

Ronnie Sutton

(Innocent or Guilty?)

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I met Ronnie Sutton nearly thirty years ago at a Bible Conference in Arcola, Texas. When I heard him preach I thought, what a great preacher. He has been a pastor and preached in numerous meetings as indicated in the camp meeting below, him being one of the featured speakers. (I do not know if any of the other speakers or the pastor are aware of what I am about to present here. If they did, SHAME ON THEM FOR PREACHING WITH OR HAVING SUCH A MAN IN THEIR PULPIT!)

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I had Ronnie booked for a meeting in 2008. The Lord would not give me peace about the matter so I called and canceled the meeting, thinking I would reschedule at a later time. I had no idea what the days ahead would bring.

A few months later someone called and asked if I had heard the news about Ronnie being arrested? They really didn't know why and that was pretty much the end of the conversation. I was asked several times in the next couple of years about the matter. Since I do not pay much attention to hearsay I began to search the matter for myself.

I regretfully present my findings here.

Enclosed you will find a copy of my receipt and a copy of the "guilty plea transcript" from the Circuit Court in Aberdeen, Mississippi, State of MS vs RONNIE SUTTON CR2009-076.

According to the court record when Ronnie was asked do you swear to give "the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth so help you God?"

Ronnie answered, "I do."

The plea of guilty is a reduced charge from "attempted kidnapping to that of stalking..."

"Ronnie Sutton, on or about the 7th day of October, 2008 did wilfully, maliciously, and unlawfully" stalk a 13-year-old girl. WHAT???? Did that just say she was thirteen? Let's see, it happened in 2008 and she was born in 1995. Yep, she's only THIRTEEN years old!!!

He admits to making "credible threats" against her, intended to place her in "reasonable fear of great bodily injury by repeatedly harassing and requesting" her to get in the car with him.

Now hold on to your hats. He then follows her to her home where he is finally arrested at her address.

The court then asked him, "Did you, in fact, commit that crime?"

Ronnie answers, "Yes, sir."

Some nut will say about now, 'let him that is without sin cast the first stone.'

Pay attention!

Ronnie Sutton swore before God to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. He then pleads GUILTY to stalking a 13-year-old girl making credible threats with the intent of placing her in reasonable fear of great bodily injury and repeatedly harassing and requesting her to get in the car with him.

Another nut will say, 'well, we've all done things we're not proud of.'

Now read it slowly this time. Maybe you need someone to read it for you.

Ronnie Sutton swore before God to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. (Any part of that you don't understand?) (Feel free to stop and ask questions as we go along.)

He then pleads **GUILTY** to stalking a 13-year-old girl, threatening her, trying to put her in fear of great bodily injury, and repeatedly requesting her to get in his car.

Another nut says, 'Ronnie was set up.'

Really? Was it at the Texaco Food Mart on Highway 25 in Aberdeen, Mississippi or at her HOUSE where he stalked her, and was **ARRESTED**? (You're an **IDIOT!**) (You're just too **STUPID** for me to talk too.) (I'll bet you pastor a Church.)

The arguments are endless and senseless. Regardless of your opinion, the answer is the same.

By his own admission, Ronnie Sutton pled GUILTY in a Mississippi Court of Law to stalking a 13-year-old girl with the intent to place her in reasonable fear of great bodily injury by repeatedly harassing and requesting her to get in the car with him. He was **ARRESTED** in her yard!

Some of you preachers will give an account to God for having known about this and keeping silent about it. (You're such a **COWARD!** It's no wonder you're hen pecked!)

God only knows what and whom else you are hiding, but rest assured He knows.

I am sorry for Ronnie's church and family but he brought trouble to his own house. He has gotten a wound and dishonor to himself, and his reproach shall not be wiped away. Proverbs 6. (I can't believe the good folks of Unity Baptist Church in Amory, Mississippi still allow him to pastor them.)

I have spent several hours gathering information on this case. I talked to a Detective in Aberdeen, the Courthouse where I received over 12 pages, and the District Attorneys office.

I am sick to my stomach with all I found out.

The enemies of God have been given great occasion to blaspheme the work of God over this matter.

Some of you are wondering why I'm dealing with this issue. First of all, it is the commanded thing to do according to the Scriptures. 1 Timothy 5, Romans 16.

Second of all, **I HAVE A 13-YEAR-OLD GRANDDAUGHTER!!!!!!**

In my thirty-seven years of ministry, this has been a most unpleasant but needed task.

Regretfully yours,

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1 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MONROE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
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 3 STATE OF MISSISSIPPI PLAINTIFF
 4 VERSUS CAUSE NO. CR09-076
 5 RONNIE SUTTON DEFENDANT
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 7 TRANSCRIPT OF THE PROCEEDINGS HAD AND DONE IN THE GUILTY
 8 PLEA AND SENTENCING IN THE ABOVE-STYLED AND NUMBERED
 9 CAUSE, BEFORE THE HONORABLE JAMES S. POUNDS, CIRCUIT
 10 JUDGE, FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI, IN THE
 11 MONROE COUNTY COURTHOUSE ON THE 9TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2011.
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 13 APPEARANCES:
 14 Present and Representing the State of Mississippi:
 15 HONORABLE MICHAEL P. MILLS, JR.
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 18 Tupelo, Mississippi 38802
 19 Present and Representing the Defendant:
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 21 Attorney at Law
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 JUDY R. BUTLER
 CIRCUIT CLERK
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 BY: *[Signature]*

1 THE COURT: We'll be on the record. This
 2 is Monroe County Cause No. 09-076, State versus
 3 Ronnie Sutton.
 4 Are you Mr. Sutton?
 5 DEFENDANT SUTTON: Yes, sir.
 6 THE COURT: Mr. Sutton has indicated
 7 through his attorney, Mr. Bowen, he intends to
 8 enter a plea of guilty to the reduced charge of
 9 stalking, first offense.
 10 Mr. Sutton, before we continue, I'm going
 11 to ask you please to raise your right hand and
 12 take the following oath: Do you solemnly swear
 13 or affirm that the testimony you're about to
 14 give will be the truth, the whole truth, and
 15 nothing but the truth so help you God?
 16 DEFENDANT SUTTON: I do.
 17 THE COURT: You may lower your hand.
 18 EXAMINATION BY THE COURT:
 19 Q. Have you received a copy of the original
 20 indictment in this case and read it or had it read to you?
 21 A. Yes, sir.
 22 Q. I'm going to go over -- I have received here a
 23 reduced motion and order reducing this charge agreed to by
 24 both sides. I'm going to read the reduced charge and then
 25 I'm going to ask you if you understand that charge, ask

1 you if you admit that charge.
 2 It says on this day -- the Court order said
 3 charge being reduced from that of attempted kidnapping to
 4 that of stalking, a misdemeanor, being that Ronnie Sutton,
 5 on or about the 7th day of October, 2008 did willfully,
 6 maliciously, and unlawfully stalk Lakietha Wright, having
 7 a date of birth of April 9th, 1995, by making credible
 8 threats against Lakietha Wright with the intent to place
 9 Lakietha Wright in reasonable fear of great bodily injury
 10 by repeatedly harassing and requesting that Lakietha
 11 Wright get in the car with said defendant at or near the
 12 Texaco Food Mart on Highway 25 in Aberdeen, Mississippi,
 13 and by further repeating said threat after following
 14 Lakietha Wright to her home at 405 Forrest Street,
 15 Aberdeen, Mississippi, where said defendant or you were
 16 arrested at that time, that being a charge of stalking
 17 first offense, a misdemeanor.
 18 First, Mr. Sutton, do you understand that
 19 reduced charge?
 20 A. Yes, sir.
 21 Q. Did you, in fact, commit that crime?
 22 A. Yes, sir.
 23 Q. Do you understand there is no minimum fine and
 24 no minimum time, the maximum sentence you could receive on
 25 this misdemeanor is one year and a \$1,000 fine?

1 A. Yes, sir.
 2 THE COURT: Does the State have a
 3 recommendation.
 4 MR. MILLS: Yes, sir, Your Honor. The
 5 State would recommend one year, with one year
 6 suspended. As a condition of the defendant's
 7 suspended sentence, the State asks the defendant
 8 violate no law of the State of Mississippi or
 9 any other state of the United States. There is
 10 no restitution. The State would further ask the
 11 defendant pay a \$1,000 fine and all court costs
 12 in this matter.
 13 EXAMINATION BY THE COURT:
 14 Q. Mr. Sutton, you heard the recommendation made by
 15 the State. Is that the recommendation you and your
 16 attorney thought the State would make?
 17 A. Yes, sir.
 18 Q. Anything different about it?
 19 A. No, sir.
 20 Q. Are you satisfied with the legal services and
 21 the advice of your attorney, Mr. Bowen?
 22 A. Yes, sir.
 23 Q. Do you believe he has properly advised you of
 24 your rights before entering this plea of guilty?
 25 A. Yes, sir.

1 THE COURT: Mr. Bowen, do you feel like
 2 your client understands his Constitutional
 3 rights and is knowingly, freely,
 4 understandingly, and voluntarily entering this
 5 plea of guilty?
 6 MR. BOWEN: I do, Your Honor.
 7 EXAMINATION BY THE COURT:
 8 Q. Mr. Sutton, as to the reduced charge of
 9 stalking, first offense, do you plead guilty or not
 10 guilty?
 11 A. Guilty.
 12 THE COURT: The Court finds and determines
 13 that the defendant has knowingly,
 14 understandingly, voluntarily, and freely entered
 15 this reduced charge plea of guilty to stalking,
 16 first offense. The plea of guilty is hereby
 17 accepted by the Court, and the Court adjudges
 18 you guilty based on your plea of guilty here
 19 today.
 20 Anything you'd like to say, Mr. Sutton,
 21 before I sentence you in this case?
 22 DEFENDANT SUTTON: Well, I'm just sorry for
 23 everything that's happened.
 24 THE COURT: Mr. Mills, was there any
 25 request about no future communication with the

1 victim or anything like that in this case?
 2 MR. MILLS: Your Honor, at this time I'd
 3 like to move to ask for that request.
 4 THE COURT: Is that a problem, Mr. Bowen?
 5 MR. BOWEN: No, Your Honor. We have no
 6 objection to that.
 7 THE COURT: Mr. Mills, this has been
 8 cleared by the guardians and recommended by the
 9 guardians of the child; is that correct?
 10 MR. MILLS: That's correct, Your Honor.
 11 THE COURT: Very well.
 12 Mr. Sutton, in accordance with the
 13 recommendation made by the State, you're
 14 sentenced to one year. It will be suspended
 15 pending your future good behavior, no violation
 16 of any state, federal, or local law. Also that
 17 you pay a \$1,000 fine and court costs in this
 18 case as determined by the circuit clerk's
 19 office.
 20 I want all of it paid within 45 days. Is
 21 that a problem?
 22 DEFENDANT SUTTON: No, sir.
 23 THE COURT: Furthermore, you will have no
 24 communication whatsoever again with the victim
 25 in this case, Lakietha Wright. If you run into

1 her at Wal-Mart, it's your duty to get away from
 2 her. Do you understand that?
 3 DEFENDANT SUTTON: Yes, sir.
 4 THE COURT: You turn and go out the door as
 5 quick as you get there. No driving by, no phone
 6 messages, no texts, no sending letters or
 7 anything. Do you understand?
 8 DEFENDANT SUTTON: Yes, sir.
 9 THE COURT: Mr. Mills, did I miss anything?
 10 MR. MILLS: No, Your Honor.
 11 THE COURT: Mr. Bowen, anything I left out?
 12 MR. BOWEN: No, Your Honor.
 13 THE COURT: Very well. Mr. Sutton, good
 14 luck to you, and get your money paid within 45
 15 days.
 16 DEFENDANT SUTTON: Thank you, sir.
 17 THE COURT: Thank you.
 18 MR. RUSSELL: Thank you, Your Honor.
 19 (END OF PROCEEDING.)
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 4 COUNTY OF MONROE
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 6 I, Melanie S. Owen, Official Court Reporter for the
 7 First Judicial District of Mississippi, do hereby certify
 8 that to the best of my skill and ability, I have reported
 9 the proceedings had and done in the Guilty Plea and
 10 Sentencing in STATE OF MISSISSIPPI VERSUS RONNIE SUTTON,
 11 being Cause No. CR09-076 on the docket of the Circuit
 12 Court of the First Judicial District of Monroe County,
 13 Mississippi.
 14 I further certify that this proceeding was
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