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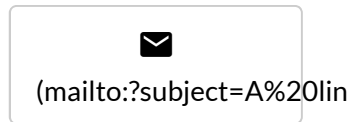
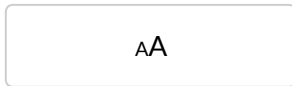
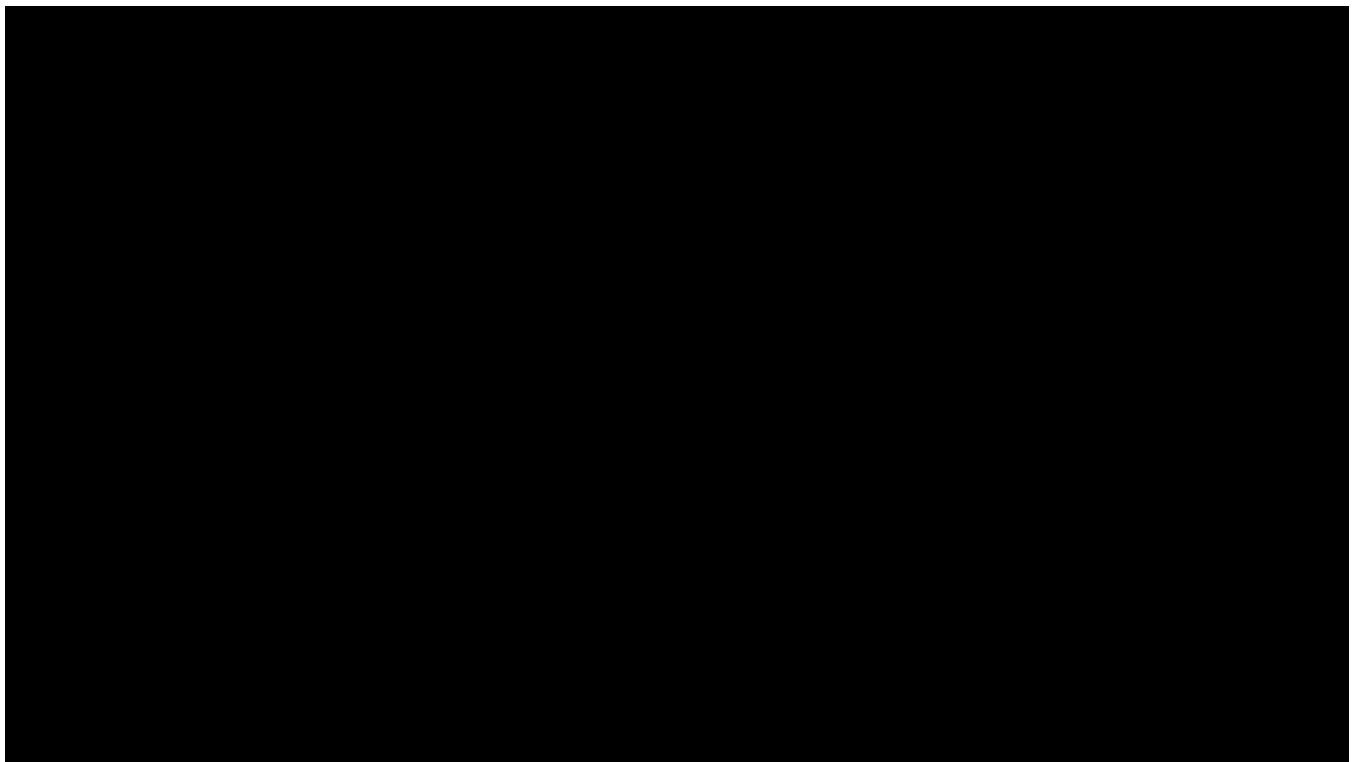
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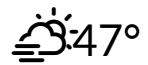
# Jehovah Witness teacher's aide sex scandal guilty on all counts

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WEST PALM BEACH (CBS12) – A verdict has been reached in the trial of a former teacher’s aide from Lake Worth, he was accused of having sex with a 15-year-old girl he met through church functions.

The jury of 6 was unanimous-- finding Hugh Murray guilty on all counts.



On the third day of the trial against Murray just before the noon news broadcast from the jury asking to hear the phone call between the 15-year-old victim and Murray -- the state made that recording one of their key pieces of evidence, but there was also a slew of naked pictures, and DNA, all showed Murray and the teen were having sexual relations.

The background on the story:

Murray and the victim are both Jehovah witnesses and attend the same kingdom hall in the Lake Worth area-- Murray recruited the victim for a congregation coed flag football game-- then started visiting her at her home while her parents were at work or asleep.

Ultimately, the girl's parents did find out --law enforcement was notified and told Murray to stay away, but Murray kept on calling.

40 counts of sexual battery, possession of child pornography--guilty verdicts on all.

There was also a charge for extortion-- Murray threatening to show the victim's parents explicit images.

Bond was revoked so Murray is behind bars and sentencing is scheduled for March.