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Second sexual abuse lawsuit launched against celebrated United Church Minister

OTTAWA, November 11, 2008 — Today, Nelligan O'Brien Payne issued a formal statement of claim on behalf of a Collett Tracey, an instructor at Carleton University against Allen Tysick, a United Church Minister, who has been celebrated as one of Canada's heroes for his many years of taking care of the most vulnerable and disadvantaged in various communities.

The claim resulted from the sexual abuse, sexual exploitation, battery, assault, breach of fiduciary duty, and intentional infliction of emotional harm that occurred while Ms. Tracey was a member of a youth group in Ottawa, led by Reverend Allen Tysick.

This is the second plaintiff who has come forward to Nelligan O'Brien Payne. Both plaintiffs suffered similar sexual and emotional exploitation from Reverend Allen Tysick while he was providing them with emotional, religious and spiritual direction and counsel.

The United Church of Canada has also been named in this claim for its neglect of duty to provide a safe environment for worship, work and study in all pastoral charges, congregations, institutions, agencies, organization or other bodies, which operate under its name.

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