

Unprecedented Surveillance Monitored Members' Faces, License Plates

FBI Spied on Central Church



SCOTT SHERWIN in his home on Hooper Road watching spy cameras set up by the FBI around Life Tabernacle Church.

Feds Based Surveillance in Home of Man Who Said He'd Rather Use Kalashnikov on Church

CENTRAL — Scott Sherwin had his first conflict with Life Tabernacle Church in 2006 shortly after the church opened across from

his house on Hooper Road. Sherwin started harassing 78-year-old Dorothy Spell, the wife of then-pastor Rev. B. A. Spell. Mrs. Spell

was in poor health and recovering from major surgery. According to Mrs. Spell who is now deceased, See **STRANGE** on Page 8

Federal Agents Set Up Surveillance with 8 High-Tech Cameras Surrounding Church

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CENTRAL — Friday the 13th of March 2020 was the day Gov. John Bel Edwards declared an emergency and began to rule by decree. One of his first acts was ordering churches to close.

At the same time, he kept the big box stores, liquor stores, and abortion clinics open.

Gov. Edwards ran into immediate opposition from Pastor Tony Spell of Life Tabernacle in Central who continued



Gov. Edwards

holding church services. Edwards ordered the public not to attend Life Tabernacle and sent the Commander of State Police, the State Fire Marshal, and the Sheriff to threaten the pastor. Soon afterwards, the pastor was arrested, then fitted with an ankle monitor and placed under house arrest.

Much happened over the next 26 months, but the pastor never flinched or missed a service. Then on Friday the 13th of May 2022, the Louisiana Supreme Court ruled that everything the Governor did to Pastor Spell was illegal and unconstitutional. That landmark case, **State of Louisiana v. Pastor Tony Spell** turned the world upside down and made state and national history.

So now what? In a sense, the legal side of the pandemic is only now

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SCOTT SHERWIN told a French news crew he'd like to deal with the people of Life Tabernacle with a Kalashnikov rifle.



State OKs \$1.2 Million toward 3,000-Seat Facility

Central Could Get Assembly Center for Multi-Purpose Use

BATON ROUGE - Sen. Bodi White (R-Central) has been rising through the ranks of the Louisiana Legislature, first as a member of the House, then the Senate, and now as chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, which has considerable control over the state budget and the capital outlay program.

Now in the last two years of his final term in the Senate, he plans



Courtesy West-Cal Arena

WEST-CAL ARENA in Sulphur is a model for the proposed Central Multi Use Center

to leave a legacy for his hometown of Central. As a result, \$111 million is currently in the state budget or the capital outlay program that would directly benefit Central or the immediate area. Roughly \$95 million of that is for badly-needed and long-overdue roads and drainage projects. The largest chunk of the remainder is for a new project that has so far received very little attention.

Sen. White calls it the Central Community School System Multi User Activity Center. It is a \$12 million project intended to preserve and promote Central's

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