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Appeal Filed in Pastor Terry Jones Case

ANN ARBOR, MI – The Thomas More Law Center, a national Christian public interest law firm, announced that it has filed a Claim of Appeal this afternoon on behalf of Pastor Terry Jones and Associate Pastor Marvin Wayne Sapp. The Claim of Appeal is a court pleading which begins the appellate process of challenging the controversial show trial held in the Dearborn, Michigan District Court last week.

Granted, Pastor Jones has a controversial message. However, legal observers of all political stripes agree that the City of Dearborn and the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office trampled on his constitutional rights to free speech. Dearborn's show trial, the requirement that Jones and Sapp post a peace bond, and their subsequent arrests all were blatant violations of their First Amendment right to free speech.

According to Richard Thompson, President and Chief Counsel of the Thomas More Law Center, "In the case of pastors Jones and Sapp, we had the spectacle of two American citizens thrown in an American jail, by an American judge even though they had not committed a crime; nor had they been accused of committing a crime."

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