



## **TIMELINE OF KNOWN ABUSERS**

### **1950s - 1960s | Dr. William French Anderson**

Anderson attended Kanakuk as a child, then for decades volunteers as a camp doctor and self-defense teacher. He was Joe White's counselor and known in science as the "father of gene therapy." Convicted in California in **2006** of sexually abusing a young girl.

### **1978 | Corbie Dale Grimes**

Grimes is hired as a Kanakuk counselor. Later gets fired due to incident involving Grimes touching a boy camper's genitals; sentenced to life in prison in **2002** for sexually abusing a boy in Texas.

### **1985 | Chuck Price**

Price is hired as Kanakuk counselor and two female campers allege sexual assault in the 1980s. Fired in **1990** when abuse reports reach leadership but then volunteers with Kanakuk affiliate, Urban K-Life in St. Louis, until at least February of **2021**.

### **1990s | Ed Ringheim**

Ringheim is hired as a Kanakuk counselor then gets reassigned to maintenance due to reports of being sexually inappropriate with boys. Later volunteers with Kanakuk affiliate, K-Life Orlando. Convicted in **2012** of 7 felonies involving underage boys.

### **1993 - 1994 | Robert Shiflet**

Shiflet works as an employee of Kanakuk Kamps during the summers of **1993** and **1994**. He is later awarded contract work by Kanakuk through his company Tailfish for web design and did web site projects for Kanakuk Institute in **2010** until at least **2017**. Shiflet is convicted in **2021** of crimes related to child sex trafficking and sentenced to 33 months in prison for multiple incidents that took place during his role as a youth pastor for Denton Bible Church between **1996** and **2003**.

### **1994 | Paul Green**

Green works as a Kanakuk counselor and abuses a young boy while visiting his Dallas, Tex. home outside of camp season (a practice encouraged by Kanakuk). He dies in a vehicle crash as police hone in on an arrest after obtaining a taped confession.

### **1995 | Newman (Hired)**

Joe White and Kanakuk Defendants hire and retain Newman in the position of camp counselor. They hire Newman with an incomplete application and no background check.

### **1997 - 2005 | Paul James Kerr**

Kerr works as a Kanakuk counselor until **2005**. In **2012**, he pleads guilty to sexual assault of a 9-year-old girl while employed by a daycare in Colorado. An alleged Kanakuk victim has also since come forward.

### [1999 | Newman \(Promoted\)](#)

Newman is promoted to full time staff at Kanakuk and begins serving as the Director of Father/Son Ministry. He maintains this role and assumes other leadership titles until Spring 2009.

### [1999-2000 | Newman \(Nude with Children\)](#)

A concerned parent notifies Defendants in Winter of 1999-2000 that Newman had led nude activities with several young boys on campgrounds owned by Joe White, including nude four-wheeling and swimming.

### [2000 | Newman \(Promoted\)](#)

Newman is promoted to Summer Staff Leadership and Men's Director for K-Kountry.

### [2000 | Robert John Morgan](#)

Joe White invites Morgan, his private plane's pilot, to live on Kanakuk property while awaiting trial for charges of sodomizing a female child. White testifies in Morgan's defense as a character witness. Morgan is later convicted of statutory sodomy and is sentenced to ten years in prison.

### [2003 | Newman \(Nude & Sleeping with Children\)](#)

Parents report Newman engaging in more nude activities with young boys. Newman's direct supervisor, Will Cunningham, recommends Newman's termination, but CEO/Board Chair Joe White overrules the request and maintains Newman's employment and all leadership roles.

### [2004 - 2005 | Matthew Overstreet](#)

Overstreet works as a counselor at Kanakuk Kamp's K-2. In **2010**, he pleads guilty to a charge of sexually assaulting a child whom he met in 2007 while working as a youth group intern at a church in Texas.

### [2005 | Newman \(Promoted\)](#)

Newman is promoted to Kamp Director of K-Kountry after Will Cunningham leaves his role. Newman fully assumed his role as K-Kountry Director in the summer of **2006**. Kanakuk continues to publicly endorse Newman as a safe mentor for boys, including his methods of "hot tub bible studies."

### [2006 | Newman \(Touching Children\)](#)

More reports of Newman's inappropriate touching and late-night phone activity with young boys. Newman maintains all leadership roles and is promoted further as the face of Kanakuk and a safe mentor for youth.

### [2009-2010 | Newman \(Confession & Trial\)](#)

Threatened with outside legal action, Newman confesses to White and reveals some names of victims. Newman is terminated, arrested, and later sentenced to two life terms plus 30 years. Kanakuk begins pushing settlements with victims, inclusive of NDAs to silence them. They create and promote the Kanakuk Child Protection Plan to rebrand their camp as safe and a "gold standard" in camping.

### [2011 - 2013 | Lee Bradberry](#)

After implementation of the Kanakuk Child Protection Plan, Bradberry works as a Kanakuk counselor and abuses at least four young boys. In **2013**, Bradberry pleads guilty for sexual abusing minors involving a child under 14 and is sentenced to seven years for statutory sodomy, and two, 10-year sentences for child molestation.

## **2016 | Victims Forced to Apologize to Abuser & Refused Call Home**

At least four 13-year-old female campers are sexually assaulted by a male camper at a K-Seven social. After reporting the assault to Director Keith Chancey, the girls are forced to meet with their perpetrator to apologize for making the accusation and forgive him since “Jesus Forgives.” One victim who wants to leave is denied requests to even phone her parents about the assault.

## **2017 | Chuck Price**

Chuck Price, terminated in **1990** for sexual abuse allegations reported to leadership (but not to proper authorities), is [photographed](#) with an Urban K-Life director and Joe White, wearing a Kanakuk visitors badge.

## **2019 | Death of Newman Victim**

Trey Carlock dies by suicide after settling his case as a “John Doe” with Kanakuk and being silenced with an NDA. His family names that he was a “Kanakuk Kamps abuse survivor” in his [obituary](#). An article published by [Springfield News-Leader](#) later mentions “reports of eight Kanakuk victims whose deaths are suspected to be related to their abuse.”

## **2021 - 2022 | Survivors Speak Out**

Kanakuk abuse survivors begin connecting for the first time and join their voices to speak out after decades of being silenced by NDAs and other manipulation tactics. [FactsAboutKanakuk.com](#) launches in March 2021, and Kanakuk abuse receives national mainstream media attention for the first time. Survivors seek signatures on a [petition](#) for the release of NDAs, which reaches more than 26,000 signatures then publish an [open letter](#) with three requests. Lawsuits continue to be filed as survivors seek accountability and justice.

## **History of White Family Leadership**

Joe White’s parents purchased Kanakuk Kamps in Southwest Missouri, and White joined the staff in **1956**. In **1972**, Joe White and his second wife, Debbie Jo White, purchased the camp from his parents, Spike and Darnell White, and began building the Kanakuk empire, which now includes over 30 for- and non-profit entities. Joe White continues to serve as Kanakuk’s CEO/Board Chair and owner of multiple Kanakuk-affiliated, for-profit entities that generate millions of dollars. Over 20,000 children attend Kanakuk Kamps each summer, and Kanakuk claims to have a growing reach and international presence in 50+ countries.

**For more information on known child abusers affiliated with Kanakuk, please visit [www.FactsAboutKanakuk.com/Known-Abusers/](http://www.FactsAboutKanakuk.com/Known-Abusers/).**

*Information derived from court records and published media coverage.*