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quickly as I can and we are going to have later hearings to take up all issues but if there is something you'd like to say, you're certainly free to do so.

MR. PINPARE: I'm just really confused by this whole thing because of, I've not really been approached and with a specific thing that I'm being charged with and how could I be, you know, charged with something when my accuser isn't present or anything. I'm just really taken back by this whole thing. Where is my accuser? Why was I hauled in here.

MRS. PINPARE: Just because of our association with the church in Island Pond. No one has ever, you know, accused us or seen, witnessed anything. We sort of feel like this whole thing is outrageously illegal and that it's unfair and it's unjustified, unjust to put our children through this. There has been no accusations made against us whatsoever. These are lies that have been presented to you and to the State, rumors and lies, and you grouped us all together and we're guilty just by the fact that we associate with the church in Island Pond.

THE COURT: I would like you to understand, ma'am, that I have purposely not grouped you all together. That's why I'm taking these each separately and I'd like you also to understand that I have ordered the return of the children to you on the grounds that there was no specific allegation of wrongdoing by you folks.

MRS. PINPARE: Okay. We also just want to say

released at this time.

THE COURT: Very well. Mr. Rubin, anything that you'd like to say, sir?

MR. RUBIN: No thank you. Mr. Carlin may have something to say, I'm sure.

THE COURT: Mr. Carlin, if there is anything that you'd like to say, I'd be pleased to hear from you with the understanding that we will have later hearings to hear all issues and I'm doing my best to get you folks out of that building and back home as fast as I can, sir.

MR. CARLIN: I really appreciate how you dealt with us. I just wanted to say that if I lived in any of the other houses in Island Pond, I would not be here. I'm only here under nothing against myself and my children, no evidence at all but only because I am a member of the church in Island Pond. I feel that we are being tried as a group although we come up here one at a time. I might be wrong but I thought that was unconstitutional.

THE COURT: Well, I have tried to avoid the appearance of that, sir, by taking each case individually.

MR. CARLIN: I know but we---

THE COURT: It's important to me.

MR. CARLIN: Yes. The only reason I'm here is because I live in a house on one side of the street. If I lived in the house across the street, I would not be here. I'm only here