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FOR PUBLIC RELEASE:

On January 20, 2006, all criminal charges that had been laid against Reverend Alex Orbito in Toronto, Canada relating to alleged impropriety in connection with his spiritual healing sessions were withdrawn. This withdrawal of charges by prosecuting counsel brings to an end all criminal proceedings in Toronto, Canada.

Under Canadian law, prosecuting counsel has an obligation to screen all criminal charges to determine if a case should continue. Cases only go to trial if the prosecuting counsel determines that there is a reasonable prospect of conviction. If none exists, the charges must be withdrawn. That is what occurred with respect to Reverend Orbito. Prosecuting counsel was of the opinion that there was no reasonable prospect of conviction and that all charges should accordingly be, and ultimately were, withdrawn.

In our view, this result is wholly appropriate and consistent with what we considered to be a lack of any substantial evidence against Reverend Orbito and thus any reasonable basis for the allegations asserted.