

**A STATEMENT TO JOHN KNOX PRESBYTERY**  
**FROM**  
**STATED CLERK ALYSON JANKE AND**  
**EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER CHAZ RUARK**

It is with sadness we confirm that there have been recent news stories reporting that a Teaching Elder member of John Knox Presbytery, Scott Nesbitt, was arrested for allegedly meeting with a minor for the purpose of sexual contact. The arrest was the result of a Racine County, WI sting operation. Scott will be facing a criminal investigation.

The Presbytery is beginning the process specified in the Book of Order, Rules of Discipline. Accused persons are afforded confidentiality and due process in our system and are presumed innocent until proven guilty. An Investigating Committee will be appointed to inquire into the accusations.

We want to assure our membership that Presbytery is addressing the situation and we are committed to maintaining that our congregations remain a safe place for our members and children. If there is anyone in any congregation within John Knox Presbytery who has anything to report please contact Stated Clerk, Alyson Janke at (608) 547-9096.

This is a very serious matter. Please pray for Scott and for all those involved as this process goes forward.

In Christ's Peace and Service

Alyson Janke  
Stated Clerk

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Executive Presbyter