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Sex Scandal of Bishop Eddie Long Picks Up Third Accuser, Jamal Parris



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Close on the heels of self-taken pictures posted of Atlanta megachurch leader Bishop Eddie Long, a third accuser announced a [lawsuit](#) alleging that Long had coerced him into a sexual relationship.

[According to WSB-TV in Atlanta](#), Jamal Parris, 23, joined Anthony Flagg, 21, and Maurice Murray Robinson, 20, in lawsuits against the popular religious leader, claiming that he had not only been the victim of forcible sex at the hands of Eddie Long but had been made to call him "Daddy."

Jamal Parris' lawsuit was filed the same day that his lawyer B. J. Bernstein, the same lawyer who is representing Flagg and Robinson, [released two pictures of Eddie Long to the public](#). Bernstein said that the pictures were sent to young men at the Longfellows Youth Academy, part of the New Birth Missionary Baptist Church where Long presides.

Jamal Parris alleges in the suit that he was given a cell phone and told to call Eddie Long "daddy." He would later become Long's personal assistant, often staying after church, where Long would engage in sexual misconduct with him. Although he left the church, the suit contends that Parris later discovered that Long had sexual [relationships](#) with other young church members.

Bernstein said that she had received several calls from others since the initial announcement on Tuesday and believes that there may be more victims.

News of the third set of allegations forced Bishop Eddie Long to cancel a scheduled radio interview on the Tom Joyner Morning Show. CNN contributor and TV One commentator Roland Martin was to interview the beleaguered pastor. [According to UPI](#), Martin posted to [Twitter](#) that lawyers had decided to cancel the interview.

Jamal Parris' allegations followed [the allegations of Flagg and Robinson](#), whose lawsuits were announced by attorney B. J. Bernstein on Tuesday evening. Flagg and Robinson accused Bishop Eddie Long of sexual coercion as well, alleging that they had been part of a group called the "Spiritual Sons." According to the lawsuits, the "Spiritual Sons" were taken on domestic and international trips, treated to a lavish lifestyle, and were given expensive gifts and cash. The young men also allegedly had sex with Long.

Anthony Flagg says in the suit that he moved in with Eddie Long and his family when he was a junior in high school. He claims that he shared a bed with the pastor and had sex on multiple occasions.

Maurice Robinson alleged that he was taken to New Zealand on his 18th birthday. It was there that he alleges that he and Eddie Long had oral sex for the first time.

Bishop Eddie Long has denied all the allegations. Art Franklin, a spokesman for Long, said that the Flagg and Robinson cases were part of a retaliation and shakedown scheme against the pastor.

All plaintiffs are seeking unspecified punitive damages. Also named in the lawsuits is New Birth Missionary Baptist Church. Members and employees of the megachurch have been implicated in the scandal, the plaintiffs alleging that said members and employees new about the alleged sexual

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Bishop Eddie Long is pastor of the New Birth Missionary Baptist Church in Lithonia, GA.

On Tuesday, two men alleged that Eddie Long coerced them to have sex with him.

On Thursday, pictures of Eddie Long supposedly sent to young men surfaced.

proclivities of Long but had neither warned them nor done anything to stop the pastor.

Eddie Long, [who wrote in a statement on the New Birth megachurch website](#) that he will address the matter with his church Sunday, also said that his "lawyers had counseled patience." He said, "But let me be clear; the charges against me and New Birth are false."

New Birth Missionary Baptist Church is one of the largest megachurches in the nation, boasting a membership of up to 30,000. Bishop Eddie Long has historically been associated with anti-gay sermons and, according to a Southern Poverty Law Center magazine article, is "virulently homophobic."

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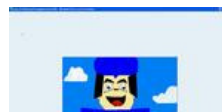


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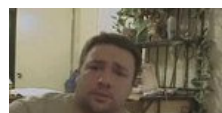
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