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ROANOKE, VA. — TRANSGRESSIONS. Dozens of boys who were the victims of sexual abuse along the Southern revival circuit looked on Tuesday as three Georgia evangelists were convicted of running an interstate boy-sex ring. Mario "Tony" Leyva, Rias Edward Morris and Freddie M. Herring entered guilty pleas to charges they used the Tony Leyva Evangelistic Association Inc., based in Columbus, Ga., to recruit boys for homosexual prostitution. FBI Special Agent John Terry said an investigation by the agency uncovered dozens of the preachers' victims in the South and Midwest. An indictment alleged the pentecostal ministers abused boys in Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, Ohio and Indiana.

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