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A group claiming to represent victims of child abuse placed signs on two Jehovah Witness Kingdom Halls in the Halifax area this weekend. The group calls itself "the Silent Lambs". They're protesting the church's handling of child abuse cases. The signs were placed at a church in Halifax, and another in Cole Harbour.

The Silent Lambs group represents Jehovah Witnesses unhappy with the way with the way their allegations of abuse have been handled by the church.

One protestor is Sean Polden. He claims he was molested when he was 9 years old. He told his parents, who complained to the church elders.

But he says, it was dismissed.

< closeup of Sean >

"They feel that they have to follow God's laws first, rather than laws of the government,,, laws of the land. Umm, one of the laws is, in the Bible that they follow, is not to take a 'brother' to court."

< back to Sean and son >

Polden lives in Halifax, he has two young children, and says, they are one reason why he is speaking out about the abuse. He alleges the abuse happened when he was living in Hamilton Ontario. Polden says he will contact Hamilton police later this summer, to discuss possible charges against the babysitter he claims abused him.

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