

The teenaged mother had called a local family violence shelter several times that day expressing the need to leave her current living situation. She reported that she was brought to the YFZ Ranch by her parents about three years ago. She stated that about two years after her arrival on the YFZ Ranch (or about one year prior to the date of this report and when she would have been 15 years old), she was spiritually married to an adult male member of the church (approximate age 49 years old) at the YFZ Ranch. She indicated that the adult male was also married to several other women and that she was wife number seven.

The teenaged mother stated that she began to be abused shortly after she started living at the YFZ Ranch. She advised that the adult male would "beat and hurt" her whenever he got angry. According to the caller, this would include the man hitting her in the chest and choking her and that while such abuse was occurring one of the other women in the home would hold her infant child. She reported that the last time he beat her was on Easter Sunday 2008. The report also indicated that, on a previous occasion, the man had beaten her so severely that it resulted in her having several broken ribs, for which she was taken to the hospital. She reported that the doctor wrapped her torso in an ace bandage and told her to "take it easy for a few days". She also indicated that the man would hurt her, explaining that he would force himself on her sexually. She also indicated that she is several weeks pregnant.

The teenager mother stated that she was not allowed to leave the YFZ Ranch, unless it was to receive medical care, in which case the man would drive her and one of the other women from the YFZ Ranch would go into the hospital with her. She indicated that she had tried to devise a plan to escape from the YFZ Ranch by pretending to be ill and needing to receive medical care, but determined this would not work since she would not be allowed to take her infant child with her unless the child was also sick.

She indicated during the conversations that she was calling using someone else's cell phone and she was reported to be very, very quiet throughout the conversations for fear that she would be overheard and would get in trouble. She stated that her parents do not live on the YFZ Ranch and that she has not had any contact with them to explain that she does not want to continue to be on the ranch.

Subsequently, on March 30, 2008, the teenaged mother again contacted staff at a local family shelter. During this conversation, she again stated that she