

Minor Child Dancing in Drag and Featured at Bars
Melissa Ackison Incident Report and Timeline of Events

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I received notification via Facebook postings, of a minor child performing in scantily clad women's/girl's clothing for adult men and women. The photographs of the incident, along with the original article, featured a small child dancing for adult men and women in what appeared to be a bar while wearing a pink leotard with black fringe trim, fishnet stockings, a woman's wig, high-heel booties, and full makeup. Based on the article being shared from another site, I clicked on the article and was redirected to a Facebook page titled "The City of Lancaster, Ohio."

The text description, along with the child's photographs of him crawling on all fours/in the splits, collecting cash tips from adults, read: *"J.D. Henderson's Bar, aka Junior Diddlers, would love to announce their new pedo-rific fetish nights! JD Henderson's wants you to come out and toss dollar bills and cheer frantically at 9-year-old boys, dressed in wigs and stripper tights while they twerk their uncovered ass. This may be the stuff to get you hung from a tree or beaten to death in prison but at JD Henderson's Bar, having a kiddie love like Michael Jackson is to be celebrated. We wonder if Mayor David Sheffler attended or gave his blessing for small boys to be sexualized attractions for perverted adults."* Based on the verbiage to describe the incident, I knew this was not the official Lancaster city page but it was clear to me that the photographs were real.

I began scrolling through the comment section to read of multiple residents of Lancaster who were lashing out as the Mayor and the local authorities had turned a blind eye to the event that took place back in December 2018. The commentary thread was rich with allegations against a corrupt and enabling Mayor to the activities of the LGBTQ community. As I scrolled down, I realized there were several individuals who posted the actual video link of the young boy's performance.

I clicked on the link and was sickened to see a small child being introduced by a heavysset man who was also wearing women's clothing, make-up and a wig. The video begins with the man in woman's clothing asking the audience to get their dollar bills out and to show love to "Miss Mae Hem." Within seconds, a small boy comes out from behind the curtain and the cheering and music began. The little boy moves into a performance of grinding, doing high kicks, jumping in the air doing the splits and dancing in an overtly sexual manner to the roar of a crowd. The large man dressed as a woman continued on the mica and the crowd cheers the small child on as he collects cash tips from adults in the room. At one point in the video performance, the man dressed in women's clothing takes the tip money and demonstrates on himself how to shove dollars in his own cleavage. The man in the dress then emulated the behavior towards the child and shoves money down "Miss Mae Hems" cleavage. The little boy looked entirely confused yet goes back to dancing to a cheering crowd of adults who are also filming him with their cell phones.

After reviewing the video that has clearly circulated the Internet, I still wanted to believe this was some sort of joke or that it was a doctored performance somehow. I sent a private Facebook messenger to the administrator of the page where the administrator proceeded to confirm with certainty that the event was in fact very real, that the authorities knew and that the Mayor has participated in LGBTQ parades as an announcer and supporter. This was a confirmed assessment as Mayor David Scheffler himself comments on the Facebook post saying *"This Facebook Page is not the city of Lancaster- It is meant to*

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be a joke by some anonymous local resident. The posts aren't necessarily funny and at times border on being libelous." After reading the mayor's flippant response and seeing him shirk off the evidence as non-credible based on him thinking the site isn't funny, it was clear to me why the residents were so upset. I immediately forwarded the link to a friend who works on legislative matters and is a prominent figure in the state related to different initiatives to protect Ohio's children and went back to the hundreds of comments from citizens who were sharing screenshots of their complaints to officials and speaking openly about the promoter of the event having special protections by a weak Mayor.

It didn't take me long to figure out who the man in the dress was and knew from his face that he was the man who introduced the little boy. He (Jasmyn Labasha) was answering questions from community members and talking about the event. I sent a public message to him asking *"For clarity sake... What repercussions occurred as a result of children participating in such an event at a bar? Did the bar apologize? How did this all shake out?"* The man who goes by the stage name Jasmyn responded by saying *"the bar, as well as the Miss Onyx organization that holds the shows, as well as Daniel Kull, made a public apology for making a poor choice. Miss Mae Hem will not be back in Lancaster and has cancelled from what I know, for any pride events as he wanted to be a part of. That's all that I know, except that there is supposed to be a meeting held at 3:00 p.m. on this situation at IHOP"*

I explained to Mr. Jasmyn that children performing in a bar is concerning to the vast majority of the population and although he acknowledged this fact, he continues throughout the post to defend the man who booked the act, the bar and the parents. Continuing to read through the commentary, I immediately recognized the name "Daniel Kull" as Mr. Jasmyn outed him as the broker of the event and the man behind the Drag Queen entertainment group, "Miss Onyx."

I began reading all of his defensive commentary to those who were not accepting his role to book the child for entertainment. The first post I read was from Daniel/Miss Onyx, who was professing the support he had from the Mayor. The majority of his responses were to attack angry citizens with accusations of homophobia when people were of the opinion that he exploited a minor child. In Daniel's mind, the *"charitable"* portion of these events, his protections under the LGBTQ mantra, and the fact that the parents are fine with the boy dancing for men in bars, were a sure exemption from any moral obligations. Mr. Kull also publicly let everyone know that Miss Mae Hem's mother works for Child Protective Services and they were in the clear to do what they were doing. It was at this point where people began sending screen shots of the little boy's father who is a registered sex offender. Mr. Kull and other Drag Queens and Gay men on the page continued to defend the situation reminding the public that this little boy is very popular and has been featured in the Toledo Blade and other newspapers celebrating his life as a child drag queen.

Many of these men were directing the public to go to the Facebook page "Miss Mae Hem" to keep up on the little boys' appearances via social media that's managed by the boy's mother. (I have saved his bizarre justifications through screenshots although he's so flagrant, I don't believe he would delete the incriminating commentary.) Given the fact that I was going into surgery the next morning and leaving my home by 5:00 a.m., I began tagging law enforcement in Lancaster as well as officers I knew personally to demonstrate what was going on via social media. I also contacted the bar myself and spoke with a young lady by the name of Whitney Wood who confirmed this little boy's appearance, said he dances in bars for tips in the area and claimed the bar knew absolutely nothing about it until it was too late. She explained that there was only one bartender working that evening and based on the bar

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being so irregularly crowded, the bartender couldn't see it was a child that was surrounded by the cheering adults. As my husband drove me to surgery, I watched all 12 of the videos that were still public on Miss Mae Hems page. There was never a time in my life where I've seen video evidence so damning and so heartbreaking as the videos the page showcased publicly. The little child is wearing women's clothing, half tops, laying on his back in the splits, holding his leg up and revealing his crotch region under the skirts he's wearing, crawling on all fours and making suggestive body movements all to the tune of music as the adults cheer him on and entice him to collect his tips. On many of his posts, adult men are begging for more videos, encouraging him and giving inappropriate compliments. I just couldn't believe what was happening in the faces of adults and officials who were supposed to protect this boy. I sent all of the information to access/save the public videos to Ohio Value Voters and other individuals who were brought into the fold because I was heading into my surgery. I sent messages to every media and radio personality to gain larger involvement and I still continued to tag Lancaster officials.

Within an hour of leaving the hospital, I was in communication with one of the wives of an elected official, my contacts at Ohio Value Voters, radio DJ's who had time to research the incident etc., members of the Fairfield Liberty group and anyone who would be willing to help this child. On January 29th, I was on the Bob Frantz show to bring attention to the issue and the social media buzz had blown up upon the interview-taking place. I began receiving threats publicly on social media and have been called filthy names from gay dancers, fans of the child, the drag queen community and men associated to the LGBTQ community. The engagement from the drag men on the page is necessary to really understand their ability to justify the sexual exploitation of a minor child. It's incredibly unreal.

For the men who exploited the children, they have no issues with admitting what they have done because they know the Mayor and other elected officials have already turned a blind eye. There are people publicly admitting to shoving cash in the boy's shirts, admitting to being present at the event and they see absolutely nothing wrong what the exploitation. After waiting a full 24 hours to somewhat recuperate from surgery, I reached out to the Lancaster PD where the detective who answered the phone immediately knew why I was calling and assured me through his Lieutenant that a package had been delivered to the Prosecutor already. I contacted both the county prosecutor and the city prosecutor and neither office was aware of anything after placing me on hold and searching. I called the Assistant Law Director, Stephanie Hall as well, and received a call back on January 31st. Although Stephanie was admittedly disturbed and even called the video creepy, she didn't believe any laws had been broken. I walked her through the Ohio Revised Code for Obscenity and Sex offenses and asked her if she had even seen the videos circulating. She had not seen the videos and asked me to forward them to her.

I forwarded everything to Stephanie and she asked me to forward any witness statements. Stephanie warned me that the Mayor was her boss and is not at all comfortable with how he's handling the situation. I explained to Stephanie that the owner of the bar reached out to me via Facebook and had also reached out to Tom Weyland (another gentleman helping to gather information and engage the Lancaster residents who want action) in regards to that night. I warned Stephanie that the owner was scared to death but gave three names to Tom of men she suspects of being involved with pedophilia. She was very inconsistent with her story that ranged from not knowing about the under-aged boy, then asking if the cops were going to bust all the clubs he dances at in Athens Ohio, to saying she did know about the boy but couldn't tell his age in flyers because he looked like a woman etc.

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I've contacted every coalition in Ohio that is supposed to care for children; filed complaints with the federal organization for missing and exploited children; reached out to the Stonewall/LGBTQ organization to get help; and have used social media while I'm recovering from surgery. I have called the Mayor myself and left a message after his disturbing post and lashing out publicly at the Facebook page, which brought the story to light. I have sent updates to the media and responded to calls from people who want to help with this initiative and file complaints. I have commissioned another man to help with phone calls to the liquor enforcement agencies, ATF, etc.

It's now time for the elected officials to get involved. Jeff Gaff who is also a member of the Liberty Caucus spent last evening on the phone with Tim Schaffer who is his State Representative. Tim told Jeff the police force and the Mayor are scared of the LGBTQ community and the political backlash that comes along with condemning their actions. I'm formally handing this issue off to those who have the powers to investigate the situation properly. Although all 12 videos are now on a "members only" Facebook page, we still have two videos of bar dancing before they were scrubbed from the public page. The most disappointing thing I've found, is the public knowledge of this happening, and the men and women we depend on in office who have let this child down.

Update: Approx.: 6:30 p.m. On Jan 31, 2019, I received a FB message and immediate follow up phone call from Jeff Gaff with the Ohio Republican Liberty Caucus as he has worked along side Ohio Value Voters President Diane Stover, myself and Tom Weyland as we coordinated efforts. After simple internet research and already knowing "Miss Mey Hems" father is a registered sex offender for charges associated to a minor child, it was revealed that Jon J. Huff is also the point person for a Youth Group catering to LGBTQ children ages 12-19 titled "Love the Skin You're In" and is advertised on a Toledo community website.

The Link is <https://www.toledo.com/events/arts-performing/2018/02/24/love-the-skin-you-re-in-2018/?fbclid=IwAR1c7Y6ne0RyWvdpFGvxgtXcpUUPITno5dCHx3A3VoiR-Tn0zzJv9-YecZY>

Jon J. Huff is literally listed as the contact for this particular activity and this group is associated to a larger organization called "Harvey House". Many of the defenders of Jon J. Huff are listed as being involved with foster care organizations, charitable organizations associated to children, the mother claims to have worked/work for Child Protective Services and they all defend anything they are questioned about under the guise of the public's homophobia and lack of acceptance for art and self expression.

I have again updated the Toledo police, the Lancaster police, the Centers for Missing and exploited children, have passed the information to media contacts and have reached back out to the prosecutor in Lancaster with updated documentation.