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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**PRESS CONFERENCE**

**TOPIC:**               **The 1993 Branch Davidians and Federal Agents Conflict:  
What Have We Learned?**

**LOCATION:**           **Taylor Museum of Waco History**  
701 Jefferson Avenue, Waco, Texas 76701

**DATE:**               **April 19, 2023**

**TIME:**               **Starting at 10:00 am, and lasting one hour.**

Four scholars and a Branch Davidian survivor will hold a press conference at the Taylor Museum of Waco History regarding the 1993 events at the Mount Carmel Center, ten miles outside Waco, Texas, which resulted in the tragic deaths of four Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms agents and 82 Branch Davidians, including 22 children. They will present information about the interactions of federal agents, news media, and Branch Davidians during the conflict, and how it could have been resolved peacefully.

Each speaker will briefly present new insights, based on research, into the conflict between the Branch Davidians and federal agents (ATF and FBI). After their presentations, any and all questions will be taken from reporters.

The speakers are:

**J. Phillip Arnold**, Historian and Director of the Reunion Institute, Houston, Texas;  
**James D. Tabor**, retired Prof. of Ancient Judaism & Early Christianity, UNC-Charlotte;  
**David Thibodeau**, Branch Davidian survivor, author, and speaker;  
**Catherine Wessinger**, Prof. of the History of Religions, Loyola University New Orleans;  
**Stuart A. Wright**, Prof. of Sociology, Lamar University.

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**Film Produced by Reunion Institute:** *The Waco Branch Davidian Tragedy: What Have We Learned or Not Learned?*, <https://youtu.be/s5qw0WIB-aw>