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MEDIA ALERT:

MONDAY, August 12, 2019, 11 a.m.

**Two Victims of Childhood Sexual Abuse File Lawsuits
Against the Jehovah's Witnesses**

*Victims Allege a Culture of Pervasive Sexual Abuse
Covered Up by Jehovah's Witnesses Leadership*

What:

- Announcement that two childhood sexual abuse victims will file lawsuits, in King's County Supreme Court on 8/14/19, under the New York Child Victims Act, naming eight members of the Governing Body of the Jehovah's Witnesses (JWs) as defendants. The victims will speak about their experiences.

Announcement will be on **Monday, August 12, 2019 at 11 a.m. at 10 Times Square, 1441 Broadway, 6th Floor**

Background:

- While public attention has focused on clergy abuse within the Catholic Church, a serious problem of child sexual abuse within the Jehovah's Witnesses has also emerged. The World Headquarters of the Jehovah's Witnesses is in Tuxedo Park, N.Y., and was formerly in Brooklyn, at the building with the big Watchtower sign.

The Watchtower (a corporate entity operated by the JWs) has been under investigation internationally, with a Government Royal Commission in Australia issuing a scathing report about child sexual abuse. Litigation by the **Zalkin Law Firm** has exposed a database maintained by the JW containing information about known child molesters within the organization that dates back decades. The JWs have defied numerous court orders compelling them to produce this database in several of the lawsuits.

Who: Attorney **Irwin Zalkin** and plaintiffs Heather Steele and Michael Ewing

When: **Monday, August 12, 2019 at 11:00 a.m.**

Where: **10 Times Square, 1441 Broadway, 6th Floor**

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