

DECLARATION

I...hereby declare and state as follows:

1. I am over 21 years of age, of sound mind and body, and not under the influence of any drug or other substance that would affect my memory or ability to tell the truth. I have personal knowledge of the facts that I set forth in this Declaration.
2. I was a member of the Church of Scientology's religious order, known as the Sea Organization ("Sea Org") for over 20 years as a volunteer staff member. I have not been a member of the Sea Organization or served as a volunteer for any Church of Scientology since April 2000.
3. In approximately mid-1998, right before a large Church event, I needed to get financial approval to purchase something but I was worried as I had been told in the past that Mike Rinder would not approve this type of request... I mentioned my concern to a colleague as to whether or not Rinder would approve the request, but I was advised to make the request and turn it in to Rinder anyway, which I did, giving the request to his secretary for approval.
4. About an hour later I was walking down the hallway out of the Public Relations area where I worked, towards Rinder's office. He came out into the hallway, walked right up to me and physically slammed me against the wall. He used his right forearm up against my chest and moved toward my throat in a choking position, my head was pinned against the wall and I was desperately trying to get him to move his arm down by pulling down on his forearm with my two hands. (Please note that I am a small woman and Rinder was much larger than I. I am 5'3" and weigh 120 pounds –then and now. Rinder is at least 5'9" and weighed at least 170 pounds at the time of the incident, so he definitely had more strength than I.)
5. Rinder was yelling at me in a very upset tone of voice. It scared the hell out of me, I was shaking and freaked out as I had no idea what he was going to do to me. I tried to find out what he was so

upset about. He eventually let me go, but it completely scared me and hurt.

6. Rinder never apologized for that incident, for slamming me against the wall, for upsetting me or anything. That was the beginning of my thinking about leaving the Sea Organization, a group, of which I was a very dedicated member and that I loved being a part of.

7. I was a Sea Org member for over 20 years and I studied a lot of Church scriptures during those years. Nothing that I ever read about in Church scriptures would justify taking that kind of rash and physical action. Scientology scriptures, specifically those scriptures on communication, tell you how to deal with communication including how to assist handling people who are upset and even antagonistic. Nothing I've ever read or seen advises slamming someone against a wall, in fact it is quite the opposite. Church policy tells you to use a gentle approach to handling such situations; Church policy never includes getting physical. Rinder's actions were in complete violation of Church policy.

I declare under the penalties of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

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