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Sheriff Garry Lucas  
Clark County Sheriff's Department  
Via Fax# 360.397.2367

Commander Chuck Atkins  
Clark County Sheriff's Dept. - Central Precinct  
Via Fax# 360.397.6196

Subject: ***Westboro Baptist Church Religious Ministry to Vancouver, WA***

Dear Gentlemen:

This office represents Westboro Baptist Church (WBC), who intends to have some of her number in your jurisdiction **Tuesday, June 1, 2010** for a public demonstration/outdoor religious service regarding the judgment of God with respect to the dangers of promoting homosexuality, and the rest of the filthy manner of life and idol worshipping of this nation. WBC members currently intend to protest at **Heritage High School, 7825 NE 130<sup>th</sup> Ave., Vancouver, WA, from 2:15 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.**

WBC has conducted such demonstrations, on a daily basis, at locations all across the United States and into some foreign countries, for going on nineteen years. Therefore, we recognize that our message, though once quite traditional, will not be well received by some factions of our society, and our experience over the years indicates that sometimes people who oppose our message are tempted to try violence to silence it. We have found it is helpful in keeping the peace and ensuring our members are safe from attack, for us to have skilled photographers and video recorders at each of our pickets. Also it is a sound and very simple practice for law enforcement to establish a place for each group demonstrating and place a reasonable "dead zone" between the groups to deter attacks against our members. It is well established nationwide that our members are at all times and in all ways law abiding and non-violent. Also, it is important that we document these events for our use in our ministry so we always have at least one camcorder with our group. Finally, we request that law enforcement fulfill their duty to take responsible steps to keep the peace. We also recognize that having a police presence will in most cases deter persons who wish to silence our message by violence. I write to make sure that the lines of communication are open and that you are clear about the intentions of WBC members. We will at all times conduct ourselves in a peaceful and law-abiding manner, and will fulfill any lawful request or order of your officers. We would of course welcome any suggestions or requests that you have before hand, so that we may safely come and go from your jurisdiction. We only desire to express our religious convictions on these vital, national issues, and go our way; however, we wish to do so in a cooperative way so that your interests in keeping the peace are also met. If there is any requirement for a permit to conduct this religious demonstration please fax the application to me at the number listed above.

We would appreciate any assistance your department can provide in keeping the peace. I look forward to hearing from you or your representative.

Sincerely,



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