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BAPTIST PASTOR’S SEXUAL ABUSE OF A CHILD LEADS TO VICTIM’S SUICIDE AS AN ADULT AND LAWSUIT

Carla Sweet and Ed Gomez of Dallas, Texas, filed suit today in Dallas, Texas, state court against **First Baptist Church of Rockwall** and **Billy Bob Burge**: seeking justice for their son, John “Jeremy” Sweet-Gomez, who was repeatedly sexually abused by a Youth Pastor at First Baptist Church of Rockwall.

The suit alleges that while working as a Youth Pastor at First Baptist Church of Rockwall, Pastor Burge began sexually abusing Jeremy when he was approximately thirteen years old. The abuse included sodomy, oral sex, and inappropriate sexual touching. The suit states that the sexual abuses and assaults occurred “on church property and during church-sponsored religious trips.” Jeremy suffered repeated sexual abuse as a teenager; he later committed suicide.

Windle Turley, one of the attorneys representing the plaintiffs, said, “at the Turley Law Firm, we have a longstanding commitment to representing victims of institutional and religious sexual abuse. Many organizations and their employees, occupy positions of trust and confidence that make it possible to cause great harm under the guise of religion. When that occurs the wrongdoers, whether individuals or institutions, must be held accountable.”

The suit papers are available at <http://www.wturley.com/Recent-Filings/>. For more information, contact Windle Turley or Steven Schulte, Turley Law Firm, at 214-691-4025, or stevens@wturley.com.