

Jim Hess  
District Program Manager  
H.R.S.  
3/4/92

Dear Mr. Hess,

My name is David [REDACTED], I am 17 years old and I want to file a legal complaint against Straight, Inc., 3001 Gandy Blvd., Pinellas Park, Florida 34665, for the following reasons:

I have personally witnessed and experienced abuse in the Straight program. I will briefly outline one incident of abuse.

**St. Petersburg Straight Facility**

On or about the beginning of September of 1989, I was taken out of group because I would not sit up straight. After being removed from group, I was taken to a room and held on the floor by other clients of the program. While they were holding me on the floor, they began rubbing my arms on the carpet until I had rug burn and began to bleed. Then they slammed my head on the floor, and began sitting on my body. This abuse continued for about one hour. Straight's staff ordered the clients to do this to me.

I want H.R.S. to begin an investigation and I want to file criminal charges against the perpetrators of this abuse. I will be happy to speak with you about the many other incidents in which I was abused as were other clients.

David [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Largo, Florida 34648  
[REDACTED]

  
David Pierson

COUNTY OF HILLSBROUGH)

STATE OF FLORIDA )

BEFORE ME this 14th day of March, 1992, appeared David [REDACTED] who after being duly sworn, says that the above information is his statement and he has read the foregoing and its statements and contents are true.

SWORN TO before me this 14th day of March, 1992.

  
Notary Public

