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A lawsuit targeting elders of a Jehovah's Witnesses congregation for failing to report suspected child abuse continues to wind its way

The attorney general's office sued elders of the Sussex County congregation in 2014 for not reporting an unlawful sexual relationship whom were congregation members.

A judge scheduled a teleconference with attorneys Thursday to discuss the case.

The defendants say they did not have to report what they learned because Delaware's child abuse reporting law exempts communicati confession."

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The case has raised questions about whether that exemption unconstitutionally applies only to select denominations using such terms.

The woman was sentenced to six years in prison for rape and child endangerment.

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