

# Was the Lavender Mafia Blackmailing Jeff Dahmer?

In 1988, Jeff Dahmer lived in an apartment rented or owned by the District Attorney who prosecuted him in 1991.



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Have a read through this article by Rod Dreher. It explains what goes on in the Catholic Church, including the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, and why nobody talks.

[How The Lavender Mafia Works - The American Conservative](#)

As you read the article, keep in mind that the apartment at 808 N. 24th Street, where Jeff Dahmer supposedly molested Somsack Sinthasomphone, was either owned or rented by [E. Michael McCann](#), the DA who would eventually prosecute Jeff in 1991.

Pretty curious.

Somehow, possibly via a man named John Paul Ranieri, who owned a house in Milwaukee with another man, they found out about Jeff's secret (covering up Steve Hicks' accidental death in 1978) and were blackmailing him. Eventually, it lead to him starring in a fake news story about a serial killer.

# religion

## Reluctant prophet spreads God's word

MILWAUKEE (AP) — John Paul Ranieri has been a male prostitute and a drug addict. Now he describes his work as that of a modern-day savior committed to teaching the word of God to the homeless and the hungry.

Most of the time Ranieri doesn't look like a prophet.

Dressed in worn blue jeans, a faded flannel shirt hanging loosely over his paunch, he mixes homemade buckwheat pancakes on top of an old Eagle stove in his South Side home, which has a wood-carved sign identifying it as "The Sanctuary" over its front door. The house is a clutter of cats, candles, books and religious artifacts — and sometimes street people.

The Sanctuary is a refuge for the unfortunate, where Ranieri and a friend offer food and shelter to Milwaukee's street people, and pay for all expenses out of their own pockets.

Ranieri pushes tumbled dark hair out of his eyes and tells the story of his life in a husky voice which still has traces of a New York accent.

At 15, Ranieri was hooked on diet pills. At 17, he was cruising bars, looking for speed and alcohol.

At 18, he moved from his affluent home in a New York suburb into the city and hooked up with a pimp.

He made between \$150-300 a week, and says he even enjoyed himself at first.

But, by the time he reached his late twenties, he was fighting a constant battle with drug and alcohol addiction. He started rolling his clients for money to support his habit.

He attempted suicide three times.

"It was anything but a pleasant life at the end," he says now, at age 38.

He landed — literally — in the gutter, where a Milwaukee man found him and cleaned him up. Jeff Hicks, master of properties for the Mil-

*"Don't come and follow me — I don't know where I'm going."*

**John Paul Ranieri**

waukee Repertory Theater, brought Ranieri back to Milwaukee.

That was about six years ago.

The two now run the Sanctuary.

As Ranieri worked to overcome his addiction to drugs and alcohol, he underwent a spiritual transformation. Ranieri takes the Bible literally, something he says most people can't or won't do.

"If you live your life on a day-to-day basis, you can do it," he says.

He says the street people he works with accept his philosophy with few questions. "They have nothing to lose."

Ranieri spends his days at home, taking care of the strays who come to "Brother John Paul" (his real name) for help. He spends his nights in area taverns, preaching the word of God.

"I teach dignity and respect," he says. "Most of the time I get thrown out."

He gets frustrated with organized religion, which he says ignores the physical discomforts of the hungry and poor and is concerned only with their spiritual health.

"They say, 'We'll pray for you.' I say, 'What a copout.'

"Organized religion no longer follows God's word," he adds. "The ideal of Christianity has been destroyed."

But Ranieri wanted Pope John Paul II's blessing for his unorthodox preaching. So, last July,

the street people he works with collected enough money to send him to Italy.

Because he feels an affinity with St. Francis of Assisi, Ranieri walked the 120 miles from Assisi to Rome. He made the trek in two weeks, dressed in a heavy wool monk's robe in temperatures that climbed to over 110 degrees.

When he arrived in Rome, he was able to get an invitation to attend a general audience with the pope.

The pontiff walked through the crowd and stopped in front of Ranieri.

"I asked him, 'Is it possible to live a life like Christ?'"

The pope answered: "It is the obligation of the church to defend its children in their right to do so."

That was the encouragement Ranieri needed to continue his work in Milwaukee.

To follow the example of Jesus Christ has been difficult, he admits. The Sanctuary is supported with his pen and ink drawings, Hick's income and the benevolence of strangers.

But the transformation from riches to rags, from prostitute to prophet, came slowly.

"It's not something that happens overnight," he explains. "You don't wake up one morning and say, 'Hey, I'm a Christian.'"

And, he says, he takes his role reluctantly.

"Don't come and follow me — I don't know where I'm going," he says.

"I never asked for any of this," he says. "Life would be much easier if I went back to New York, had a 9 to 5 job, 2.5 kids and a split-level ranch house in Connecticut."

But, he adds, living the life of the Gospels — and teaching it to others — has become almost an obsession with him.

"When they bury me, they better put a big rock on my grave so I don't come back and keep trying."



John Paul Ranieri, who runs a shelter for Milwaukee's street people, poses in a monk's habit he wore when he went to Rome last summer to get the pope's blessing for his work. AP

**John Paul Ranieri**

# Minister claims Dahmer hated blacks, homosexuals

*Associated Press*

MILWAUKEE (AP) — A street minister who serves the gay community says a man in whose apartment police found dismembered bodies hated homosexuals and blacks.

John Paul Ranieri said he recently befriended Jeffrey Dahmer and had long talks with him at a Milwaukee gay bar, twice within the past four weeks. Dahmer, 31, was charged Thursday with killing four of the victims whose remains were found earlier this week.

"He hated the gay community with a passion and most gay people, calling them ... faggots," Ranieri said in an interview.

He said Dahmer cruised the bar, trying to pick up men, including Ranieri.

Ranieri called himself a former New York male prostitute and recovering drug addict. He has had a street ministry in Milwaukee, serving the gay community, for more than 10 years, he said.

Police said they suspect Dahmer in at least 17 slayings over the past 10 years, many of them involving young black men he picked up at gay bars.

Barb Klauber, a secretary for the Episcopal Diocese, said Ranieri's ministry is financed with donations from Milwaukee area churches, including the Episcopal Diocese.

He has a reputation for ministering to homosexuals, she said.

Dahmer's stepmother said Wednesday that when he emerged in 1990 from Milwaukee County Jail after serving a sentence for child molestation, he had learned to hate blacks. Police say Dahmer's crimes may have occurred long before he went to jail.

**'He hated the gay community with a passion.'**

**JOHN PAUL RANIERI**

Ranieri said he heard Dahmer express hatred toward blacks and gays.

He said Dahmer was so drunk one night in the bar that he got sick and the minister called a cab to take him home.

"The kid was nervous. He was anxious. He was, I don't know, upset all the time in the bars, like he didn't want to be there, like he was compelled to be there by some inner feelings he was trying to repress and because he couldn't deal with it, he would turn around and get drunk," Ranieri said.

**Escapee's nightmare:** A man who escaped from Dahmer's home with a handcuff dangling from one wrist told police the apartment reeked and he saw a big knife under Jeffrey Dahmer's bed.

Tracy Edwards, 32, flagged down a patrol car Monday, still wearing the manacles. He said he smelled a foul odor as he entered the one-bedroom unit but was willing to come inside for a beer.

Edwards, a father of six, described his experience to the Milwaukee Sentinel as "like I was confronting Satan himself."

"I feel God worked through me," Edwards told the newspaper. "It was his time to be stopped. I feel God chose me."

Edwards refused to explain how he escaped from the apartment or how he became handcuffed. He said he met Dahmer at a shopping mall and accepted his

invitation to come over for a and became a prisoner.

Edwards described Dahmer "a pretty ordinary, regular guy." He said gaining Dahmer's trust helped him escape, but refused to elaborate.

The experience was traumatic and he said he may seek psychiatric therapy.

"I don't want any new friends anymore," he said. "I'm happy with who I know and who my friends with now. I don't want to meet any new people."

**Ads cancelled:** Paramount Pictures announced it is pulling television ads in Milwaukee for movie "Body Parts" after the dismembered bodies were found there.

"We pulled our TV ads out of sensitivity to the tragedy in Milwaukee, even though the subject line is not related at all to what happened," Paramount spokesman Harry Anderson said on Thursday.

"Body Parts," based on novel "Choice Cuts," tells story of a criminal psychologist who loses an arm in an accident and gets a new arm through grafting. He later learns the new arm was that of a murderer.

The film is scheduled to open nationwide next Friday.

The movie's title and advertising posters showing dismembered limbs are the only similarities the film has to the gruesome true story of the dismembered bodies found in Dahmer's apartment.

The Los Angeles Times, citing sources in the movie exhibition industry, reported Thursday that Marcus Corp., which operates a chain of theaters in Wisconsin, planned to pull "Body Parts" from its scheduled run because of the company's policy regarding sensitivity to community issues.

John Paul Ranieri talks about Jeff Dahmer

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John Paul Ranieri owned a house with Jeffrey Hicks

For more information, see [What Role Did The Archdiocese of Milwaukee Play In 'Jeff Dahmer, Serial Killer' Show?](#)



Former cardinal, Theodore McCarrick

A Catholic priest in Buffalo, NY named Father Joseph Mareno was trying to expose these people.

Someone shot him in the head.

## The Murder of Father Joe Moreno | Part 1



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Head on over to [our subreddit](#) to join in the discussion about this post. There are some interesting observations in the comments.

Were these people - who knew Jeff Dahmer's secret about covering up an accident death in 1978 - blackmailing Jeff Dahmer and forcing him to take photos of young men in the DA's apartment? Did Jeff Dahmer refuse after he asked one young man how he was? Was that boy's name [Somsack Sinthasomphone](#)?



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There's so much stacked against the narrative and Jeff was a target for blackmail by these people. He pushed the boundary and when he refused - he had no other option, as the alternative was going to prison.

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