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# Mother of girl molested claims Miami Beach rabbi tried to buy her silence

## Attorney for family of girl says 'they've been ostracized' by Jewish community

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Rabbi accused of trying to pay girl's mother off

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**MIAMI BEACH, Fla.** - A South Florida rabbi who is already in trouble for allegedly touching an 11-year old girl inappropriately is back in the spotlight after new surveillance video surfaced.

The video shows Miami Beach rabbi Steve Karro handing the victim's mother an envelope said to contain at least \$500 in cash, according to sources.

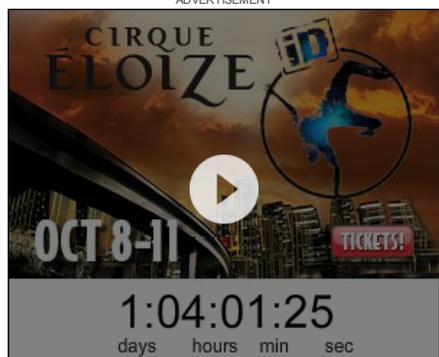
The victim's mother claims the money was an attempt to buy her silence and drop the case. The woman said she took the envelope and gave it to Miami Beach police.

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Her attorney, Jeff Herman, said the family has been targeted and even kicked out of the synagogue ever since coming forward with the claims.

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Jewish community," Herman said. "They've been ostracized by some people."

The alleged payoff for silence was captured days before the rabbi's actual arrest.

Police said Karro used both hands to touch and grab the buttocks of an 11-year-old girl at his Miami beach art studio, kissing her neck and then instructing her not to say anything.

Karro denied those claims, telling police he hugged and kissed the child as he does with anyone else. He also admitted to police that he did touch her butt, but for "cleansing" purposes, because she had a negative energy.

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Miami Beach police declined to comment on the ongoing investigation.

Karro is out of jail with an ankle monitoring device. He told Local 10 News the money was for something else, insisting the victim's mother knew what it was for and is only targeting him for personal gain.

The rabbi said he wanted to tell the whole story but was advised by his legal counsel to remain quiet until the investigation is over.

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Negative energy and "cleansing".

That's a new one.

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Hey, they'll think of anything !

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First the "touching", then the "hush money". Looks like the Rabbi was trying to get off twice. In more ways then one.

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Did he admit to touching the girl's butt and calling it "cleansing"?

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Someone smoke the mother-fu(ker already.

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You got your rocks off on that one, eh ?!

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Not really. It;s not my schtick.

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If touching and grabbing buttocks gets rid of negative energy, JT3 is the new Exorcist.

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Another black eye and bloodied nose in the face of south Florida's Jewish community. The Rabbi is lucky he molested the girl in the United States. If this happened in Israel the father of the girl would have taken him for a one way ride out into the desert..

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Marie Therese · 3 months ago

Shame on the community for backing up this pedo! He admitted to touching and kissing her - he's a pedo, folks. Kick him out.

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Church or temple goers often side with the offender. I seen it first hand back in Canada. There was a 15 year old female who helped in the office and started telling me I don't want to go, I am sick and not going, and come with me as I don't want to go alone. She never would told me more so I told her to tell her guidance

counselor at school or a teacher which she did. That person reported it and he was removed from the parish while it was investigated. The majority of the parish members claimed she asked for and accused the victim of lying and almost kicked out the psychologist who helped her. Thank goodness they did not know that I told her to say something. From that point on I avoided going to any service.

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**A man for all seasons** → County • 3 months ago

Why "Thank goodness they did not know that I told her to say something"? If you quit going to any service after that anyway.....what damage would/could have been done by the parish knowing you advised her to say something?

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**HaileeFord** • 3 months ago

"He also admitted to police that he did touch her butt, but for "cleansing" purposes, because she had a negative energy"

This sounds more like an african voodoo ritual, not anything Jewish! I think we may have a pervert in the synagogue.....

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**MMIII** • 3 months ago

This is how the "game" is played....in the old days we were beholden to the concept of "mesirah" and for good reason. Fast forward to today some elements within our society try to shield their criminal actions behind this concept of "mesirah" and operate with impunity or so they hope. A family in Australia who ratted out a criminal to the authorities have been subjected to similar if not worse actions by their own "loving" community.

Oy vay, what a shandeh.

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**Jose Ortega** → MMIII • 3 months ago

It's always like this in frum communities. They don't like their dirty laundry exposed for all to see.

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**AS1124** → Jose Ortega • 3 months ago

sadly this is true.... you know the conservative and orthodox communities well..... and it seems to be the case in any constrictive religion. Judaism is less likely only when the Rabbis are not looked on as some sort of messianic leader. Reform temples have less of an issue.

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It can happen at any congregation. Look what happened years ago up in Boca Raton - at a Refomed Temple. The Rabbi, Gerald Levy was caught trolling the internet for young boys. He was caught by Boca Raton PD in a sting operation while he was molesting a victim. Shortly thereafter Channel 7's weatherman Bill Kamal was caught in a police sting operation. He had traveled from Miami to Ft. Pierce to have sex with an underaged boy.

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**Zed Man** → MMIII • 3 months ago

Ah, another aficionado of the "good ol' days."

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**nauJrepuS** • 3 months ago

LOSER,,,,, LO,,,,,SER !!!! I bet you get your rear end touched real soon there buddy !!!!! I bet it won't be for "cleansing" either !!!!!

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**EarnitYourself** • 3 months ago

"This family has been attacked by members of the Jewish community," Herman said



This family has been attacked by members of the Jewish community, Herman said.

"This video that has come out, which I've seen, is concerning to me."

"I especially resent the old man who wears the yoga pants and the cut away shorty Pat Benatar '85 tour tank top and calls us Gooblers and meshuggas."

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**Mister305Dale** • 3 months ago

Can't wait to hear what Professor Polettudo has to say about this travesty!

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**grandma954** → Mister305Dale • 3 months ago

Yeah, He hasn't been around for a while.

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**Mister305Dale** → grandma954 • 3 months ago

I believe he's at a Sabatical in Israel... ;)

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**FlySkyBird** • 3 months ago

I've seen a Rabbi once walk out of one of those massage parlors for men. He was even wearing his clergy outfit. I don't think he stopped by for some water. lol

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**County** → FlySkyBird • 3 months ago

A former neighbor of mine worked at and may still work at a swingers club. He told me that rabbis and other clergy members did attend and some were club members.

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again, as a Rabbi, they are not priests: They can go to prostitutes if they choose... do I think its appropriate? No. But its not unethical in terms of pedophilia etc. Just saying.....

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this is irrelevant. They are not priests so unseemly sex isn't at issue here.

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Is there something wrong with getting a message? Most are not a rub-n-tug.

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**SouthDade** • 3 months ago

"The family has been targeted and even kicked out of the synagogue ever since coming forward with the claims."

Proof of how deep some of these "groups" can turn on you to silence such crimes within their walls.

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**DOBZNY** • 3 months ago

Nothing like getting behind in your preaching ;-)

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**Zed Man** • 3 months ago

Ah, the good ol' days, when things like this were handled under the table. 'Twas a simpler, gentler time then....

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**allforfunone** • 3 months ago

I didn't know the Jewish faith believed in the "laying on of hands"

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yea, they don't... its sad.  
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 **AS1124** · 3 months ago  
As a Jew, I HATE when I see a Rabbi involved. Shame on the Temple members..  
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 **stever29** · 3 months ago  
I always wonder why the people that claim they are better than everyone defend guys like that. I see it all the time with Catholics. You think it would be against their superior religion.  
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 **Christine** · 3 months ago  
Many people of all faiths become ministers in order to have free access to children (shudder).  
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 **shhh01** · 3 months ago  
How about they were lying and he was giving them money to stop the lying- apparently they had it out for him. Always 2 sudes to every story and BOTH are VERY believable...  
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 **FLPerspective** → **shhh01** · 3 months ago  
No, it's not believable the Rabbi was "giving them money to stop the lying." Not believable at all.  
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