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A STATEMENT OF ARCHIMANDRITE ISAAC  
— ABBOT OF HOLY TRANSFIGURATION MONASTERY —

In October of 1990, I searched Fr. Lazarus' room, in which I found many articles that were improper for a monk to have, among which was a television, a radio, hard rock tapes, alcoholic beverages, and periodicals containing material of an immodest nature. They were confiscated and an epitimion was given to him. In the summer of 1991, I searched Fr. Lazarus' room again and found a bill of sale for three television sets and radios purchased in February of 1991. I confronted him and asked him what he would do if he were in my position. He said that I should throw him out. I told him that I wanted him to stay and to struggle as a monastic, but that I also wanted all the articles listed on the bill of sale. His answer to this was to leave secretly one and a half days later. Later, after his departure, when his room was being cleaned, switch blades and a used hashish pipe were found. Thus, Fr. Lazarus departed from the monastery because he was not allowed to have his "secret" life-style.

Also, on several occasions, Fr. Lazarus would brag to others in the community that it was easy to lie to me during confession, and he would say, "All you have to do is look at Fr. Isaac straight in the eyes, and he is so gullible, he will believe anything you say to him."

Again, others in the community can verify what is written above.

How, then, can such an individual <sup>who boasts that he lied in holy confession,</sup> be considered a trustworthy witness, as the holy canons demand?

Isaac priest monk  
signature

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