

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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