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We were made aware through the November 18th evening news of the allegations in regard to the investigation of Benjamin Damron who's been arrested for crimes against children. We grieve for those who were victims in this situation and are praying for all of those affected.

Many of these news outlets and the police report identified Mr. Damron as being involved in a leadership capacity with Mercy Church. This is not true.

We have been and remain in contact with the local authorities and will continue to support them in their investigation efforts. In our conversations with CMPD, we discovered that Mr. Damron has been falsely posing as a youth worker from our church and indicating that he is a leader at Mercy.

We would like to clarify that Mr. Damron has never been involved in leadership or served in any capacity with Mercy Kids, Mercy Students, or any other ministry at Mercy Church and was never a member of Mercy Church. We have no record of Mr. Damron being engaged at Mercy Church since our church opened in 2015. Additionally, on November 23rd, CMPD confirmed that Mr. Damron did not hold any leadership roles at Mercy.

The safety of the children in our care is of the utmost importance to us. We take all matters regarding our security policies seriously. We strongly encourage anyone with information about this situation to contact the investigating authorities.