear which he cannot seem to keep on himself

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 **thumber** 72p · 5 weeks ago

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This is simply media hype to make religious people look bad- nothing more. It only serves to divide people in their beliefs instead of unifying people in the goal to rid the world of these monsters. Had this been some meth head then komo won't even waste their time reporting it.

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 **theworldsamess** 89p · 5 weeks ago

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Sounds like a good time for lynch mob justice !

OK ...So i get thumbs down for my comment ???? Thats why this kind of thing is tollerated because people like you people who gave me thumbs down would rather feel sorry for this piece of \$hit than take care of the matter.

For your information , It doesnt say anything in the Bible about forgiving a man of the cloth for Raping a innocent child.

I'll say it again ..... This guy should be taken out to the nearest tree and strung up !! The poor girl was 12 for God sake. What would you do if it were your child??? forgive him??? NOT ME,EVER !!!!!

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 **Gaga4goggles** 102p · 5 weeks ago

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Wow...no lawyer present when he confessed I assume. He dug his own grave and will pay and rightly so.

Good for the young woman coming forward..

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 **jelized** 105p · 5 weeks ago +30  

He admitted to this, yet has supporters. Dumb people are dumb.

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 **mporter503** 82p · 5 weeks ago +37  

I can say with absolute confidence that this happens infrequently when you compare these incidents to the number of churches and pastors not committing these terrible acts. I work in childrens' and youth ministry and our church takes precautions to prevent these instances. All that volunteer in youth/childrens' ministry are required to submit to a background check. Adults workers are NEVER left alone with children. Even our lead pastor will not counsel women without his wife present. The youth group hosts multiple overnight activities, supervised by several adults, men and women. We are not unique. I don't have personal knowledge of all the churches, but I know we took the lead from several others.

I am so sad this happened, but the behavior is tied to the man, not his profession.

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He wasn't Catholic?

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 **outerheaven** -90p · 5 weeks ago -11  

CHURCHES are like Hospitals: Filled with bunch of sick people.

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 **longhairedvixen** 74p · 5 weeks ago +3  

Gross.

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 **Emerson777** -90p · 5 weeks ago -14  

Why should he be treated any differenet than Mary Kay Letourneau. I saw a recent photo of her with some local celebrities. Now all you hypocrites are almost just as gross!! To be truthful, there is not really much difference between what he did to a child and what Mrs. Letourneau did at the time. Yes indeed, "hot for teacher" goes a long way here!!

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 **yoshimi104** 85p · 5 weeks ago +6  

I hope that all works out well in the end for this poor victimized woman.

I must say though, I'm pretty certain it is illegal to record someone without their permission in this state. The detectives may have had permission from the line owner, but the bad guy here was not told he was being recorded. Here in Clallam County, I'm almost certain that a convicted child rapist is appealing his conviction based on the fact that he was recorded in some way without his permission. I guess we'll see what happens...hope for the best. Put this creep away.

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 **Mark989** 99p · 5 weeks ago +5  

Sometimes I detest Christians.

Pastor Dirk Jackson needs to plead guilty and take his punishment. All those Christians and family members supporting him should be ashamed of themselves and should stop it.

The only person receiving any sympathy should be the young woman whom he RAPED!!! and has reported this crime AGAIN only to help others evade becoming his victims. She deserves everybody's praise and support. She is a HERO!!!

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 **komokma** 73p · 5 weeks ago +27  

"Sometimes I detest Christians." You should say you hate people that use God as a ruse to satisfy their own perversions.

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 **Elmer44** 91p · 5 weeks ago -4  

Who is that in the picture?

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 **justanidea3** 93p · 5 weeks ago +12  

article says she told her family when it happened but they did nothing ? why not? great that they protected their young daughter ! good for you young lady for coming forward now.

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 **spiffyriggins** 48p · 5 weeks ago +7  

When something like this first happens, people defend the person they THINK he/she is. Innocent until proven guilty and all that. It is too hard to believe that someone so close to you can do something like this. I think it's time we stop and think about his FAMILY and how THEY feel about all of this. He deserves to be punished, but THEY are going to be punished right along with him. And THAT is a tragedy.

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 **neesy08** 53p · 5 weeks ago +8  

this is such a disgrace. i find it revolting when i heard that allegedly men of god comitt child rape. worse, is when the victims report it and nothing is done, and when fellow pastors support the accused despite evidence showing he is guilty. what kind of message is that sending to females in their congregations? and what does it say to a child when they report the rape, and their own parents do nothing?

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