

MEMORANDUM

PERSON INTERVIEWED: [REDACTED]
PLACE OF INTERVIEW: Keene, New Hampshire
INTERVIEWED BY: Detective Brooke Lemoine *BL*
DATE OF INTERVIEW: September 17, 2002
RE: FATHER GORDON MACRAE

BL: Testing one, two, three, three, two, one. This will be an audiotaped statement taking place at [REDACTED] in Keene, New Hampshire. This is Detective Brooke Lemoine. The date is the 17th of September, 2002, and the time is 3:42 p.m. I'm conducting the interview and taking a statement from [REDACTED] spelling on [REDACTED] is [REDACTED]. And her date of birth is [REDACTED]. Okay, ah, [REDACTED] I know we've talking for a few minutes in regards to, um, ah, investigation that I'm doing involving the, ah, Diocese of Manchester, correct? True? Correct, correct. Um, and, ah, ah, I've shared with you some, ah information regards to, ah, a particular priest that we're investigating, one Gordon MacRae, correct?

[REDACTED]
That's correct.

BL: And, um, you informed me that you had, you and members of your family had an extensive amount of contact with, ah, Father MacRae, correct?

[REDACTED]
Yes.

BL: Can you first tell me when, um, you and, ah, members of your family had contact with, ah, Father Gordon MacRae?

[REDACTED]
We first met him in the summer, or maybe late spring of, either '77 or '78. We were living in Marlborough and we were members of Sacred Heart, Sacred Heart Parish and he came there in late spring as a seminarian student to assist the pastor for the summer, and that's when we first met him.

BL: Okay. Ah, was, was, ah, Father MacRae, ah, a full fledged priest at that time?

[REDACTED] No. He was student in seminary at Saint Mary's in Baltimore at the time.

BL: Okay. And, um, I understand that you had quite a, quite a large family.

[REDACTED] I do, I did and I do, I had eight children and it, they range, um, there's a ten-year range between the eight children and at the time we met Father MacRae they ranged from. Oh probably thirteen down.

BL: Okay, um, when you, when you, ah, first got to know Father MacRae did you receive any information about him, any background information about where he came from, what he, ah, ah, where he, where he, ah, was going to be assigned ultimately after he became ordained?

[REDACTED] No. I mean any information that we had on him or his background were stories that he told us but, but we didn't receive any information from anybody else.

BL: Okay. And, he eventually becomes ordained as a priest?

[REDACTED] Correct.

BL: And, um, your family attends church where he is the pastor?

[REDACTED] Ah, he eventually came to Keene and he was the associate pastor.

BL: Okay.

[REDACTED] In Keene, that was several years later.

BL: Do you recall approximately what year he was in Keene?

[REDACTED] I think he came to Keene in June of '83. I think.

BL: Okay, and, ah, would this have been Sacred Heart or a different parish?

[REDACTED] Oh from different parishes St. Bernard's in Keene.

BL: Okay and, ah, ah, I, I believe you informed me that, ah, um, Father MacRae would come to your house, quite frequently and visit with you and, ah, specifically your sons.

Particularly early on.

BL: Okay.

Ah, certainly he did when he returned to Keene in '83 if I'm correct about that but early on he was at our house on a daily basis.

BL: Okay, um. Did you find anything unusual about Father MacRae at that time when, ah, he would come to the house, ah, what we get, what were some of the reasons why he came to the house, what would he do?

Well, I think he came to the house because he was bored at the rectory to tell you the truth, he was in his early twenties and the pastor was probably in his late fifties or sixties, I don't know and went to bed early, but we lived right close by, you could walk there, um, you know I had children, um. And.

BL: Can you recall your address at that time?

Ah, [REDACTED] was our address.

BL: Okay.

Ah, we were very close to the church. I'm very involved in the church and he came to the house, he had met my son [REDACTED] who was mowing lawns for the church cemetery. Um, came and offered to help them with homework, um, became a special friend to [REDACTED] but then started coming to the house, um. Ya we noticed oddities about him, he, ah, I quickly learned that he didn't always tell the truth.

BL: Okay.

But most of his lies were not, were to make himself look better they weren't about other people then I took it as like, eh, it was, it was a character flaw I guess.

BL: Okay. Do you, do you feel, ah, that however even though Father MacRae may have had a few oddities, did you feel that your kids were safe, ah, with Father MacRae?

Absolutely, I mean he was.

BL: Okay.

█ It, studying for the priesthood and in those years, you didn't question it.

BL: Okay. Now I understand there was a point in time where Father MacRae, um, left the Keene area. And went somewhere else. Went out to Hampton.

█ Well, ya, I think when he was first ordained that was his first placement in Hampton. That was before he became an associate pastor in Keene, he was in Hampton.

BL: Okay, do you recall when he went to, ah, Hampton?

█ Well whatever year he was ordained. His first placement was in Hampton.

BL: Okay.

█ So. Was that '82 or '83 or?

BL: Do you best rec, recall?

█ Ya.

BL: '82 or '83?

█ Ya I think.

BL: Okay.

█ And, I think right after ordination that was his placement and I recall he was there for a year and then he was moved to Keene so.

BL: Okay, when, um. He was out in Hampton did he continue to come and visit you here or, or when you were in Marlborough?

█ Yes he did and he continued to invite the boys over there and, um, (unintelligible).

BL: When I say over there, where would that be?

█ Ah, to the rectory in Hampton. Actually it was █ although he may have taken █ sometimes too.

BL: Okay.

[REDACTED] But it was [REDACTED] primarily.

BL: He was take your son [REDACTED] to the rectory in Hampton?

[REDACTED] Hm, hm.

BL: Now I think you, you had mentioned that there would be some overnights, that would take place.

[REDACTED] Ya he stayed there, I think he stayed at the rectory in Hudson also.

BL: Ah, how often would [REDACTED] would you say spent overnights at the rectory in, in Hampton or in Hudson?

[REDACTED] I don't know in all it might have been a half a dozen times.

BL: Okay.

[REDACTED] But it might have been more than that too, I.

BL: Ah, how about your other two boys, um?

[REDACTED] I don't know that, that [REDACTED] ever spent an overnight in either place but [REDACTED] I'm quite sure probably did spend an overnight. Ah, I don't know about him. I don't really know.

BL: Okay.

[REDACTED] did, didn't spend that much time, with him until like [REDACTED] got older.

BL: Okay.

[REDACTED] And then, um.

BL: Did the boys ever say anything to you, ah, about any behavior that Father MacRae or, or anything that Father MacRae may have done and make them feel uncomfortable at that time?

[REDACTED]: No, never.

BL: Okay.

[REDACTED] G: But, never at all, ah, but I look back at my son [REDACTED] when he was in high school and, Gordon MacRae was always coming to the house and

wanting him to play racquetball, and he was like no, no, no, no and I'm like why don't you wanna go I mean he'll pay for it for you to go racquetball he loves sports. Eh, there was probably a message there, but I didn't know enough to but, other than that I can't think of any time when I felt even their reluctance to be with him or that I should have gotten a message that I didn't I just didn't.

BL: Now at some point, ah, Father MacRae comes back to Keene.

█ Correct.

BL: From Hampton?

█ Hm, hm.

BL: Does he, does he assume a position, ah, I think you mentioned the church Saint, is it Saint Bernard?

█ Saint Bern's. Ya right ya.

BL: Saint, Saint Bernard's? Um, did you know anything about anything that may have happened to Father MacRae when he was in Hampton?

█ No, no I mean I knew that he was involved in some to do there with the nuns protesting the school, there was something.

BL: Okay.

█ And that was why he told us that he didn't stay in Hampton any longer cuz he got too politically involved.

BL: Okay.

█ So we didn't know anything about, even though I think my boys had met █ come to find out, █ had been at the rectory at times they'd had been over but we just nev.

BL: When you say █, do you know his last name?

█

BL: Okay you know a boy by the name of █?

█ I do.

BL: Okay.

[REDACTED] But.

BL: And what did, what did you find out about [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Well later on when, um, when my boys came forth with their information and we took Mr. MacRae to trial, um, we became aware of other victims and [REDACTED] being one of 'em.

BL: Okay and [REDACTED] was victimized where?

[REDACTED] At Hampton.

BL: Okay, and this would have been in the early eighties.

[REDACTED] This would have been that year that he spent at the Hampton parish I would assume.

BL: The same year that, ah, Father MacRae was taking your boys for.

[REDACTED] Right.

BL: Overnights in Hampton.

[REDACTED] A boy, probably [REDACTED]

BL: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Ya.

BL: For an overnight in Hampton.

[REDACTED] Hm, hm.

BL: Okay.

[REDACTED] Hm, hm.

BL: Um. Were, were you made aware at any, at, at anytime after he had left Father MacRae I mean left Hampton that, um, there was an allegation by the ck, by, ah, [REDACTED] that he was abused?

[REDACTED] No, no one ever told us.

BL: Okay. Ah, when Father MacRae came to Saint Bernard's, Saint Bernard's, um, did you have any information at all about why he was, why he came to Keene from Hampton?

█ No only what he told us and he did not tell us anything obviously about █

BL: Okay, ah, did anyone from the Diocese at all give you any information about any allegation, ah, of, of inappropriate touching on the part of Father MacRae on any boy, anyone, ah?

█ No.

BL: During those years?

█ No, nobody gave me any information and I don't think anybody gave anybody in whole parish any information because nobody knew anything about him.

BL: Okay, um, you made mentioned I know we talked about it that, ah, Father MacRae had a, ah, young boy with him that, ah, you, you considered maybe an adopted type son, do you know who I'm talking about?

█ Early on he told about when he was up in the Berlin area of New Hampshire.

BL: Hm, hm.

█ Of having taken on, this kid who was living all alone in an apartment without food or something, his name was █ and he referred to him as adopted, as his adopted son. Um, I think he might have even brought █ to my house once.

BL: Okay.

█ Um. But I don't know a great deal about █ I just know that there was a █ and that he was you know.

BL: Do you know if the church or, or anyone else knew about █

█ No I don't know.

BL: Did █ live in the rectory, at the church?

[REDACTED] In Keene?

BL: Yes.

[REDACTED] Not to the best of my knowledge.

BL: Okay, um. Did Father MacRae maintain a residence other than the rectory when he was in Keene?

[REDACTED] Well after he went on leave, and became the Director of Monadnock Region Substance Abuse.

BL: Okay.

[REDACTED] Then he maintained his own apartment in Keene.

BL: Okay.

[REDACTED] But I think if [REDACTED] ever stayed with him it would have been in the rectory in Hampton.

BL: Okay. Well.

[REDACTED] After, no, no maybe it was Keene too and I don't know it, you know.

BL: After Father MacRae was in Hampton, came, came to Keene and was with, ah, I believe you mentioned the name of the fa, ah, the priest that, ah, he was kinda partnered up with?

[REDACTED] Father Gabriel Houle.

BL: Okay.

[REDACTED] Was the pastor in Keene.

BL: Okay. Um, I think you'd mentioned a Father Scruton.

[REDACTED] (Sigh) ya that was later.

BL: He was also in Keene as well?

[REDACTED] He wasn't at the time, Gabe Houle was the pastor.

BL: Okay.

██████████ And Gordon MacRae came to be his associate but Gabe Houle had a serious drinking problem.

BL: Okay.

██████████ And it kept getting in the way of him being the pastor and so, finally he was farmed out to some place, and Steve Scruton was, was moved to Keene.

BL: Ya?

██████████ As the pastor.

BL: With this, are we still talking 1983?

██████████ Well no because he was here with, if he came in '83 he was with Father Houle for at least a year it might have been two so it might have been '85 or so before Steve Scruton came to Keene.

BL: Okay. And your boys were still going with or at least you know ██████████ was still going with Father MacRae, ah, quite frequently?

██████████ Um by '85 I would think not so much I think ██████████ might have been in the Army by then.

BL: Okay.

██████████ And ██████████ might have been spending more time with him.

BL: Okay. And again up and to this point, ah, you have no information at all regarding Father MacRae's past or any allegation of him having inappropriate contact with a minor in Hampton?

██████████ None. None whatsoever.

BL: Okay no one gave you any information at all?

██████████ Never.

BL: Um. I think we but, I think you had mentioned, ah, while we were talking about you know having twenty-twenty hindsight, um, that, ah, you get what you consider now to be maybe a, a little of a, of information that your children probably shouldn't hang around with Father MacRae.

█ Hm, hm.

BL: Can you tell me about how you received that information.

█ Well (sigh) when he was in Marlborough, as a seminarian student he was with, um, Dennis Houran who was the pastor in Marlborough, and. And then later on when he came to Keene, Dennis Houran was the, still the pastor in Marlborough I guess. And I knew Dennis Houran fairly well we served on the pastoral counsel together, we served on deanery council, we served on school boards and frequently we rode to meetings together. And I can remember him saying to me on several occasions at different times, why, why do you want your boys hanging around with him. What, why do you want your boys hanging around with him for. And I knew that he personally didn't like MacRae. And I knew that MacRae personally didn't like him. And I just took it as a, I don't know like a, a gossip thing back and forth about.

BL: Ya.

█ Not liking the other person, I didn't say why, what's wrong with him or what, because how could anything be wrong with him after all, he was a priest or you know so I thought.

BL: Ya.

█ And to, to my way of thinking even today if Dennis Houran knew something that put my boys in danger, what the heck didn't tell me.

BL: Okay. Now that.

█: So I.

BL: I, I understand that your boys didn't, didn't divulge that they were the victims of abuse until they were adults in their twenties.

█ And not until I asked.

BL: Okay. And eventually there was a, ah, a criminal proceeding.

█ Yes.

BL: And there was a, a, um, a civil proceeding that took place.

█ Following the criminal.

BL: Okay.

Well.

BL: After the criminal? In this.

After the criminal was done and after he was sentenced then there was a four or five day trial around there statute of limitations whether or not.

BL: Okay.

They had a right to file a civil suit. Something that I was very opposed to by the way but I, but I came to think that the only thing the church would listen to was money. That they didn't care about us as people and maybe if they cared enough about money and they got sued by enough people, maybe they'd change their behavior. (Laughs) I guess it didn't work but.

BL: And a civil suit was ultimately, um, settled out of a court without a trial on the, the facts of the civil case, correct?

Correct.

BL: And there was a confidentiality agreement signed by three of your boys?

Correct.

BL: Ah, [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

Correct.

BL: Um, when the suit, when the, when the confidentiality agreements were, were signed, ah, at, at that point, did the church, um, give you any information at all about, um, Mr. MacRae's background or other allegations that came during the course of his career as a priest, ah, about abuse?

No. The church never admitted a thing, ever. Ever, and they certainly didn't give anybody information, although we, would this be a time to mention some information that we had, during that time, during the same time?

BL: Sure, whatever you'd like to add in your statement.

Well I just, like to have it down some place that during that investigation when they were trying to, um, get some evidence on MacRae, um, he was, he had placed at the house of Paraclete, New Mexico.

BL: Okay.

And Jim McLaughlin from Keene was working with my son and, and having call MacRae.

BL: Yup.

And getting to talk about what had happened.

BL: A one-party type, ah?

Ya.

BL: Thing, okay.

Ya, get him to talk about it. And in the course of that investigation, um, came across or somehow got paperwork of a letter that the bishop at the time had sent to the house of Paraclete concerning two psychological assessments that were done on MacRae prior to ordination, and they both said look out he's got severe gender issues, um, probably not suitable to be ordained and the bishop wrote a letter telling them to destroy the evidence.

BL: Okay. Um. You certainly.

That's.

BL: Ah, did you receive any information about MacRae's psychological background when he was in seminarian, ah, studies?

Nothing.

BL: Or anything like that?

We never received anything, nobody ever admitted to anything even when they made the settlement, I mean there was no admission of fault on their part.

BL: Ya.

Um, my boys were considered to be you know like money grubbers or people just trying to get money from the church, it wasn't like they were admitting fault.

BL: And I, I, I, I think I, ah, probably can surmise the answer to this question but I need to ask it directly, had you had any information at all back in the early eighties about an allegation, ah, against Father MacRae of improper conduct with a minor, ah, while he was at Hampton, would you have ever let your children, ah, go anywhere with Father Maqu, MacRae if you had any information regarding that type of allegation?

Absolutely not.

BL: Okay.

Of course.

BL: Um, I don't have any other questions [REDACTED] if you, ah, can think of anything else you'd like to add, um, otherwise I'll conclude your statement.

No I guess I would just put on the statement that I, I just shared with you before we, taped this that just three weeks ago, I had my first communication ever from the Diocese of Manchester.

BL: Yes, ah, if you'd like elaborate on that what did you, what did you receive, ah, from communicate, with communication with the Diocese from Manchester?

I received a letter three weeks ago from the bishop of Manchester, a personal letter saying that he understood that my family had never been directly contacted by the Diocese concerning this unfortunate situation I think those were the words he used. And that he had been in Keene recently and some people had approached him about it, parishioners or something, and so he was giving me the opportunity to call through his secretary and make an appointment to, um, sit down and talk with him about my concerns if I so wished.

BL: Okay.

I just thought it was a coincidence that after fifteen years or maybe after twenty years, close to twenty years in terms of the Diocese being aware of MacRae's behavior, that someone was wanting to talk about it.

BL: Okay. Ah, is that it?

 That's it.

BL: Okay. This will conclude the audio taped statement, the time is 4:03.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: File -- GORDON JAMES MACRAE
FROM: Brenda M. Blonigen, Sergeant ^{U3MB/83}
RE: DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER
DATE: October 1, 2002

On Monday, September 30, 2002 I was able to locate

JUDITH PATERSON

DOB: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] who was the counselor that [REDACTED] disclosed to in 1983. PATERSON told me that she remembers this very well, unfortunately she destroyed all of her notes recently when she moved. PATERSON told me that she would gladly give us a tape-recorded statement. She said that she has always been angry with how this case was handled at the time. She said that she had reported the abuse to her supervisor at the time, which was JANET O'CONNELL and then it was in-turn reported to QUINN. PATERSON told me that QUINN tried to talk her out of reporting this. PATERSON told me that she was then told by QUINN that MACRAE would be taken out of parish ministry and would not be involved in working with children in any way. She said that it was shortly after that that MACRAE went to an alcohol abuse center where he was counseling youths. PATERSON will be interviewed on Monday, October 7, 2002.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] I spoke with SHARON MANGAN, who is the Director of that organization at the present time. She told me that she had located the personnel file.
[REDACTED]

MEMORANDUM

TO: File – GORDON MACRAE

FROM: DET BROOKE LEMOINE *SL*

RE: DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER – Follow-up

DATE: September 25, 2002

On the above listed date at approximately 0930hrs, this Detective responded to the Diocese of Manchester 153 Ash Street, Manchester, NH and met with Attorney Ronald Ciotti regarding a prescheduled appointment. The purpose of this appointment was to continue reviewing documents the Diocese possessed specifically documents pertaining to the Father GORDON MACRAE. This Detective and Sergeant Brenda Blonigen had begun this process on 19 Sept, however had not completed the reviewing of all documents. Attorney Ciotti provided this Detective with a private room where numerous file folders containing various documents were spread out. I was told that the GORDON MACRAE file was by far the largest single personnel file the Diocese of Manchester had. I was told that these folders and documents came from different areas such as risk management, archived files and secret archive files. I reviewed the remaining files, which took several hours and (post it note) marked certain documents germane to the ongoing investigation. The documents were later copied and given to this detective for our case inclusion.

Most notably during my review of documents in the MACRAE file, I located a three page hand written letter authored by a

[REDACTED]

This document dated 5 May 2002 is a letter to reportedly sent to the Sacred Heart School Hampton, NH and forwarded to the Diocese reporting sexual assault at the hands of GORDON MACRAE. In synopsis, the letter states that [REDACTED] sustained this abuse approximately 20 years ago (1982) while in sixth grade attending Sacred Heart School in Hampton, NH. Details of this abuse were not included in the letter. [REDACTED] indicated that he underwent years of counseling services in order to deal with the abuse he sustained and ultimately feels that he should be compensated.

The letter which initially went to the Sacred Heart was answered by Rev GEORGE HAM Pastor of the Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church Hampton, NH dated 15 May 2002 indicating that the letter would be forwarded to the Diocesan officials in Manchester. This letter also indicated that [REDACTED] was informed that GORDON MACRAE was presently incarcerated for related allegations.

A second letter was found dated 20 May 2002 from a DEBRA M MCMAHAON Clinical Supervisor. The letter reads that she would like to talk with [REDACTED] more about this matter and that he should call her.

A third letter was found dated 31 May 2002 from JOSEPH P NAFF Pastoral Care Manager for the Diocese of Manchester confirming an appointment for 24 June 2002 at 9:00AM with [REDACTED] to discuss the matter further. [REDACTED] did reportedly not keep this appointment. All the letters and correspondence was copied and enclosed in the current investigation case.

MEMORANDUM OF INTERVIEW

Person Interviewed: JUDITH K PATERSON

Place of Interview: [REDACTED]

Date of Interview: 7 OCTOBER 2002, 2:00PM

Person Interviewing: Detective Brooke Lemoine *AL*

RE: GORDON MACRAE

On the above listed date and time, this investigator responded to [REDACTED] and met with [REDACTED]

JUDITH K PATERSON
LICENSED CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER

Mrs. PATERSON was identified as a social worker employed by the NH Catholic Charities between 1982-1984. Further information contained within the Diocese paperwork indicates that PATERSON treated and received disclosure of sexual assault by juvenile [REDACTED] at the hands of Father GORDON MACRAE.

In synopsis, JUDITH K PATERSON reported the following: That in the summer 1983 she treated [REDACTED] a 13 or 14 year old juvenile who was referred to her by his parents. She further indicated that after several counseling sessions, [REDACTED] divulged that Father GORDON MACRAE had been sexually abusing him on several occasions this taking place in Hampton, NH at the Sacred Heart Parish Rectory and possibly at [REDACTED] home. The sexual abuse consisted of genital fondling and mouth to mouth kissing. Mrs. PATERSON indicated that following this disclosure, she notified her immediate supervisor JEANETTE O'CONNELL, as the incident must be reported to the authorities. Mrs. PATERSON indicated that she was told that the information would be passed onto Father JOHN QUINN who was the Director of Catholic Charities. Mrs. PATERSON indicated that she did have a conversation with father QUINN on the telephone. Father QUINN reportedly indicated that the protocol for reporting matters such as this is that the Bishop to the Director of Welfare report them personally. Mrs. PATERSON indicated she provided Father QUINN with all the details regarding the [REDACTED] disclosure and her belief that they were genuine. Father QUINN however, questioned the validity of what [REDACTED] had said and doubted the report. Mrs. PATERSON advised that in the days to follow she was not contacted by anyone from the Division of Welfare or anyone looking to investigate the matter further. Mrs. PATERSON indicated that Father QUINN eventually told her that Father MACRAE would be taken out of parish ministry and not put in a


position where he would be in contact with children or families. Mrs. PATERSON indicated that she eventually concluded that she had been lied to as Father MACRAE continued ministry work at the parish in Keene, NH.


An audio taped statement was taken cite transcribed statement for details.

MEMORANDUM

TO: File – GORDON JAMES MACRAE
FROM: Brenda M. Blonigen, Sergeant *amb/ss*
RE: DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER
DATE: October 16, 2002

On Wednesday, October 16, 2002 I called and spoke with

SYLVIO L. DUPUIS


who was in charge of the Welfare Department in 1983 when PATERSON reported the incident of abuse against  DUPUIS told me that he did in fact remember the case because it was the only case of this type that he received. He told me that he (DUPUIS) met personally with the Bishop at the time, Bishop Gendron. DUPUIS told me that as soon as he received the information he (DUPUIS) told the Bishop that this had to be immediately reported to social services. DUPUIS said that no one from the Diocese tried to talk him out of reporting this to the proper officials. DUPUIS told me that he then immediately called and referred this to Division of Children and he never heard of it after that.

MEMORANDUM

TO: File – GORDON JAMES MACRAE

FROM: Brenda M. Blonigen, Sergeant ^{43MB/}83

RE: DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER

DATE: October 15, 2002

On Tuesday, October 15, 2002 in an attempt to locate any personnel records or records for the victim that was reported from Spofford Hall I called and spoke with ROSEMARY SHANNON, Alcohol & Rehabilitation Facilities, 271-6108. She gave me the number for the agency that took over the records for Spofford Hall when it closed, that was

Conifer Park, Inc.
 Glenville, NY
 518-399-6446

I called that number and spoke with BETY MILCOY, extension 146, who told me that all of the personnel records for Spofford Hall were accidentally destroyed. She told me that there may in fact be some information in the medical records concerning the report of abuse. She transferred me to PATTY WILCOX, extension 323. WILCOX told me that records are destroyed after seven years, therefore any record there may have been is destroyed.

On October 15, 2002 I received a message from Attorney Jim O'Brien from Massachusetts returning my call in an attempt to locate Attorney Richard LaSalle, formerly of Fall Rivers, Massachusetts. O'Brien told me that LASALLE of Fall Rivers is listed as deceased.

I have made multiple attempts to locate [REDACTED] the victim from Spofford Hall. I have called all [REDACTED] listed in information to include ones listed in California. I also attempted to locate [REDACTED] father, [REDACTED] and there was one listed for Fall Rivers, Massachusetts. I called the number listed for a [REDACTED] and spoke with a female who identified herself as [REDACTED] daughter. She told me that he was not the father of [REDACTED] and that there was another [REDACTED] who they get many phone calls for. She said that there was another [REDACTED] that lives somewhere in Fall Rivers, however he has an unlisted number, which she does not know. She said that he works for a car dealership and she does not know the name of it.

I have been attempting to locate

[REDACTED]
 DOB: [REDACTED]

SSN [REDACTED]

who is also a victim of MACRAE. [REDACTED] gave a statement to the Keene Police Department outlining the abuse that he went through when he was a young child. I located a New Hampshire phone number, which has been disconnected. There were several [REDACTED] located in the Connecticut area, however I called all phone number that I could locate and they all stated that they were not the [REDACTED] that I was looking for. I called and spoke with New Hampshire Department of Labor, Massachusetts, and Connecticut and sent a letter by facsimile to New Jersey to inquire if [REDACTED] has been employed in any of these states. The only information that I received was from New Jersey where I spoke with [REDACTED] who said that the last record that he had for [REDACTED] employment was [REDACTED] however the last reporting for [REDACTED] was 09/30/2001. I called that number and spoke with a male who told me that [REDACTED] I left over a year ago and the only information that they have is that he possibly moved to China to take a job.

ATTORNEY GENERAL
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03301-6397

PHILIP T. MCLAUGHLIN
ATTORNEY GENERAL

STEPHEN J. JUDGE
DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL



October 4, 2002

Department of Labor
State of New Jersey
ATTN: Barbara Marrazzo
FAX (609) 292-7888

Dear Ms. Marrazzo:

I am currently conducting a criminal investigation and am in the process of attempting to locate a victim in the case. I understand that this person is possibly in the New Jersey area. Please review your files and let me know if he has been employed within the State of New Jersey recently. That person is



Please give me a call to verify that this letter has reached your office. My direct number is (603) 271-2069 or you may call the main number of (603) 271-3658. Thank you in advance for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Brenda M. Blonigen
Sergeant
Criminal Division

bmb

MEMORANDUM

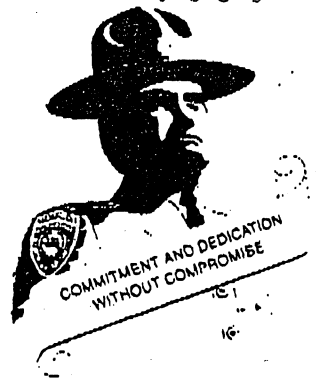
TO: File - GORDON MACRAE
FROM: DET BROOKE LEMOINE *BC*
RE: DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER - Follow-up
DATE: 9 Oct, 2002

On the above listed date this investigator received a fax from STATE POLICE Lt JAMES KELLY TP C. The fax contained a multi page investigative report he conducted in 1988 Case [REDACTED]. This report was a sexual assault investigation the victim identified as [REDACTED] Massachusetts. The suspect was identified as GORDON MACRAE dob 4/9/53. In synopsis, the report indicates that [REDACTED] who was a 17 year old in patient at SPOFFORD HALL (a drug and alcohol facility located at Rt 9A Chesterfield, NH)was sexually assaulted by MACRAE on 7/5/88. This assault consisted of an act of mutual masturbation. The investigation was ultimately closed as the victim through his attorney would not provide a formal statement to KELLY. The report indicates that MACRAE was interviewed by KELLY and that MACRAE denied assaulting [REDACTED] stating that it was [REDACTED] who made sexual advances toward him, grabbed him exposed himself and began to masturbate in front of him this taking place in an office at SPOFFORD HALL. MACRAE indicated that he left the room however never told anyone about the incident. The report was placed within the case package

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THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY
DIVISION OF STATE POLICE



**FAX
REQUEST**

DATE 10-9-02

TO DET. LEMDINE - MICHAEL FAX NUMBER 271-2110
ATTENTION JAHAN TELEPHONE/EXTENSION _____
FROM LT. T. KELLY FAX LOCATION TROOP-C
NUMBER OF PAGES _____ INCLUDING COVER SHEET

SPECIAL REMARKS Good Luck!

SENT BY (NAME) LT. T. KELLY DATE 10-9-02
OFFICE TROOP-C TIME 1140

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**NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE POLICE
INITIAL INVESTIGATION REPORT**

1. CASE NO. C-88-373		2. INVESTIGATING TPR Tr. James F. Kelly		3. ID # 497	4. TOWN OF CRIME Chesterfield		5. TN CD 0304	6. DATE OF REPORT 07/31/88	
7. CRIME Sexual Assault (M)		8. RSA # 632-A:4		9. CRIME (SECOND, IF ANY)		10. RSA #		11. CRIME (THIRD)	
12. RSA #		13. CRIME (FOURTH)		14. RSA #		15. VICTIMS NAME		16. RACE	
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28. HOUR 0000		29. DAY 2	30. MONTH 7	31. DATE 5	32. YEAR 88	33. NAME Sylvia Gale		34. DATE CRIME RPT. 07/14/88	
35. TIME 1525		36. HOME ADDRESS D.C.Y.S. Concord, N.H.		37. TEL. NO. 271-4691		38. TYPE OF PREMISES Other Building (Rehabilitation Ctn)		39. CODE 86	
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69. NAMES AND ADDRESS Fr. Gordon MacRae		70. RSA #		71. DOB 04/09/53		72. RACE W		73. SEX M	
74. AGE 37		75. ACCUSED XXXXXX XXXXXX		76. ACCUSED XXXXXX XXXXXX		77. ACCUSED XXXXXX XXXXXX		78. ACCUSED XXXXXX XXXXXX	

List accused - List and identify additional victims - Describe perpetrators or suspects - Action taken including findings and observations of investigator - Persons interviewed - Where - By whom - Disposition and technical services performed - Interview of victims - Witnesses - Persons contacted - Suspects - List - Describe stolen property - Attach Court Report - Attach statements, if narrative is such that it will require continuation pages (DSSP-102), place a synopsis below and entire narrative on continuation pages.

SYNOPSIS

On 07/14/88 this writer recieved a sexual abuse case in reference to an alleged incident that had taken place on 07/05/88 at Spofford Hall in the town of Chesterfield N.H. It was alleged in the report that a Father Gordon MacRae (04/09/53) and a [REDACTED] had engaged in the act of masturbation together. This case remains under investigation.

CONTINUATION TO FOLLOW.

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**NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE POLICE
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1. CASE NO.	2. INVESTIGATION TPR.	3. ID	4. TOWN OF CRIME	5. TN CD	6. DATE OF REPORT
[REDACTED]	Tr. James F. Kelly	497	Chesterfield	0304	07/31/88

On 07/14/88 this writer recieved a sexual abuse type complaint from the Troop C secretary Lynn Doody. Doody had recieved information via the telephone from a:

Sylvia Gale
D.C.Y.S.
Concord, N.H.

in reference to an alleged incident that had taken place on 07/05/88 at Spofford Hall located on Rt. 9A in the town of Chesterfield N.H. It was alleged that a:

Father Gordon Macrae
52 Summit Rd. # 12
Keene, N.H.
04/09/53 W/M

who is a drug and alcohol abuse counselor at Spofford Hall had engaged in joint masturbation with one of the patients, a:

[REDACTED]

On 07/15/88 this writer contacted Sylvia Gale in reference to this incident and it was agreed that we would attempt to set up an interview with [REDACTED] sometime during the week of August 1, 1988.

On 07/31/88 at 1015 hours this writer contacted the victim's father via the telephone, the father, a:

[REDACTED]

stated that he had employed a private attorney who he stated was a:

Attorney Michael Lasalle
Highland Ave.
Fall River, Mass.

in reference to the incident. [REDACTED] expressed concerns over this incident and the emotional well being of his son. He stated that his son had been thru some rough times in the recent past and he was concerned as to how this incident might affect him emotionally. He also expressed concerns that his son may have to someday testify in court. This writer attempted to diminish his concerns and expressed an eagerness to interview his son. He stated that his attorney might take a statement from his son and then give it to me. He was told that this writer would have to be present during the taking of the statement in order to gather certain information in relation to the charge. [REDACTED] said that he would speak to his son in order to see how he felt about

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telling what had taken place between the son and Father MacRae. This writer told [REDACTED] that I would call his attorney on 08/01/88 and attempt to set up some type of appointment with him.

This case remains under investigation.

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NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE POLICE
SUPPLEMENTARY INVESTIGATION REPORT

NO.	2. TROOPER Tr. James F. Kelly	3. I.D. 497	4. TOWN Chesterfield			5. CD. 0304	6. DATE 09/19/88
CRIME	7. CRIME Sexual Assault	8. RSA # 632-A:4	24. MO.	25. DAY	26. YR.		
	7A. NEW CRIME	8A. NEW RSA #	24A. MO.	25A. DAY	26A. YR.		
VICTIM	19A. VICTIMS NEW HOME ADDRESS						
VALUE OF ADD'L STOLEN PROPERTY	52A. LARCENY	53A. AMOUNT	54A. BURGLARY		55A. AMOUNT	56A. AUTOMOBILE	57A. MISC.
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69. NAME OR PREVIOUSLY ARRESTED, ACCUSED, OR SUSPECT OR	70A. CHARGE	71A. DOB 04/08/53	72A. RACE W	73A. SEX M	74A. AGE 35
69A. NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF NEW ONES Fr. Gordon MacRae 52 Summit Rd. # 12 Keene, N.H. 03431					

On 09/19/88 at 1530 hours this writer met with the accused at Troop C, a Fr. Gordon MacRae in order to interview him in relation to the allegations that were made by [redacted]. As this writer began to discuss the allegations MacRae stated that he was aware of the case and had been waiting to be contacted. At 1535 hours this writer advised MacRae of his Miranda Warning, MacRae stated that he understood it and wished to speak without an attorney present. MacRae said that when he first became aware of the allegations he consulted with Attorney Charles Donahue of Keene. He said that Donahue had advised him to speak with no one unless he, Donahue, was present. This writer then asked if he wished to have Donahue with him to which he stated no. MacRae said he wished to speak with this writer about the case. At this point the interview began.

MacRae stated that he first became aware of the allegations by members of the staff at Spofford Hall. When asked how the staff had become aware of the allegations MacRae said that he was told that [redacted] had told another patient at Spofford Hall and that this patient in turn had reported it to the staff. MacRae further said that he had never known what the allegations were. MacRae was questioned by members of the staff and it was there determination that he be relieved of his duties at the facility. MacRae went on to say that he then called a:

Msg. Quinn
Diocese of Manchester
Manchester, N.H.

and had advised him of the situation. At this point MacRae became somewhat uncomfortable in stating that various parts of this situation were in a confessional atmosphere. MacRae spoke with Msg. Quinn who stated to him that was in fact not a confession with Fr. MacRae, so therefore certain things could be divulged. This writer then stopped him due to the fact that he was quite uncomfortable and felt that the position that he was in prior to the incident was compromising to him. He was then asked if the allegations made against him were true to which he said, "No, it is not true." MacRae said that on the day of the incident he had held a mass at Spofford Hall and that after the mass [redacted] had approached him and asked for MacRae to hear his confession. MacRae stated that it is policy for patients to make an appointment with their counselors prior to his meeting with anyone. He said that [redacted] appeared to be quite urgent in what

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1. CASE NO.	2. INVESTIGATION TPR.	3. ID	4. TOWN OF CRIME	5. TN CD	6. DATE OF REPORT
[REDACTED]	Tr. James F. Kelly	497	Chesterfield	0304	09/19/88

he wished to discuss, therefore he and MacRae entered an office and began their discussion. MacRae and [REDACTED] discussed various things and towards the end of the discussion MacRae said that [REDACTED] admitted to having a homosexual affair with a staff member at Spofford Hall and also had an affair with one of the patients. However in further discussion to MacRae [REDACTED] admitted that he had fabricated the story about the staff member. According to MacRae [REDACTED] then went on to say that there was a staff member that he had a crush on. MacRae advised him to speak with his counsler and at this time got up and began to go to the door. MacRae said that at this time [REDACTED] got out of his chair, grabbed MacRae from behind and began to masturbate himself. MacRae said that he was about to open the door when he heard voices outside and was afraid of how it would look. He said the situation lasted for 60 seconds and at that point opened the door, looked for a counsler and had to return to the room with [REDACTED]. He then left, found a counsler and had [REDACTED] returned to his room. MacRae said that he wanted to report the situation at once but did not. He said that looking back on it he realized that the situation should have been brought to someone's attention immediately.

This writer has contacted the victim's father via telephone, has contacted [REDACTED] attorney via telephone and via letter and the Cheshire County Attorneys office has contacted [REDACTED] attorney in order to interview him however all efforts to do so have been fruitless. Due to this, this writer has no alternative at this time but to close this case and arrive at a finding of unfounded.
This case is closed.

Rjm 9-27-88

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1. CASE NO. [REDACTED]	2. INVESTIGATION TPR. Tr. J.F. Kelly	3. ID 497	4. TOWN OF CRIME Chesterfield	5. TN CD 0304	6. DATE OF REPORT 08/17/88
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On 08/07/88 this writer was contacted by Attorney Richard Lasalle via the telephone in reference to this case. This writer expressed an eagerness to interview [REDACTED] in reference to the alleged incident that took place at Spofford Hall between himself and Father Gordon MacRae. Lasalle stated that he would be willing to take sworn statements from [REDACTED] and have them sent to me. This writer explained that this would not be acceptable due to the fact that there were certain questions that had to be asked of [REDACTED] in reference to the investigation. This writer expressed concern that if the allegations were in fact founded that this case should be investigated at once and the appropriate actions should be taken against MacRae. Lasalle stated that he would talk to both [REDACTED] and his father and get back to me. As of the date of this report this writer has not heard from any of the parties involved.

On 08/17/88 this writer wrote to Attorney Lasalle and again stated the need to interview [REDACTED] in reference to this case. Copies of this letter were sent to the Cheshire County Attorney and Sylvia Gale at D.C.Y.S. in Concord N.H.

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September 29, 1988

Mr. Edward J. O'Brien
Cheshire County Attorney
P.O. Box 612
Keene, New Hampshire 03431

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is additional information submitted by Trooper James F. Kelly see [REDACTED] (August 4, 1988) for your information.

Very truly yours

FOR: Colonel George L. Iverson

Lieutenant Richard A. Foote
Commander - Troop C

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enclosure

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September 9, 1988

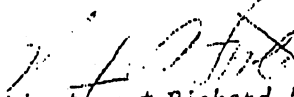
Mr. Edward J. O'Brien
Cheshire County Attorney
P.O. Box 612
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Lieutenant Richard A. Fosse
Commander - Troop C

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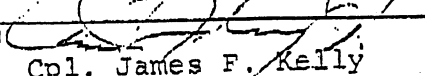
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[REDACTED]	Cpl. J.F. Kelly	497	Chesterfield	0304	02-03-94

At the request of Assistant Cheshire County Attorney Bruce Reynolds the following report is submitted. This report involves a discussion that I had on 09-19-68 with a Father Gordon MacRae at Troop C. This investigation pertained to a Sexual Assault investigation that was ultimately determined to be unfounded due to the lack of cooperation by the alleged victim.

During the course of our conversation on this particular day MacRae informed me that he wanted to provide me with personal information, however he said that he wished to keep this information between the two of us. MacRae informed me that he had recently been diagnosed with some type of a brain tumor and the severity of it was unknown at the time. I can recall MacRae telling me at the time that he did not want me to feel sorry for him, but he wanted me aware of his medical problem.

At the time I agreed to keep this information secret, feeling it had little to do with the investigation at hand. However upon the request of Attorney Reynolds this information is submitted.

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NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE POLICE
POSSESSED PROPERTY REPORT

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1. CASE NO.	2. INVESTIGATING TPR. Brooke Lemoine	3. ID	4. TOWN OF CRIME Manchester	5. TN CD	6. DATE OF REPORT 10/07/2002
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MEMORANDUM OF INTERVIEW

PERSON INTERVIEWED: JUDITH K. PATTERSON

PLACE OF INTERVIEW: [REDACTED]

INTERVIEWED BY: Brooke Lemoine, Detective *BC*

DATE OF INTERVIEW: October 07, 2002

RE: GORDAN JAMES MACRAE

BL: This will be an audio taped statement. The date is the 7th of October 2002. The time is 2:30 p.m. This is Detective Brooke Lemoine and I'm conducting the interview on taking a statement from Judith, middle initial K, last name of Paterson, PATERSON. The location of the interview will be at [REDACTED] Ah, this would be Judith Paterson's office where she is a counselor. Okay, ah, Mrs. Paterson, ah can you tell me how long you've been a counselor here?

JP: At this location or I've been in, practice overall?

BL: Why don't we start with how long you've been in practice as a counselor.

JP: About 20 years.

BL: 20 years. Okay. And your present position is what?

JP: Ah, my, my license ah title is License Independent Clinical Social Worker and I am in private practice in Exeter, New Hampshire.

BL: Okay.

JP: I also work for Boston University. I don't know whether you want that.

BL: That's fine. I'm just looking to get a little background on yourself.

JP: Okay.

BL: Um, do you have any specialties, interviewing specifically young people? Is your practice involved in the younger persons?

JP: Ah, currently it does not. As I have gotten older I have restricted my current practice to working with adults.

BL: Okay.

JP: When, at the time that I was at Catholic Charities and for much of the younger years of my career, I did work a lot with children and families and as such of course talked with a lot of kids, both very young and adolescent. In terms of interviewing ah, ah there was not a formal interview like an investigation. Um, but it would be more the initially getting to know and getting a sense of what's going on in the kids life that is giving them difficulties, so that's, that's the psychological interview so to speak.

BL: Okay. You indicated that you worked for Catholic Charities, correct?

JP: Right.

BL: Okay, when was that?

JP: I worked for Catholic Charities from 1980 to, to 1984.

BL: Okay.

JP: Those dates aren't quite right because I think I was there more than two years, but in any case

BL: So approximately two years?

JP: It's approximately two years.

BL: Okay. Where was your office located when you worked for Catholic Charities?

JP: It was on Main Street in Salem, New Hampshire. I don't remember the number.

BL: Main Street in Salem?

JP: In Salem, yes.

BL: Okay. And ah what were, what were your duties as a counselor for Catholic Charities back in 1982 to 1984?

JP: I was called a Generalist Therapist, so which means that I worked with a whole wide range of ah ages and concerns from. I think my youngest kid

while I was there was four and oldest client might have been 70 something, something like that. Ah, we saw just about everybody there.

BL: Okay. And would these be persons that were referred to you by the church?

JP: Some, ah some were simply members of the parish who if there was something going on in a family that concerned them they would Catholic Charities. Ah, and or it might be a referral from somebody that had been to Catholic Charities and told a neighbor, somebody, it was non sectarian. It was restricted just to people within the church.

BL: Okay. Who was your supervisor that you would ah that was in charge of you?

JP: Ah, Janet O'Connell.

BL: Janet O'Connell.

JP: And that's CONNELL and she was the district office supervisor.

BL: Okay. Ah, back in 1982 to 1984, when you were a therapist working for Catholic Charities, um if you received a complaint or information regarding abuse whether it be sexual or physical abuse, um what would be your standard operating procedure handling those type of reports?

JP: Standard procedure would be to make a formal report to ah what is now called DCYF. It was just a division of welfare at that time. If it were in the Salem _____ area it would go to the Salem District Office. If it were in the greater Seacoast area it would go to the Portsmouth District Office.

BL: Okay. And during the time when you were working for Catholic Charities did you ever have to make any ah telephone calls to the Division of Welfare regarding any abuse allegations?

JP: I didn't.

BL: Okay.

JP: In the time that I was there the only sexual abuse disclosure was with [REDACTED]

BL: Okay. Now I just want to draw your attention around the fall of 1983. Ah, did you have the occasion to meet with a [REDACTED]

JP: Yes.

BL: Okay. When you first met um we'll call him [REDACTED] ah how old was [REDACTED] if you can recall?

JP: He was either 13 or 14. I think maybe he was 13 and at the time of the disclosure I think he might have been 14.

BL: Okay.

JP: To the best of my recollection.

BL: Where was [REDACTED] from, do you remember?

JP: Hampton.

BL: Okay. And do you recall what church he attended?

JP: I think it's our Lady of Sacred Heart.

BL: Okay. And that's located in Hampton?

JP: That's in Hampton.

BL: Okay.

JP: He also went to Sacred Heart School.

BL: Okay. Ah, when you first met with [REDACTED], was this for an appointment for you to see him in a counseling capacity?

JP: Yes.

BL: Okay. Ah, did you meet with [REDACTED] parents at all?

JP: Yes I did.

BL: Okay. What were their concerns?

JP: They were concerned about um ah behavior at home. They were concerned about his relationship with his dad especially.

BL: Okay.

JP: Ah, they did talk about concerns that [REDACTED] had expressed that he was missing Father MacRae terribly. Ah, [REDACTED] wanted to be a priest. He was very close to MacRae I was told at the time MacRae was in our Lady of the church.

BL: Do you remember if ah [REDACTED] had mentioned to you at all any, any suspicions that they may have had regarding the relationship their son was having with Father MacRae?

JP: No.

BL: Okay.

JP: No, that never came up.

BL: Okay. Um, did you see [REDACTED] alone that day?

JP: Yes.

BL: Okay.

JP: I think I saw [REDACTED] initially alone and then asked the parents to come in. We did some, some work with the family, with the four of us.

BL: Okay. Um, can you describe to me when you first began treating [REDACTED] ah what was his demeanor? What did you talk about? Did he make a disclosure of sexual assault at the very beginning or how did it evolve?

JP: Is, that no, it took a while as it generally does with adolescents for him to get comfortable with me and to see me as a trusted person and we talked a lot about his loneliness. He was, he was, I felt he was depressed from ah the early stages of my contact with him and he was clearly grieving ah the loss of ah the priest. Ah, couldn't understand why the priest wouldn't write to him or, or talk to him by telephone. Ah, he was very lonely in his peer group. Kind of teased by other kids. Ah, tall slender boy. Very handsome. Ah, a touch of feminine and he just never fit in with ah the kids at that school.

BL: Okay. Um, so it sounds like there were several visits with, with [REDACTED] before he made a disclosure of abuse.

JP: There were. I, I have no way of knowing how many, but there were.

BL: He eventually did disclose that he was abused by Father MacRae?

JP: Yes.

BL: Okay. Where did [REDACTED] if you can recall, indicate that the abuse took place?

JP: I think two places. I think there was some at the church or the Rectory and then I think some of it was in [REDACTED] home when MacRae had taken [REDACTED] home from a church thing.

BL: Okay. Um, did he indicate to you what the abuse consisted of?

JP: Yes.

BL: Okay.

JP: And.

BL: Can you tell me what he told you?

JP: Yeah. He said that MacRae asked him to sit in his lap, that he fondled him. That what [REDACTED] told me is that he couldn't remember whether MacRae touched his genitalia. He said that MacRae ah wanted to kiss him and ah what [REDACTED] was confused about and how this initially came up in our discussion he asked me if it was a normal thing for a priest to want to kiss a boy on the mouth.

BL: Okay.

JP: This he was very confused by what this meant and then as he was talking I opened up as much as I could in terms of what he was willing to disclose and I always felt there was more abuse than that.

BL: Okay.

JP: Whether it was repressed and he didn't remember at all or it whether he went as far as he could in terms of disclosing I was never sure.

BL: Okay. So it does, it does sound that the information that he gave you that day ah was ah absolutely a case of physical abuse. You said he touched, he indicated that Father MacRae touched his genitalia?

JP: Ah, ah, no I, I, I that's what I was trying to get at and if, if he did and [REDACTED] wasn't quite sure. He was always a little ah equivocal ah about that.

BL: Okay.

JP: And I always felt that he did, but whether he didn't remember or whether he couldn't bring himself to say it, I was never sure.

BL: Okay.

JP: Ah, but it was a clear cut sexual abuse because of the fondling because of the kissing, because of the pulling of him on his lap a violation of that sexual boundaries.

BL: Okay. Ah, did you take any notes of what um [REDACTED] had told you? Where you taking notes at that time?

JP: I, I had some notes in the record. I have to say that I was so shocked ah by what he had said that ah I can't remember exactly what I put in the note, but I ah put in something about [REDACTED] had talked um about Father MacRae molesting him and I had just sort of made a mental thing to myself. I need to go to Janet with this immediately.

BL: Okay.

JP: And ah.

BL: Janet being O'Connell.

JP: Janet being O'Connell whose a district supervisor.

BL: Okay.

JP: And ah talk with her about it.

BL: Okay. Um, when, when [REDACTED] was giving you these details about this abuse was [REDACTED] emotional?

JP: Actually um, he was pretty flat. There is a ah one of the symptoms of PTSD is a numbing so that a survivor can talk about an extremely emotional event, talk about the sexual abuse, but the pre-flat affect it's a numbing of emotions.

BL: Okay. Did you believe [REDACTED] when he was telling you these things?

JP: I believed him absolutely. I knew he was telling the truth.

BL: Okay. Um, following these disclosures that received from [REDACTED] um did you speak with [REDACTED] parents?

JP: Yes.

BL: Tell them what [REDACTED] told you?

JP: Yes, we had talked about that.

BL: Okay. What did you suggest to [REDACTED] that be done?

JP: I told them that ah it had to be reported and that um ah that it was going to be very important for [REDACTED] to continue to ah receive therapy.

BL: Okay. Um, did you inform your supervisor, Janet O'Connell, that [REDACTED] made a disclosure of sexual assault at the hands of Father Gordon MacRae?

JP: Absolutely.

BL: Okay.

JP: Maybe, that day actually.

BL: Okay and what did she tell you?

JP: Is that she said that she ah wanted to report it to Father Quinn.

BL: Okay.

JP: And ah Quinn was the at that time the director of NH Catholic Charities, which would be the state wide organization and then find out exactly what to do from that point. Ah, there was no question in her mind either that it needed to be legally reported.

BL: Okay.

JP: But she wasn't quite sure what the church protocol was.

BL: Okay. Where you at all armed with any protocol as far as who the next reporting person was suppose to be after I guess Janet?

JP: I wasn't. Um, you know my understanding was that I would have to report to the Portsmouth District Office.

BL: Okay.

JP: And she didn't know otherwise. That's why she wanted to talk with Quinn because I told her that that's what I had to do. That there had to be an official report filed.

BL: Do you know if ah Ms. O'Connell spoke with Father Quinn?

JP: Yes he did.

BL: Okay.

JP: She did.

BL: How do you know that?

JP: She told me.

BL: Okay.

JP: And ah Quinn called me.

BL: Was it the same day?

JP: I don't remember.

BL: Okay. Ah, Father Quinn did get in touch with you?

JP: Huh, huh.

BL: On the telephone or in person?

JP: On the telephone.

BL: Okay. And um can you tell me what you talked about with Father Quinn?

JP: He described a protocol for ah, ah any church disclosures of sexual abuse or any, anything by a priest that involved ah the Bishop of the Diocese, who at that time was ah Bishop Gendron and that Bishop Gendron would then be making the report personally to the Commissioner of Welfare.

BL: Okay. I just want to back up a little bit.

JP: Sure.

BL: Um, when Father Quinn was on the telephone with you ah did you articulate to Father Quinn what [REDACTED] disclosures were?

JP: Yes.

BL: Okay. You gave Father Quinn specifics of these disclosures were?

JP: I did.

BL: Okay.

JP: I did.

BL: Ah, what was Father Quinn's reaction to ah what [REDACTED] disclosed to you that happened to him?

JP: Ah, initially he was very doubtful. He wasn't sure that [REDACTED] was telling the truth. He asked me several times whether I believed him and you know did I need to talk with [REDACTED] some more, to make sure that he was telling the truth and ah what I told him was that I knew that [REDACTED] was absolutely telling the truth and that ah this was a clear, this constituted legal sexual abuse and it was a mandated report to the authorities.

BL: Was there anything that, that occurred during your interview with um [REDACTED] that would lead you to believe that he would be lying?

JP: Absolutely nothing.

BL: Okay. Was there anything that Father Quinn indicated that he had any information that would, would suggest that [REDACTED] could be lying? Did he offer you any information?

JP: No. No.

BL: Okay. Um, I think, I think you had mentioned earlier that Father Quinn ah did not want you to report this matter to anyone.

JP: He didn't want it reported and um I really, I really pressed him on it because I felt very strongly about it and that it absolutely had to be reported and ah then he sort of softened his approach, said that he was going to talk with Bishop Gendron.

BL: Okay.

JP: And that um Bishop Gendron would take it from there and actually he did talk with me later and I can't remember what the time interval was, but ah to tell me that Gendron had talked to the Commissioner of Welfare.

BL: Okay.

JP: And that ah that there had been a disclosure. I mean a report.

BL: Let me just, I just want to cover ah this protocol um is it my understanding that if it was a disclosure of sexual assault not involving a priest, then you would

have called DCYF and made or at that time would have been the Division of Welfare.

JP: Yes.

BL: And made a report ah with them directly. You would have called them. Because it was involving a priest um Father Quinn would speak with the Bishop and they would make a report to the Director himself. Is that my understanding? It would be a report to the Director of Welfare?

JP: The Commissioner.

BL: The Commissioner, excuse me. The Commissioner of Welfare.

JP: That's okay. That's okay. It was my understanding that if anything involving a priest went to the Bishop up through channels.

BL: Okay.

JP: And from the Bishop directly to the Commissioner of Welfare and how it was explained to me was because it was a delicate issue that it was handled at the highest level.

BL: Okay.

JP: And that phrase I do remember.

BL: Okay.

JP: From Quinn.

BL: Although you recalled ah Father Quinn um telling you that you should not report the matter to the Division of Welfare.

JP: I'm, I'm not sure he put it exactly like that. He didn't say you should not report it. He said, what he said was that we have a different procedure then the church and this is how we handle these things.

BL: Okay. Um, I'm sorry I didn't mean to cut you off.

JP: No, that's, no that's okay. It's okay.

BL: Um, did Father Quinn give you any information or share with you any information regarding ah any other accusations involving Father MacRae?

JP: No.

BL: Any other people? Okay. Did he, did he tell you at all um what was going to happen with Father MacRae now that these allegations at been brought to light?

JP: Yes he did. He called me back. We had several phone conversations so I'm a little.

BL: Okay.

JP: Iffy on the timeframe here, but ah I did talk with him later.

BL: Okay.

JP: He said that he had talked with the Bishop, that the Bishop did file a report with the Commissioner and that they had worked out an arrangement that ah MacRae would be in on-going therapy.

BL: Okay.

JP: Ah, ah for this. That he would be removed from parish work any contact with children and families so that um kids would be protected and that his function would be basically administrative only.

BL: Okay. Do you recall approximately how long after your initial conversation with Father Quinn did he get back to you and tell you this information?

JP: Boy I, I wish I could. I don't remember that it was long time.

BL: Okay.

JP: It might have been a week or two. Um, but I really don't remember.

BL: Okay. In between the time that um you had a conversation, you're initial conversation with Father Quinn and he telling you what he was going to do. Ah, did anyone, anybody from the Division of Welfare get in touch with you ah regarding the information received from [REDACTED] ah, did anyone ah speak with you from that, from that

JP: No. No. And I didn't think a lot about it because I think my understanding was that the ah because I took it face value what he said about the highest levels.

BL: Okay.

- JP: And so ah my assumption was that it was never reported to the DO, but the Commissioner had made an arrangement with the Bishop um, so the district offices were not involved.
- BL: Okay, so this was, this it was your understanding that an arrangement was made between the Bishop and
- JP: The Commissioner.
- BL: The Commissioner and it was never investigated?
- JP: That's, that was my understanding.
- BL: Okay. Um, did Father Quinn ah ever ask you to um document in writing any reports as far as what [REDACTED] divulged to you?
- JP: No he didn't.
- BL: Okay. Ah, and you continued seeing [REDACTED]
- JP: I did.
- BL: Okay. For approximately how long?
- JP: I think I saw him until I left in um actually I think I left in 1985.
- BL: Okay.
- JP: Um, that's when I went to ah, ah a committee in Mental Health Center down in the Newburyport, Haverhill area.
- BL: Do you know if ah.
- JP: I think it was '85 so I worked with him until I left the agency and then tried to ah connect him with another therapist.
- BL: Do you know if [REDACTED] ever had to be hospitalized?
- JP: Yes. He was acutely suicidal for a long time.
- BL: Okay.
- JP: He also had want he called a "hit list." Ah, he was very, very angry. Ah, I mean it was really severe PTST that he was dealing with and he had a hit list

of kids at school he was going to kill. Um, ah teachers that he was going to kill. Ah, he had trashed his room a number of times. We were all very afraid for him and ah I talked with the people. I talked with his parents. I talked with the people over at Hampstead Hospital. Um, and he was there for maybe two or three weeks. Talked with the psychiatrist that worked with him and attended family meetings over there. Visited him there and they were informed of the sexual abuse.

BL: Okay. You answered several more questions

JP: Oh, sorry.

BL: That I had when you were just explaining that, thank you. They were definitely notified that um that [REDACTED] um had made the disclosure of sexual abuse?

JP: Yep.

BL: Okay. Okay. I don't have any other questions Mrs. Paterson unless you can think of anything else you'd like to add. Um, you left Catholic Charities you said in 1985?

JP: 1985.

BL: Okay. Ah, after I guess I have another question. After the [REDACTED] incident and the investigation of that incident in your report of it. Any changes or any other ah information that you were armed with regarding should another allegation be brought forth regarding abuse involving a priest?

JP: It is the only other information I had was later and I don't know exactly when it was, but when the ah abuse allegations ah for the Keene boy surfaced then I did receive a call from a DCYF worker who had my name and had asked me about my involvement initially.

BL: Okay.

JP: The disclosure for [REDACTED] and ah.

BL: This was much later?

JP: This, this was much later. This was whenever these allegations became public and then I had another contact when there was some statement made by a Representative of the Diocese who made a statement that it may have been in defense of the, the ah Keene allegations that there was nothing reported in the Diocese prior to '87 or whenever that was. I can't quite remember.

BL: Okay.

JP: And um, when I read that statement I knew it was lie and um I think it was right around that time that there was a paper ah, a local paper carrying the story of [REDACTED] saying that he was molested in '83 or prior to that.

BL: How long after the initial disclosure came out that you continued to see [REDACTED] For how long afterward? Was it after you were no longer with Catholic Charities did you continue seeing [REDACTED]?

JP: No, no I couldn't. I couldn't.

BL: Okay.

JP: I left the agency.

BL: So it was up to approximately 1985?

JP: Yep.

BL: Okay. Did the Diocese or Father Quinn ah have any other contact with you about [REDACTED] or any additional disclosures or how his treatment was going um with you?

JP: Yes, actually. Ah, Quinn wanted to meet with the parents.

BL: Okay.

JP: And they refused. Um, they were very angry at the church. Angry at how this whole thing was, was handled and I certainly couldn't blame them and um no they didn't want to have anything to do with any of it at that point. Ah, [REDACTED] um went into um Winnacunnet in Hampton and he was having a terrible time. Went from a very small parochial school into a large cooperative high school and he was, oh he was, he was a mess and um so what I did was I called Quinn and said to him at the very least the Diocese can fund him for um what's the Catholic High School over in Dover?

BL: Oh.

JP: Um, St. Thomas Aquinas.

BL: Right.

JP: Sorry.

BL: St. Thomas.

JP: And I, I felt cause it's a smaller school and I felt that he might be able to manage there ah a little better and.

BL: Okay. And who, who would have paid for that? The Diocese?

JP: Diocese.

BL: Okay. Um, and just one more question. And I don't know if I asked you so I'm just going through my notes.

JP: Yeah.

BL: Um, did the I keep calling him the Director, the head person for the Division of Welfare. The.

JP: Commissioner.

BL: Commissioner. Thank you. Ah, did the Commissioner ever call you?

JP: Never.

BL: Speak with you directly?

JP: Never.

BL: About, about [REDACTED]

JP: Never.

BL: And, and I think you indicated no one, no investigator did either.

JP: Never.

BL: Okay. I don't have any other questions. Unless you have anything I'll conclude your statement.

JP: If there is anything else I can do, then I would be happy to do that and I think I mentioned to you earlier and I will say it again somebody lied to me. There's no way of knowing who it was or what happened, but I was told that ah MacRae was removed from contact with children and that was not true because he was doing parish work in Keene and somebody must have known that.

BL: Okay. That will conclude the audio tape statement. The time is 3:04 p.m.

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