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OFFICE OF THE MEDICAL EXAMINER - FLORIDA DISTRICT 19  
INSPECTION WORK SHEET

COPY

NAME Karl E. Dowd

CASE NO 02-19-710

DATE OF DEATH \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF INSPECTION 2/12/02 TIME 5:45

AGE 67 SEX M RACE W

HEIGHT \_\_\_\_\_ WEIGHT \_\_\_\_\_

DEVELOPMENT: NORMAL ABNORMAL \_\_\_\_\_

NOURISHMENT: NORAML THIN \_\_\_\_\_ OBESE \_\_\_\_\_

LIVOR Present

RIGOR Present

SCALP HAIR COLOR Gray

EYE COLOR Brown

TEETH: NATURAL NONE \_\_\_\_\_ DENTURES \_\_\_\_\_

ABNORMAL FINDINGS Ischemic

Changes in lower  
extremities. <sup>BYPASS SURG</sup> scars

CLOTHING: NO \_\_\_\_\_ YES YES

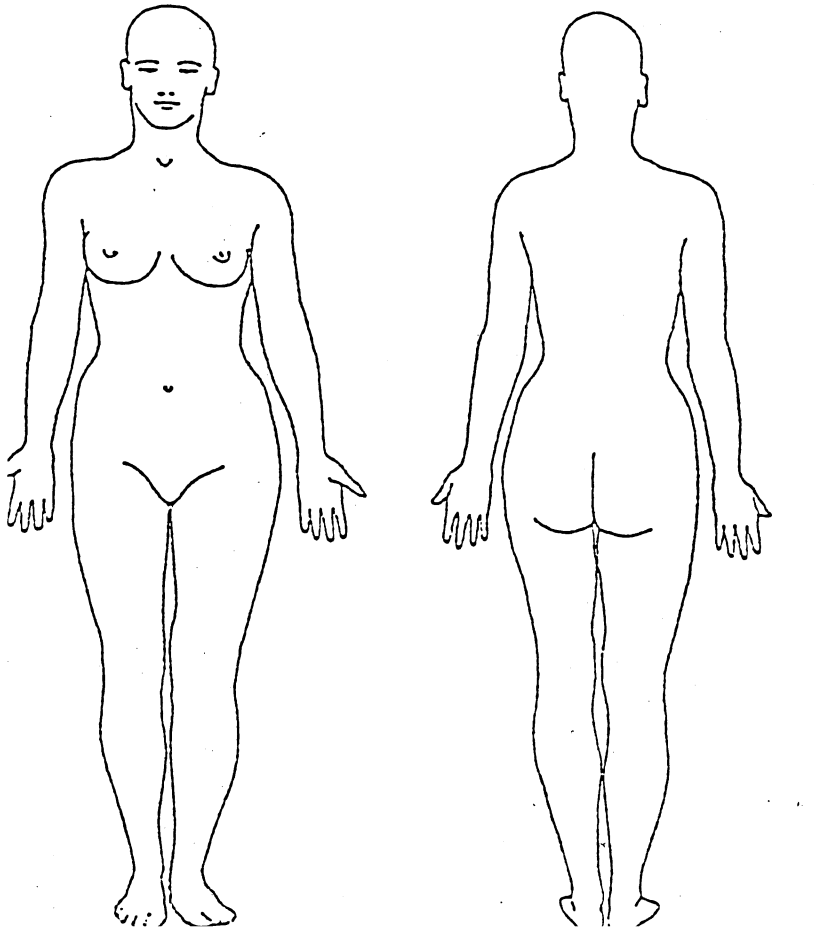
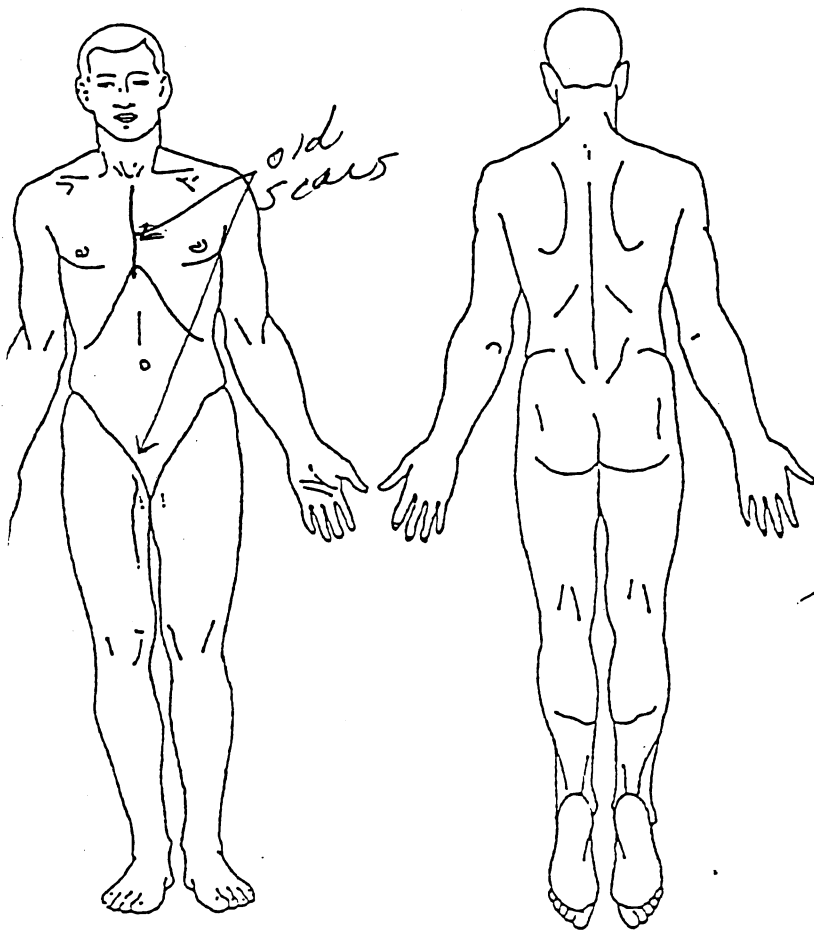
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Cardiovascular  
Disease

MANNER OF DEATH: NATURAL  ACCIDENT \_\_\_\_\_ SUICIDE \_\_\_\_\_

COMMENT: \_\_\_\_\_

C. A. Dwyer M.D.  
(Signature)



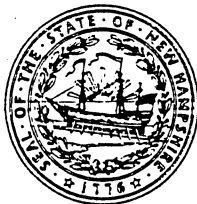
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May 29, 2002

Office of the Medical Examiner  
St. Lucie County  
2500 South 35<sup>th</sup> Street  
Ft. Pierce, FL 34981

Re: Karl Dowd Your # 02-19110

Dear Medical Examiner:

We have an open investigation that involves the following:

Karl Edmund DOWD  
DOB 05/03/1934  
Soc. Sec. # [REDACTED]

We were notified that he had passed away and that your office had completed the review of the death. We have contacted the St. Lucie Sheriff's Department for their investigation and request a copy of the exam sheet be forwarded to the above address.

Thanking you in advance and assuring you of our complete cooperation, I remain

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul E. Brodeur".

Paul E. Brodeur  
Criminal Investigator  
Criminal Justice Bureau  
(603) 271-3671

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 [Occurred] MON 021802 0820 [Title] DEATH INVESTIGATION  
 [Received] MON 021802 0914 [Arrival] 0924 [Complete] 1030  
 [Location] 5 AZUL \_\_\_\_\_ FT PIERCE 34951 772 0000000  
 [Area Name] SPANISH LAKES C.C. [CT] \_\_\_\_\_ [Zone] 0004 [Code] 0000

[ W I T N E S S ]  
 [Type] DECEASED  
 [Name] DOWD, JR., KARL E. [Race] W [Sex] M [DOB] 050334 [Age] 67  
 [Address] 5 AZUL \_\_\_\_\_ FT PIERCE 34951 772 0000000  
 [Address] ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH \_\_\_\_\_ NASHUA, NH 00000 603 8834155  
 [Occupation] RETIRED PRIEST  
 [Synopsis] DECEASED PERSON \_\_\_\_\_ 772 \_\_\_\_\_

[ W I T N E S S ]  
 [Type] COMPLAINANT  
 [Name] [REDACTED] [Race] W [Sex] F [DOB] [REDACTED] [Age] 76  
 [Address] [REDACTED] \_\_\_\_\_ 34951 [REDACTED]  
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 [Address] [REDACTED] / [REDACTED] \_\_\_\_\_ 03064 [REDACTED]  
 [Occupation] UNKNOWN  
 [Synopsis] APPARENT NEXT OF KIN

[ O F F I C E R ]  
 [Name] P. FACKLER [Rank] D/S 329 [Agency] ST. LUCIE S. O.  
 [Synopsis] FIRST RESPONDING DEPUTY  
 [Name] M. SIGMON [Rank] D/S 315 [Agency] ST. LUCIE S. O.  
 [Synopsis] TRAINEE  
 [Name] J. BUCHANAN [Rank] DET 403 [Agency] ST. LUCIE S. O.  
 [Synopsis] RESPONDING DETECTIVE  
 [Name] R. SMITH [Rank] PARAMEDIC 493 [Agency] S.L.C. FIRE-RESCUE  
 [Synopsis] PRONOUNCED DECEASED

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 HYZAAR 100/25 / ATENOLOL 25MG / ISOSORBIDE MONO 60MG /  
 FLONASE 16GM / ONE TOUCH STRIP BASIC PROFILE II

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[ E V I D E N C E ]

[Processed] YES [By] J. COGSWELL [Photos] YES [Prints] NO

NARRATIVE:

I SPOKE TO D/S FACKLER AT THE SCENE. HE STATED MS. [REDACTED] HAD DISCOVERED THE DECEASED. PARAMEDIC SMITH STATED HE HAD PRONOUNCED THE DECEASED AT 8:26AM. D/S FACKLER ALSO RECOVERED A QUANTITY OF PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS FROM THE BATHROOM AND LOCATED FATHER DOWD'S IDENTIFICATION. D/S FACKLER THEN TURNED THE INVESTIGATION OVER TO ME AND D/S SIGMON.

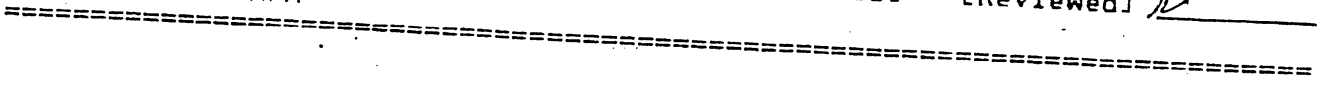
I SPOKE WITH MS. [REDACTED] AT THE SCENE. SHE STATED SHE CAME TO THE RESIDENCE TO SEE FATHER DOWD AT ABOUT 7:45AM. SHE KNOCKED ON THE DOOR, BUT RECEIVED NO ANSWER. AT THAT TIME SHE RETURNED TO HER HOME AND CONTACTED MS. [REDACTED] BY TELEPHONE WITH HER CONCERNS.

I SPOKE TO MS. [REDACTED] AT THE SCENE. SHE STATED FATHER DOWD HAD BEEN TO DINNER AT HER HOME ON 02/17/02 AND HAD LEFT AT ABOUT 7:30PM. WHEN SHE RECEIVED THE PHONE CALL FROM MS. [REDACTED] SHE WENT TO HIS RESIDENCE AND, WITH A KEY HE HAD GIVEN HER, ENTERED THE RESIDENCE. SHE DISCOVERED FATHER DOWD IN THE BATHROOM AND CONTACTED 911. SHE INDICATED HE HAD NUMEROUS HEALTH PROBLEMS SUCH AS DIABETES AND ASTHMA.

I OBSERVED FATHER DOWD SITTING ON THE FLOOR IN THE MASTER BATHROOM AGAINST A CLOSET AND LEANING TO THE LEFT. THERE WAS NO APPARENT TRAUMA. FATHER DOWD HAD NO LOCAL DOCTOR AND THE PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION INDICATED HIS DOCTOR WAS DR. WROBLESKI IN NASHUA, NH. THERE WAS LIVIDITY ON THE BODY CONSISTENT WITH ITS POSITION. I TOOK PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE SCENE. DET. BUCHANAN RESPONDED TO THE SCENE AND THE INVESTIGATION, PHOTOGRAPHS, MEDICATIONS AND DEATH INVESTIGATION FIELD REPORT WERE TURNED OVER TO HIM. THERE IS NO FURTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME.

[ A D M I N ]

[Name] J. COGSWELL JK [Rank] MDS [Number] 212 ROAD [Date] 021802  
[Route] \_\_\_\_\_ [SAO] \_\_\_\_\_ [Date] \_\_\_\_\_ [Div] \_\_\_\_\_  
[Clearance] \_\_\_\_\_ [Exception] \_\_\_\_\_ 021802  
[Supervisor] A. MCINTOSH [Rank] SGT [Number] 159 [Reviewed] JK  
[Attachments] N/A



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[ FOLLOW - UP ]  
FLO56000 ST. LUCIE COUNTY DEATH INVESTIGATION [Number] 1-02-002247

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[NAME] DOWD, KARL E. [Location] 5 AZUL FT. PIERCE FL (SPANISH LAKES)

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ON 02-18-2002, I WAS CALLED OUT REFERENCE TO A DEATH INVESTIGATION.

I RESPONDED TO ABOVE ADDRESS ALONG WITH VICTIM ADVOCATE LISSETTE MALDONALDO REFERENCE TO THIS CASE. UPON ARRIVAL I MET WITH DEPUTY J. COGSWELL. HE TOLD ME THE DECEASED KARL E. DOWD WAS RETIRED PRIEST THAT WAS STAYING DOWN HERE FOR THE WINTER. HE WAS FOUND THIS MORNING BY A FRIEND [REDACTED] IN THE MASTER BATHROOM OF THE RESIDENCE.

I OBSERVED DOWD WAS SEATED ON THE FLOOR WITH HIS HEAD LEANING ON A CLOSET DOOR. THER WAS NO APPARENT SIGNS OF TRAUMA, THE BODY WAS CONSISTENT WITH LIVITY, RIGOR MORTIS AND THE FOLDS OF CLOTHING.

I SPOKE WITH [REDACTED] REFERENCE TO THIS CASE. SHE TOLD ME DOWD WAS A RETIRED PRIEST FROM NASHUA NEW HAMPSHIRE. HE HAD BEEN DOWN FOR A COUPLE MONTHS. SHE TOLD ME HE WAS DIABETIC AND HAD HEART SURGERY IN THE PAST. HE WAS AT HER RESIDENCE LAST NIGHT AND HE HAD AGREED TO SAY MASS FOR SOME OF THE LADIES IN THE COMMUNITY SO THEY WOULD NOT HAVE TO GO CHURCH. SHE STATED WHEN HE DIDN'T SHOW SHE WENT AND GOT THE KEY FOR HIS RESIDENCE. WHEN SHE CAME IN TO CHECK ON HIM SHE FOUND HIM DECEASED IN THE BATHROOM.

I CALLED THE MEDICAL EXAMINERS OFFICE REFERENCE TO THIS CASE AND I SPOKE WITH MERV WALDRON. I GAVE HIM THE INFORMATION I HAD ON THIS CASE AND HE CALLED TRI-COUNTY TO TRANSPORT.

I CALLED [REDACTED] BROTHER OF THE DECEASED AND NOTIFIED HIM ABOUT KARL DOWD'S DEATH. HE STATED HE WAS CONCERNED THAT HIS BROTHER BEING A PRIEST IF ANY LAST RIGHTS OR OTHER CHURCH RELATED THINGS WOULD HAVE TO BE DONE BEFORE HIS BROTHER WAS MOVED. [REDACTED] TOLD ME HIS BROTHER HAD A HISTORY OF HEALTH PROBLEMS AND CONFIRMED THAT HIS BROTHER'S DOCTOR WAS DR. WROBLESKI OF NASHAU NEW HAMPSHIRE.

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I CALLED THE SAINT ANASTASIA CATHOLIC CHURCH AND I SPOKE WITH A FRIER AT THE CHURCH AND HE TOLD ME THAT THERE IS NOT ANYTHING THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE AT THIS TIME. HE TOLD ME HE APPRECIATED MY CONCERN AND HE GAVE FATHER MICHAEL WOODCOCK'S TELEPHONE NUMBER IF THE FAMILY NEED ANY ASSISTANCE ON THIS END.

TRI COUNTY AND TRANSPORTED DOWD TO THE MEDICAL EXAMINER'S OFFICE.

ON 02-19-2002, I WENT TO THE MEDICAL EXAMINER'S OFFICE REFERENCE TO THIS CASE. I WAS TOLD THAT DOWD WAS A SIGN OUT AND THE CAUSE OF THE DEATH WAS LISTED HEART FAILURE.

ON 02-20-2002, I RECEIVED A CALL FROM [REDACTED] REFERENCE TO THIS CASE. HE WAS WANTING A PALM PILOT AND GLASSES SENT TO HIM OVERNIGHT BECAUSE HE NEEDED THE ITEMS FOR KARL DOWD'S FUNERAL. I ASKED [REDACTED] TO FAX ME A RELEASE AND I WOULD GIVE THE PROPERTY TO [REDACTED] AND SHE WOULD FED EX TO HIM.

A SHORT TIME LATER I RECEIVED THE FAX AND TOOK THE ITEMS TO [REDACTED] SIGNED THE RELEASE THAT SHE RECEIVED THE ITEMS.

ON 02-28-2002, [REDACTED] CAME TO MY OFFICE AND I RELEASED THE ITEMS IN EVIDENCE TO HIM. I THEN HAD HIM FOLLOW ME TO THE RESIDENCE. THE RESIDENCE WAS RELEASED TO HIM.

THIS CASE WAS ADMINISTRATIVELY CLEARED.

[ADMIN]

[Name] JEFF BUCHANAN [Rank] DET. [Number] 403 [Date]

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[Supervisor] DAVE BROOKS [Rank] SGT [Number] 172 [Reviewed]

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# Friends honor memory of priest

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 NASHUA (AP) — Days after the publication of allegations that the late Rev. Karl Dowd molested two boys, about 100 of his friends and former parishioners gathered for a memorial service in his honor.

"He was as good as gold," said Claire Rioux, a member of St. Joseph Church. "I think anybody who says anything against him is a blasphemer."

Dowd died in February while on vacation in Florida. Tuesday's service was held at St. Joseph on the 42nd anniversary of his ordination.

Last week, the lawyer for a 39-year-old Manchester man said Dowd assaulted him when he was 9 years old and serving as an altar boy at Camp Fatima in Gilmanton. The man, who asked not to be identified, has joined a class action lawsuit filed against the Diocese of Manchester.

Sunday, the diocese said another man had reported being abused by Dowd at a Keene church in 1971, when the man was a 16-year-old altar boy.

Dowd was a pastoral associate at St. Joseph's in 1967 and 1968. He was pastor of two other Nashua churches: St. Christopher, from 1986 to 2000, and St. Stanislaus, in 1999 and 2000.

Those attending the memorial service said they doubted the accusations.

Dowd would "never in a million years would do something like that. He had too much respect for people, children, parents and the community," said St. Joseph's organist Paul Jette.

A man who would not give his name said such accusations are just "an easy way to make money. It's a money racket. The guy can't defend himself."

Others said their good memories of Dowd are all that matter now.

"He did so much good for a lot of people — more than anyone will ever know," said parishioner Pat Hurd.

The pastor of St. Joseph, the Rev. Gerard Desmarais, a close lifelong friend of Dowd, refused to comment.

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DOWD, KARL EDMUND

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FLORIDA DEATH RECORDS

Name: DOWD, KARL EDMUND

Age: 67 YEARS OLD

Date of Death: 2/18/2002

County of Death: ST. LUCIE

Death Certificate Number: 021722

\*\*\*\*\* PERSONAL INFORMATION \*\*\*\*\*

Gender: MALE

Race: WHITE/NON-HISPANIC

SSN Security Number: 002-26-1959

Date of Birth: 5/3/1934

Birthplace: NEW HAMPSHIRE

Father's Name: DOWD, KARL EDMUND

Mother's Name: BURQUE, EDNA LOUISE

Marital Status: NEVER MARRIED

Education: 5 OR MORE YEARS OF COLLEGE

\*\*\*\*\* DEATH-RELATED INFORMATION \*\*\*\*\*

Autopsy: NO

Referred to Medical Examiner: YES

Disposition: REMOVAL FROM STATE

Dejury Location: FL, ST. LUCIE COUNTY

Hospital Status: OTHER SPECIFIED

Pregnancy in the Last Three Months: NOT APPLICABLE

Armed Forces: NO

Place of Death: FORT PIERCE

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Cardio Vascular disease

found 2-18-02 at his residence

St. Lucie Cnty. Sh. Dept.

1-02-002247

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02-19110

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exam sheet

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FT Pierre FL 34981

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# Diocese: We were unaware

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## Bishop says camp allegations are new

The Associated Press <sup>cm</sup> 5/27/02

MANCHESTER - The Diocese of Manchester said yesterday it did not receive a complaint about a former priest accused of sexually abusing a child at a summer camp it runs until after the man died in February.

The diocese said the report of misconduct with a minor was not related to the Rev. Karl Dowd's ministry at Camp Fatima, an idyllic collection of lakeside cabins it runs in Gilmanton.

In a statement, the diocese did not elaborate on the complaint it received but said it is being investigated. A spokesman could not immediately be reached for comment.

"Reports about deceased persons do not pose a public safety issue, however, all accusations are thoroughly investigated," the diocese said.

The diocese also responded to an Associated Press report that at least eight clergymen face abuse allegations involving Camp Fatima. The diocese reiterated yesterday that prior to the story, it had not received any reports of sexual misconduct with minors by priests at the camp.

Manchester Bishop John McCormack said he is "deeply saddened by the report that a child may have been harmed," and indicated that "he is willing to assist anyone who has been hurt by another in the church."

He added, "The protection of children and the forthright response of the church to persons harmed must be our utmost concern and our first priority as a family of faith."

Belknap County prosecutor Lauren Noether last week would not disclose the number and nature of allegations under investigation at the camp, which is host to several hundred boys ages 6-15 each summer.

Authorities do say all the alleged assaults happened at least a decade ago.

Among the accusations: A Manchester man says he was 9 years old and had just been chosen as an altar boy when Dowd, the director of the Roman Catholic summer camp, sexually assaulted him in the camp's chapel in 1972.

Dowd was the camp's director from 1968 to 1990.

# Diocese's truthfulness challenged

## Man asserts he told church about Dowd incident in 1971

By SARAH C. VOS  
Monitor staff

After a mother complained in 1971 that a priest had fondled her teenage son in a Keene church, the accused priest, Karl Dowd, was made director of a Catholic boys camp in Gilmanton, according to the alleged victim and his brother.

Their story, told on the condition that their names not be printed, conflicts with statements made by Manchester Diocese representatives over the weekend, after a Manchester man said that Dowd had fondled him at Camp Fatima 30 years ago.

Diocese officials say that until February, they had never received a complaint of sexual abuse against Dowd, who was in charge of the camp from 1971 until he retired in 1990. Dowd died in February.

The alleged victim in the Keene incident and his brother decided to come forward after reading in newspapers over the weekend about allegations of abuse at Camp Fatima. They were upset that the diocese had not acknowledged what they saw as two crucial points: Dowd had fondled a teenage boy, and, a few days after it was reported, he was put in charge of a boys' camp, the alleged victim's brother said.

"It's hard for me to even say them, even now, those two facts next to each other," the brother said. "It just doesn't make sense. But it fits with a very long-standing pattern."

The alleged victim believes the incident happened in 1971, when he

was 16, because that was the year Dowd became director of Camp Fatima.

The man, who no longer lives in New Hampshire, said the incident took place at St. Bernard's after Mass in the sacristy, the room behind the altar where the wine, wafers and robes were kept. The victim said he had been an altar boy since third grade.

He and Dowd were cleaning up after Mass, putting away the wine and the vestments.

"He asked me if I wanted to wrestle, but I declined," said the man in a telephone interview. "He started to get very physical, tickling. . . .

He grabbed me in a bear hug and reached down and grabbed me by the testicles."

Dowd began fondling him, the man said. "I knocked him away and knocked him to the ground and pushed him away and walked out of the sacristy," he said.

"I went home and immediately told my mother what had happened. She, among other things, told me not to tell my father, for fear of what he would do to the priest," said the man, who is now a lawyer.

According to the man, he and his mother went to the rectory the following day to talk to the Rev. Denis Horan, the church pastor.

"He expressed shock, and the meeting didn't last very long," the man said. "He told us not to worry, it would be taken care of, and literally within a few days, (Dowd) was gone from the parish."

After the priest had left, the family learned where he had gone:

“He asked me if I wanted to wrestle, but I declined. He started to get very physical, tickling.”

— An alleged victim of Karl Dowd's, describing a fondling incident at a Keene Church in 1971

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Camp Fatima.

"To say that we were shocked is necessarily an understatement," the man said. "It's the ultimate example of putting the fox in the chicken coop."

Horan, who was pastor of St. Bernard's from 1970 to 1978, said in a phone interview yesterday he does not remember when or why Dowd was transferred from the church, but that it was not related to an accusation.

If an allegation had been made, Horan said, he would have reported it to the diocese, adding that he did not remember making a report.

"All I can remember is the mother came to see me, and I can't remember the boy coming to see me with her," Horan said.

According to Patrick McGee, the diocese spokesman, Dowd was made assistant director of Camp Fatima in 1968, the same year his obituary said he became a vicar at St. Bernard's. The priest could have held both positions, McGee said.

McGee did not know when Dowd left the parish, although it could have coincided with his appointment as director of Camp Fatima in June 1971. The diocese makes new appointments in June each year, so the timing of the promotion suggests it was not out of the ordinary, McGee said.

After meeting with Horan, neither the boy nor his family talked to any other church officials about the incident until this year, when the diocese released a list of 14 priests who had been accused of sexual abuse. Dowd was not on it.

On Feb. 18, three days after the names were released, the man's brother spoke to a worker at Catholic Charities and asked why Dowd's name did not appear on the list. He learned that Dowd, who was 67, had died that morning while on vacation in Florida. (McGee did not know the cause of death.)

Since then, the alleged victim

has told several diocese officials, including Bishop John McCormack, about the incident. Then, on Saturday, the Associated Press reported that Dowd has been accused in a lawsuit of fondling a boy at Camp Fatima in 1972. The report said that the diocese had not received any other complaints against Dowd.

That evening the Rev. Edward Arsenault, who handles claims of sexual misconduct for the diocese, called the alleged victim at his home to apologize for the story, the man said. Arsenault told the man that the diocese had been misquoted, and it would issue a correction the following day, the man said.

Arsenault could not be reached to confirm the phone calls. He is on vacation and not expected back until next week. McGee could not confirm the phone calls occurred, saying they would have been confidential.

On Sunday, the man called Arsenault and suggested that they put out a joint press release to set the

record straight. Arsenault declined, the man said.

Later, Arsenault called again, this time to read the press release to the man. It said that the diocese had not learned of any complaints against Dowd until February.

The man said he told Arsenault "you know that press release is false," reminding Arsenault that he had first complained in 1971.

Arsenault told the man that he believed him, but the diocese did not have a record of it, the man said.

The two brothers decided to talk to a reporter because they want the church to be more open about what happened, the victim's brother said.

"We would love to see the diocese become much more up front and straightforward and honest about all that has happened," he said. "If the self-protecting corporate spin could stop, if they could open their arms and say we need to get to the bottom of every one of these things, the whole tenor of this would change."

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GILMANTON

# Catholic camp is targeted

## At least eight clergymen face sex abuse allegations

► One alleged victim says he was assaulted in Camp Fatima's chapel by its former director.

By J.M. HIRSCH  
The Associated Press

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5/26/02

GILMANTON - A Roman Catholic summer camp for children has become a target of sex abuse allegations from former campers, including a man who said he was sexually assaulted in the chapel by a former camp director in 1972.

According to court records and interviews with alleged victims and their lawyers, at least eight clergymen, some allegedly with multiple victims, face allegations involving Camp Fatima, an idyllic collection of lakeside cabins run by the Diocese of Manchester.

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# Four men allege sex abuse at Camp

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Four former campers at a Catholic boys summer camp in the Lakes Region said they were sexually abused there during the 1970s, one allegedly by the camp's former long-time director, their attorney said last week.

"It was obviously a potential haven for anyone who was a pedophile," Manchester attorney Peter E. Hutchins said of Camp Fatima, situated mostly in Barnstead and operated by the Catholic Diocese of Manchester.

Three alleged victims claim they were assaulted by Brother Guy Beaulieu, a math teacher at Bishop Guertin High School in Nashua who also was on Camp Fatima's staff in the 1970s, according to Hutchins and a diocesan spokesman.

The fourth said the late Rev. Karl E. Dowd, who was director of diocesan camps from 1968 to 1990, tried to rape him inside the camp's chapel when he was about 9 years old, Hutchins said.

Dowd's alleged victim, a 39-year-old Manchester man, said the priest asked him to serve Mass during his first and only visit to the camp in the early 1970s, Hutchins said.

"Father Dowd told him he had to take all his clothes off" before donning the cassock and surplice, he continued.

"The kid didn't know any better. He had never been an altar boy before," Hutchins explained.

Dowd allegedly tried to digitally rape the boy, stopping when someone knocked on the chapel door, Hutchins said.

The alleged victim, whose name has not been released, identified Dowd from a group photo taken at the camp and has joined a class action suit Hutchins has filed against the diocese, Hutchins said.

Two other alleged victims also have joined that suit, claiming Beaulieu assaulted them at the camp in the 1970s, Hutchins said.

In addition, Kevin Dandley, 42, of Hudson, this month filed a separate civil suit against Beaulieu and Bishop Guertin High School.

Dandley alleges Beaulieu first began abusing him in 1973 at Camp Fatima and continued that fall when he began his freshman year at Bishop Guertin, the suit says.

Beaulieu allegedly enticed Dandley to his cabin after curfew with promises of watching television, and assaulted him there, Hutchins said.

Dowd, who was ordained in 1960 and retired from active ministry in 2000, was pastor of parishes in Nashua and Salem and also assisted at Manchester and Rollinsford churches.

The 67-year-old priest died while vacationing in Fort Pierce, Fla., on Feb. 18, three days after the diocese released the names of 14 priests accused of past sexual abuse.

Dowd's name was not on that list.

Diocesan spokesman Patrick McGee told The Union Leader last Thursday that the diocese had no complaints against Dowd.

But the diocese acknowledged over the weekend that it had received an allegation of sexual misconduct against Dowd in February. The alleged abuse involved a 16-year-old male and occurred in 1971 when Dowd was a priest at St. Bernard Church in Keene.

McGee yesterday said he was unaware of the allegation at the time.

He said there have been no allegations of sexual misconduct against Dowd or any other priest at Camp Fatima.

The state Attorney General's Office has received 50 reports of clerical sexual misconduct since February, Senior Assistant Attorney General E. William Delker said last week. Of these, "a few" involved alleged abuse at Camp Fatima and have been forwarded to the Belknap County Attorney's Office, he said.

Belknap County Attorney Lauren J. Noether would not comment on any cases her office is investigating.

Hutchins said his clients also recall being told to strip and go skinny dipping in Camp Fatima's lake, sometimes at night with car headlights trained on them.

"They all felt uncomfortable," he added.

Manchester attorney Mark A. Abramson last week said one of his clients also recalls arriving at the camp when he was about 12 years old in the 1970s and immediately being told to go swimming naked.

"There was a large number of brothers and there were priests who would all stand there and have all the boys strip," Abramson said.

But McGee yesterday said Dowd and the camp's chaplain

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were the only priests there during the regular camping season.

Beaulieu, who belongs to the Brothers of the Sacred Heart religious order, was a staff member who worked "on the financial end" during the 1970s, he added.

Beaulieu had a cabin on camp grounds, McGee said. There "was a cabin available" for Dowd as camp director, though "he wasn't living there on a regular basis," he added.

Abramson said he also has received about 10 anonymous calls from men who claim they either were sexually assaulted at Camp Fatima or know someone who was.

While callers provided him information, none were willing to go forward with civil suits, he said.

Some said they have "high-profile jobs" and are fearful going public would hurt their careers or families, he said.

Abramson said he has turned the information over to criminal investigators.



# Clergy At N.H. Kids' Summer

## ASSAULTS TOOK PLACE AT LEAST 10 YEARS AGO

~~Tampa Tribune Staff~~  
By J.M. HIRSCH  
The Associated Press p.11

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**To:** Brodeur, Paul  
**Date:** 5/28/02 11:58AM  
**Subject:** Karl Dowd

Can we get a death certificate for Karl Dowd? He died in Florida. I want to know when and how he died? There have been some questions raised about the truthfulness of the Diocese's disclosures regarding allegations of sexual misconduct. The victim says that the Dioceses knew about the allegations against Dowd and did not disclose his name on the list even though he didn't die until the day they released the list of 14 names. I want to get a time line and Phil recommended we get the death certificate.

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# Previous Dowd allegation acknowledged

## Diocese says it received Keene complaint in '71

The Associated Press 2/12/81

Contrary to what it said last week, the Diocese of Manchester did know of a previous allegation of sexual abuse against the late Rev. Karl Dowd.

The diocese has acknowledged that it received an allegation against Dowd in February from a man who says Dowd molested him in 1971 when he was 16 at a church in Keene.

On Saturday, The Associated Press reported that a different man said he was molested by Dowd at Camp Fatima in Gilmanton in 1972 when he was 9 years

told the Concord Monitor he and his mother immediately reported Dowd to the pastor of St. Bernard's Church in Keene in 1971, and Dowd was appointed director of Camp Fatima shortly afterward.

"To say that we were shocked is necessarily an understatement," the man said. "It's the ultimate example of putting the fox in the chicken coop."

Dowd was director of the summer camp, which hosts hundreds of boys ages 6 to 15 each year, until his retirement in 1990.

Arsenault told the man the diocese had no record of the 1971 complaint he and his mother made.

The other alleged victim was abused by

Dowd the following year after being made an altar boy, according to his lawyer, Peter Hutchins. Now 39, the man, who lives in Manchester, also asked not to be identified.

In February the diocese released a list of 14 priests accused of sexual abuse. Dowd was not listed.

The man who spoke to the Monitor and his brother said they contacted church officials to ask why. They learned Dowd had just died while on vacation in Florida.

In the three months since, the man said, he has spoken with several diocesan officials, including Bishop John McCormack, so he did not understand why the church told the AP no one had previously complained about Dowd.

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March 26, 2002

Lauren Noether, Esquire  
Belknap County Attorney's Office  
64 Court Street  
Laconia, NH 03246

RE: Father Carl Dowd

Dear Lauren:

Enclosed please find a Memorandum of Interview of [REDACTED] regarding the above-referenced individual. It is my understanding that Father Dowd is now deceased. Please call if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "N. William Delker".

N. William Delker  
Senior Assistant Attorney General  
Chief, Criminal Justice Bureau  
(603) 271-3671

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## MEMORANDUM OF INTERVIEW

PERSON INTERVIEWED: [REDACTED]  
PLACE OF INTERVIEW: [REDACTED]  
DATE OF INTERVIEW: March 14, 2002  
INTERVIEWED BY: Michael Bahan, Chief Investigator

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] telephone [REDACTED] interviewed regarding a sexual assault by Father CARL DOWD at Camp Fatima, Gilmington, New Hampshire. [REDACTED] provided the following information, in substance:

[REDACTED] stated that on or about 1971, while he was living with his parents at [REDACTED] that during that summer he went to work as an employee teaching horseback riding at Camp Fatima. The Director of the camp was Father CARL DOWD. [REDACTED] said the previous year he had worked with the Brothers of the Sacred Heart at a different summer camp and he said he never had a problem with any of those particular Brothers of that religious order.

[REDACTED] stated that he did not know if any of the other employees or participants at Camp Fatima were sexually assaulted by Father DOWD, but he believes that he has a photograph of all of the counselors who were working there at the time with their names on the back.

[REDACTED] disclosed that he was living in the same building as Father DOWD and that approximately 3 to 4 times during that summer that Father DOWD came into his bedroom and fondled him.

[REDACTED] stated that he had never discussed these incidents with anyone nor told his wife or family. [REDACTED] stated that several of the other counselors at the camp did indicate to him that maybe he ought to find a different place to stay at night, but they never disclosed why they had reached that conclusion or what they meant.

[REDACTED] indicated that he would be willing to meet with any representatives of the Belknap County Attorney or Investigators to discuss what took place.

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