## MEMORANDUM

TO:

**FILE** 

FROM:

ANTHONY FOWLER, INV. @

RE:

DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER

FATHER PAUL AUBE

ATTEMPTS TO LOCATE POTENTIAL VICTIMS

DATE:

OCTOBER 25, 2002

After several attempts, have been unable to locate three potential sexual abuse victims of FR. PAUL AUBE. They are and the located five people who may be victims of AUBE'S. Am awaiting callbacks to verify they are the persons we are looking for.

the decision not to

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RE:	DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER FATHER PAUL AUBE
DATE:	NOVEMBER 12, 2002
his brother some time Contacted	to think about whether he would give us an interview, and would call back
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anyone, in him that he	indicated to me that he hadn't ever reported the sexual abuse to cluding the DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER, and his brother told to hadn't spoken to anyone about this, until he called.

became a priest and left the priesthood due to what

be interviewed was his, and I would respect his brother's wishes, and not contact him.

saw as the Bishop not dealing with matters properly. I told

tell me that

#### MEMORANDUM OF INTERVIEW

RE: PAUL L. AUBE

PERSON INTERVIEWED:

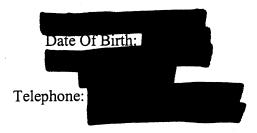
LOCATION OF INTERVIEW: Place of employment in

INTERVIEWERS: Detective Kathleen M. Kimball, NHSP

Investigator Anthony Fowler, AGO

DATE OF INTERVIEW: Wednesday, October 30, 2002

On the above date, at approximately 1035 hours, myself and Investigator FOWLER conducted a tape recorded interview in the office of



Our interview centered around allegations of inappropriate sexual contact by Paul AUBE against when he was a young boy growing up in Claremont, NH.

During the course of the interview, stated that he had documentation relative to our investigation and that he would be providing copies to investigators in the near future.

The interview was recorded with the permission of all parties. See attached transcript and Possessed Property Report.

### INTERVIEW OF

AF:

Testing one, two, testing one, two, three, testing, testing, one, two, three. This is Investigator Anthony Fowler of the New Hampshire Attorney General's Office. It is October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2002, at 10:36 by my, it's 10:36 a.m. by my watch. Um, we're in New Hampshire at, um, we're in New Hampshire at, um, with a gentleman named to the Um. It had asked you before we went on tape if it was, if we had your permission to audio tape this interview, ah, do we have your permission to audio tape, sir?

Yes, you do.

AF:

Okay. Um, I'm gonna go around now and ask everybody to introduce themselves, we'll start with Kathy.

KK:

I'm Detective Kathleen M. Kimball of the New Hampshire State Police.

AF: Okay.

yould you, could you spell your name, ah, first and last name for

me?

AF:

And sir, may I have your address?

AF:

Okay, and, ah, your date of birth?

AF:

Alright. And phone numbers where you can be reached, sir?

Ah, my

AF:

Okay, um. We had talked before we went on tape about what this investigation, ah, what we were doing and, ah, the reason for our visit and it having to do with, ah, Paul Aube. Ah, and we had discussed, um, the, ah, in the future, um, about divulging your name or you becoming part of any possible criminal, ah, proceeding against the Diocese of Manchester, prior to that. And I'm going to repeat on tape what I told you, ah, prior to going on tape is that, before, ah, and I had told you this before that, bef, before we, ah, meaning the Attorney General's Office, would go forward with, ah, any criminal prosecution which would involve, ah, your name being, ah, brought into, ah, the investigation or being

divulged that we, ah, ah, we have agreed to, ah, obviously contact you first and receive your permission to do that. Is that your understanding Yes. With that, um, agreement that I, ah, agree to this interview. Okay. And I, I will repeat, ah, that our office will not proceed, ah, with any type AF: until we receive of criminal proceeding which may involve your permission and talk to you first is that your understanding sir? Yes sir. Um, maybe we could start by, ah, can you tell Okay. Good, alright. Ah, AF: us, ah, where you grew up as a boy? I grew up in Claremont. Okay. And who, ah, who did you live with as a, young as a boy? AF: I lived with my mom and dad and my, ah, three brothers and three sisters. Okay, and during, ah, your, your boyhood and growing up in Claremont, did, ah, AF: you become associated with any church or parish in, ah, Claremont? Ya, yes I did. And what was that sir? AF: It was, ah, St. Mary's Catholic Church. Okay. And during the time that you were, ah, associated with St. Mary's Catholic AF: Church, ah, well let me ask you this were you an altar boy? Yes. I was. Okay and, ah, from the time can you recall when you first what age you might AF: have, approximate age you might have been when you became an altar boy when you, ah, ended being an altar boy? I remember I was still in grade school, ah, cuz St. Mary's, I went to St. Mary's Elementary School and it went from grade one through eight, so I would say I was probably seventh or eighth grade. Okay. And, um, how many years were you altar boy, AF:

It's been a long time so I, I don't remember exactly. Ah. Maybe three or four,

five, I, I'm not really sure.

Okay. And what age approximately, ah, were you the age span that you were, would have been an altar boy?

Have to, I'd have to calculate it out but I, I, I guess it'd be twelve or thirteen.

AF:

Okay. So if you were born (unintelligible).

I, in seventh or eighth grade I, ah, in, in, I, I can't remember if I was an altar boy in high school or not.

AF:

Okay. Ah, so we're talking about, ah, if you're born in 1956 we'd be talking about, ah, sixty let's see fifty six twelve, ss, ah 1968, 1969, 1970 perhaps somewhere around that area.

Yes, ya.

AF:

Okay.

Ya.

AF:

And at some particular point sir, in your boyhood, did you have occasion to

become acquainted with a priest named Father Paul Aube?

Yes. I did.

AF:

And how did you become acquainted with Father Aube sir?

Well he was a priest at our parish and, um, so I guess I got to know him through, through the parish and through being an altar boy.

AF:

Okay. And. Do you recall how old approximately you were, you were when you first met Father Aube?

I, I, I'd say I'd was, oh God I, ah, seventh or eighth grade.

AF:

Okay.

You know I don't.

AF:

So we're right in that time span of, ah.

Right in that, ya.

AF:

1969, 70, right in that area.

I graduated from high school in seventy-four, so if you, you know working backwards it's, I'd say that, that's right about right. Yup, okay. And. Were you, ah, involved other than being an altar boy, were you AF: involved with any other youth activities at the church? Um, yeah. I was involved with the, ah, CYO which was the Christian Youth Organization there. And if I think he was, he was involved with that as well he was the leader of that for a while. Aube was the leader? AF: I, as, as what, from what I remember. Okay. And at some particular point, did Father Aube have some inappropriate AF: sexual contact with you? Yes, he did. Okay. And at what age ss, sir would you estimate that that first, the first time that AF: that occurred? Probably thirteen years old. Right, right about there. I guess twelve or thirteen of. I wasn't in high school I don't believe. Okay. In, in general terms, can you describe what the inappropriate contact was AF: that Father Aube had with you sir? Well, it started out with, ah, kissing. And, ah, went, later went on to, um, removing clothes and touching. Sounds like a stupid question but I'm going to ask ya, ah, when you say touching, AF: can you tell me where that touching occurred and who did it? Um, the genital area. AF: Okay. And, oh, Father Paul Aube. And would he touch you or would you touch him? AF: Both.

AF: Okay. And how long from the time you were twelve or thirteen, how long did this occur? Won't, how old were you, do you think when this ended?

I don't remember exactly I, I think it was over the period of three or four years. AF: Okay.

Okay. Um. Did the, well let me ask you this at, did the inappropriate contact AF:

progress to something more serious other than fondling sir?

And I don't know, I don't remember why it ended.

No, it didn't.

Okay. Um. And I'll ask specifically did it, ah, did it, did it ever turn into any AF:

type of penetration?

No, it didn't.

Okay. And I'll ask this question, ah, because everybody's definition of AF: penetration is different, ah, did it ever become or rise to the stage of, ah, oral sex?

Not that I recall.

AF:

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AF:

would you estimate from the, the time you Okay. Um. How many times were twelve or thirteen, that three-year time span, three or four year time span, did Father Aube inappropriately touch you or have him, have you touch him?

Many times but I, I could not tell you how many.

Would you guess over fifty?

I, I would say not.

Okay. Ah, would it be over twenty? AF:

Probably.

Okay. And did he ever, did Father Aube ever tell you that you shouldn't tell anybody or that it was okay to do this? What, how did that happen or occur?

It took me a long to ff, to over in my mind to, to, um, figure how this all started and, ah. It, it started back then in the Catholic Church, open confessions were the thing. That's where the church was gravitating to and he wanted me to give him an open confession and he kept pressuring me to give him an open confession. And, ah, it was during that open confession that he would ask questions. I think that he was laying his ground work as to whether you know, I would be receptive

or whatever to his touching or, ah, and so he would ask me about any sexual encounters that I had had a child.

AF:

When you say, I think we all here know what you mean can you explain what you mean by open confession to someone who wouldn't know?

Um, it's when you confess your sins to the priest. Ah, sitting in front of him rather than being in a confessional. Ah.

KK:

With the, the partition between you?

With the partition between you there's no partition so that you're sitting across the desk or in a living room face to face.

AF:

That's what I would call or I used to call it a face-to-face, ah, confession.

Yes.

AF:

Okay.

Yes.

AF:

And, um, when, when Father Aube, let me ask you where did these incidents of the, the fondling occur,

He had a, he had an, there was a small office that was off, it was on the ground level of the, um, ah, place where the, the priests stay.

KK:

The rectory?

The rectory. And, ah, later it progressed to his, um, he had an, ah, bedroom office suite like on the, ah, top floor of the rectory.

AF:

Okay. Did it ever occur in any other places besides, ah, in the rectory?

Ah, yeah. It occurred in his car. Ah, and, ah, he often would get groups of, ah, adolescents together and, ah, take 'em to his parents' house which was in Berlin, New Hampshire.

AF:

Okay. Ah.

KK:

Would his parents be at home?

Yes.

KK:

In another portion of the house or?

No they, the, he, these, ah, would be weekends. That he would get a group together so that you spent the night.

KK: Okay. And then things would happen in their house?

Yes. Yeah.

AF:

KK:

AF:

AF:

KK:

Um. Did he ever try to justify this to you or tell you not to tell anyone or?

He, he did try and justify it and you know that part is kind of blurry. I, I guess he, better I guess it was okay you know, express, express yourself and to, to be hugged because it started out with, with hugging and you know, I mean at that age in your life I think, ah, you know it's, it was a very troubled time for me. And so I think he played on that but. I, I don't, I, you know some of that memory is just blurry, I, I don't recall.

I was gonna ask you why do you think you were picked by Aube to do this. And you just said you had a troubled time. In general terms, can you tell us about that?

Well, I don't really need to be that general about it. I, I'm a gay male and I think he recognized it long before I ever did. And that's probably what he played on.

So you think he picked up on that before you even did?

Yes. Oh, yeah

(Unintelligible).

I, I wasn't aware of it. At, that mean that was, it caused me a, a lotta years of pain, of horrible pain.

KK: Hm, hmm

AF: Sure.

And.

Do you think he ever tried through his behavior to convince you that you weren't gay by it thinking that if you didn't like it that you would not be gay?

I don't know. I think that it, at that point in my life I, I didn't give it that much thought.

KK: Okay.

You know I, ah. I had grown to really like that man. You know and, ah. And I, it was only afterward that I realized what damage that he had done to me. That I was so vulnerable and how, how someone who you had you know, spilled out your heart to, ah, had been played on you like that, and.

KK: Sure, how often would you spend time with him?

There was a whole group of us that spent a lot of time with him because we had a little click. A variety of different, of us, both, you know male and female that, ah, used to visit him outside of the Christian Youth Organization thing, um. So we, we ss, once or twice a week maybe.

AF: Did you ever, ah, was he ever at your home?

I don't, I don't think so.

AF: Okay.

Although I think he, he brought me home.

AF: Right.

In a car.

AF: I was gonna ask you did he.

Yeah.

KK:

AF: What I mean is.

Yeah.

AF: Was he ev, did he ever come over to visit on the weekends or have supper at your house or anything like that?

Not at my house. But, ah, some other homes that I was at, he was, he was at those homes.

Did you ever get feedback from your family about the amount of time that you spent with him or at what their reaction to your spending time with him was?

Not, not really. Because my parents have always been very involved in the church. And, ah, more so now than even then they, they were then when they were raising a family and my father was working a lot. Um, but there were other parents of, ah, kids that I hung up with, hung with that, ah, that didn't like him.

Would, would you and, and I think I asked this but I just wanna back track to make sure that I think you had said that this probably started occurring with him around the age of thirteen, is that correct?

It, that's foggy in my mind I'm just trying to remember when I was an altar boy. And I know I was an altar boy, ah, in the seventh and eighth grade I just don't remember when he would have come to Claremont at that point.

AF:

Okay.

So I know and I also know, um, that I went to St. Mary's High School my freshman year. It closed after that. So, um, he was there probably my freshman year at St. Mary's. Ah, sometime.

KK:

So you were an altar boy before he even came to the parish?

I, I don't remember.

KK:

Oh I see.

I, I don't, I don't remember.

AF:

Did, did it? Did this contact end after, ah, or was it going on during your freshman year?

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I would say, yes.

AF:

At St. Mary's?

Ya, ya, ya.

AF:

And would it be, and correct me if I'm wrong, would it fair to assume or say based on what you've told me that it also had, ah, had been occurring, ah, the previous school year, your eighth grade year?

Oh ya I, I, I, I believe so.

AF:

Yup.

I believe so.

AF:

Okay.

Yeah.

Okay. Um.

I don't remember how many years he was at St. Mary's parish.

AF:

Okay.

I, that's all blurry to me I

AF:

Yeah.

KK:

Do you recall who, ah, else was assigned to St. Mary's as far as priests, while Aube was there?

Um. Yeah. I do. Cuz he was head of the high school. Um, Carter, I wanna say, Robert Carter or.

KK:

Carty?

Carty? Yup Carty. Um. I was a, I don't remember there was a, a monsignor that was there for a while and I don't, I don't remember his name anymore. He was there for a number of years.

KK:

Do you know whether any of those other priests knew what was going on between Aube and the, yourself and other kids?

I, I, eh, I, I don't have, I don't think. Ah, they weren't really around much when, when he had us over. I would think, I had think they were all aware that we were there. Like, if we had a group that was at the rectory, they were all aware that we were in the room, that sort of thing. But I, I don't think they would have ever known that he took anyone upstairs or anything. It was a big, a big house.

KK:

Okay.

And.

AF:

What, what year did you graduate?

Seventy four.

AF:

Seventy four, ss, ss. Um.

KK:

Do you know whether, ah, just along those lines too, do you know whether you said that some of the other parents didn't really like Aube.

Yes.

KK:

But, do you know whether anyone tried to intercede in, in him with him and his contact with kids?

No, no I don't. I, I can't remember, ah, ah, a couple in mind, um, that, ah, we all used to get together over at their house to, ah, in, in the afternoon like a Saturday afternoon and just sit around the table and chat and, ah. And I just, I just remember there being conflicts between those people and him. But I'm not sure what they were about or, because (unintelligible) interested in knowing anyway at that point in my life.

KK:

Sure. Sure.

AF:

Did you ever, during that time frame or any time after that, did you ever disclose to anyone what this man had done to you?

Um. I remember talking about the, that I had fooled around with a priest with, with other people. Sure.

AF:

Okay.

And that was much, much later in my life.

AF:

Ma, many years later.

Yeah, many, many years later.

AF:

You were an adult man.

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Yup, yes.

AF:

Is that correct?

Yeah.

AF:

Okay. And, and, was, did this ever come out during the time that you were a teenager or was this back in that time, was this ever, ah, disclosed during that time to the Diocese of Manchester or to anyone else?

Not, not.

AF:

In the church?

No, not, not during that time.

AF:

Okay. Did you ever tell, ah, your parents what this man had done?

No.

AF: Okay. Do they know to this day what happened?

Yes.

AF: They do?

Yeah.

AF: Okay.

Just recently.

AF: Just recently? Alright.

My mother read a article in the, in the paper that I did not see, um, and up, with regard to a group of Claremont, ah, boys that had been, ah, ah, ss, you know

KK: Molested?

Molested by a, by a priest and, um, she came to talk to me about it.

KK: Oh, she asked you if that had

She asked me, yeah.

KK: Yeah. Okay.

And she asked me I, I don't know if they had filed suit or something. (Unintelligible) and she asked if I was, if I was one of them. If I was part of that and I was, I was not. I, I, I had not at that point, ah, reported anything, I believe.

AF: Okay.

Yeah.

KK: Did, did she, when you confided in her did she tell you that she might have suspected anything?

Um. I still, eh. She, she had blamed herself for letting me hang around, um, down there too much. And, um, the minute she had heard that, that was the time frame in which I was down there, she figured it was probably, I was probably involved in that.

Have you ever been involved, up to this point, are you involved in any type of, ah, civil litigation against the Diocese of Manchester?

No. I'm not.

AF:

Okay.

KK:

Did you, at some point in your disclosure process con, confront the Diocese?

I, after, I've forgotten how long it's been now. But I, I get, look at the letter that, I did, I did send them a letter when this got into the paper. Um, day after day, um, I wanted them to know the magnitude of the problem that they had on their hands and I really didn't like much the fact that they didn't seem to be doing anything about it. And I wanted to be counted as, ah, as so that they would know.

KK:

Who did you write the letter to?

The bishop.

KK:

Which, which one just so we can be clear?

Um.

KK:

The current one?

Yes.

KK:

Or a previous one?

No the current one.

KK:

McCormack.

McCormack.

KK:

Bishop McCormack.

Yes.

KK:

Alright. Um, did you receive any kind of a response from your letter?

I did. Um, I ff, I'll have I, I'm happy to turn over those responses over to you, ah. The first one came from his office but not from him directly. And, um, ss, ah, ah, with an apology and that if I wanted counseling, ah, that, ah, to please contact them or and that someone would be contacting me with regard to this matter.

When did you send that letter sir?

I, I.

AF:

How long ago?

It's within the last year. But I, I don't have it in front of me and I don't know the date on the letter but I, I have it in a file at home.

KK:

Okay. Did you receive more than one contact from the Diocese?

Yeah. I, I didn't receive the, um, I received a couple of phone calls on my answering machine, um, from Catholic Charities, um. And I believe it had to do with that, ah. They always called me at home and I work during the week, ah, so it wasn't convenient to call them back. And I tried to call them back in the evening several times and of course they're not there in the evening. And I didn't really wanna speak to anyone about it anyway. Ah, then, ah, later, quite a bit later maybe, four to six weeks, um, I got a letter that looked like it was much more from bishop himself. I believe it has his signature on it. Um, with an apology. Also. And, ah, that someone else was gonna contact me with regard to that.

AF:

And then?

At, no one ever did.

AF:

No one? And, and, and how long as this, how, how long has this been a time, how long, how much time has gone by since this letter from the bishop when he said somebody would contact you and they haven't contacted you, if you had to guess?

Oh months. Um. I, I, again my time frame is.

AF:

Months.

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Six months, maybe, I don't know.

AF:

Did they, ah, and, and, did anyone from the church during this conver, ah, ah. Correspondence, ah, offer you anything other than counseling?

No.

AF:

Okay. Ah, did they, ah, ever try to, anyone ever try to set up a face-to-face meeting with you



I had that call, two calls I believe it was from a woman and I may or may not have her name. Um. To call her back and I, I, and I guess, like I said, I, I did call her

back, um, I didn't work hard it at I. But I did return her phone call and they weren't there when I called. And I, quite frankly I didn't really want them calling me at work.

AF:

Were you, were you satisfied with the Diocese's response that you got pertaining to your disclosure to them?

No.

AF:

Can you tell us, what you were hoping the Diocese might?

Well you know I, I thought about it. And I and I thought if money would make me feel better and, um. You know, it, and it's, and I, I, you know, I toyed with that for a long time. But then I thought, I thought if I would enjoy spending the money that they sent me and I, and I thought to myself I, I don't think that I would really get much enjoyment outta that it, either. And, I felt I didn't really need their money.

AF:

Have you ever seen Aube since your freshman year, ah, at St. Mary's?

I've never seen him since he left Claremont, whatever year that was.

AF:

Okay.

KK:

So you didn't have any contact with him when he went to his next assignment?

No. I don't know where that even would be.

KK:

Okay.

AF:

And the first time that you made any type of disclosure, ah, at least to the church, was during, ah, the time that you wrote this letter approximately a year ago, is that correct?

Yeah, within the last year.

AF:

And you got some responses back but you haven't heard from them in months?

That's correct.

AF:

Okay. Um, and just I know we had asked you but, ah, would you be willing to give us copies of any and all, ah, the doc, and all of the, ah, paperwork and documents, ah, that we're talking about here?

Yes.

KK:

Did, ah, you name Paul Aube in your letter to the bishop?

I did.

KK:

Okay. Ah, so there was no question as to who was involved in that situation?

No. They, they when, when I got a response back from them, um, they didn't have any question that, ah, that I wasn't a legitimate, you know, letter.

KK:

Alright.

AF:

Did they make any, I'm sorry, did they make, ah, allude to it all in any of that document, documentation, which we'll see, ah, that, in, ah, was there anything in there that would, ah, that you could get the impression or state that they seemed surprised by this allegation?



No.

AF:

Or if, ah, that this was first or second or?

No I, ah, there wasn't any, anything to indicate that they were surprised by it, I, I knew that they weren't.

AF:

Okay.

KK:

Um, just to digress a little bit, ah, you talked about the times being, ah, with other kids from the parish in group situations. Do you, was there ever a situation where another person of your age was involved in the sexual contact at the same time?



Never.

KK:

Alright. Do you know for sure whether any of those other kids your, your peers were victims of Paul Aube?



I, no I, I never told them.

KK:

Hm, hm.

And I would not, not know whether they were or not.

KK:

Okay.

AF:

How old were you, ah, how old were you do you think the first time in your life that you told anyone, whether it be a friend or a companion, how old were you?



When I told them?

That, that, ah, Father Aube had told someone that had, that Father Aube had abused you?

In, in my thirties.

AF:

In your thirties.

Yeah.

AF:

Okay. Did you ever seek any type of, ah, professional counseling based on what this man did to ya?

No. I didn't.

AF:

Okay. Alright.

KK:

Do you have any questions you wanna ask us?

No. I don't.

KK:

Okay. If by chance we have a follow-up question, is it all right to give you a call?

Sure.

KK:

And, and just ask that whatever it is?

Sure.

KK:

Okay.

AF:

Is there anything else you'd like to add?

No. I don't think so.

AF:

Okay. I'm going to end this interview then. It's 11:05 a.m. by my watch. It's October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2002. This is the end of the interview with

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# NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE POLICE POSSESSED PROPERTY REPORT

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### **MEMORANDUM**

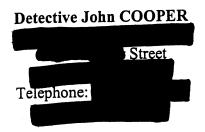
TO: File-PAUL L. AUBE

FROM: Detective Kathleen M. Kimball, NH State Police

RE: Diocese of Manchester

DATE: October 31, 2002

On the above date, I was able to make telephone contact with



I advised Detective COOPER of the investigative efforts underway in New Hampshire regarding to the potential criminal liability of the Diocese of Manchester and the issue of inappropriate sexual contact by priests on minors. I further advised him that during our investigative efforts, we learned from



that he had he had been subjected to inappropriate sexual contact in his family's residence located in during the late 1970's by

#### PAUL L. AUBE

I informed Detective COOPER that I was passing this information along to his agency due to the fact that law enforcement officers in New Hampshire are mandated reporters of allegations of child abuse. As a result of our conversation, the attached letter and the Memorandum of Interview dated August 13, 2002 were faxed to Detective COOPER for his records.

End of report.



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Colonel Gary M. Sloper

October 31, 2002

Detective John Cooper

Dear Detective Cooper,

As a follow up of our recent telephone conversation, I am sending you, by fax, a two page report that was generated as the result of a conversation with the latest of a conversation with the brother than the latest of the late

explained in our phone conversation, the information in the report is being forwarded to your department as a of us being mandated reporters of child abuse. As I also indicated, was cooperative in our culorts, but did not appear to want to pursue matters in the State of California for a number of reasons. The passage of time being one of them.

Thank you for your attention in this matter. If you have an future questions or inquiries, please feel free to contact me at NH State Police, Troop B, Milford, NH, telephone: 603-672-3333.

Sincerely,

Detective Kathy Kimball

### MEMORANDUM OF INTERVIEW

PERSON INTERVIEWED:

PLACE OF INTERVIEW:

NH ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

**TELEPHONE** 

DATE OF INTERVIEW:

OCTOBER 31, 2002

RE:

DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER

FATHER PAUL AUBE

INTERVIEWED BY:

ANTHONY FOWLER, INV.

KATHY KIMBALL, INV.

Above investigators interviewed by telephone. It is a sexual abuse victim of FR. PAUL AUBE. agreed to the interviewed and also gave permission for the telephonic interview to be audiotaned. His telephone numbers are this married and has eight children.



AF: Okay, this is Investigator Anthony Fowler of the New Hampshire Attorney General's Office. It is October 31, 2002 at 7:33 p.m, by my watch. This is a telephonic interview with a gentleman by the name of the properties. I'm going to go around and let everybody introduce themselves, but mist what I'd like to do is cover a couple of things. The lambda we have your permission to continue to audio tape this interview, record this interview?

Absolutely.

AF: Okay. And the other thing we had talked about yesterday, was that um, and I told you that I would put this on tape and I'm going to do that right now. Is that you have agreed to speak to us about ah the matter at hand and ah I want you to know that this office's position is that before any, any divulgence of name is made by this office to anyone that, concerning any possible criminal prosecution or any proceeding whatsoever, that we will contact you and consult with you first and get your agreement or your refusal to do that. Is that your understanding,

That is my understanding.

AF: Okay. And I want you to know that ah as I said the tape is going and I have just put that on the tape, okay?

Yes sir.

AF: All right. I'm going to ask Kathy to introduce herself and then I'm going to ask you to do that and then we'll get started.

All right.

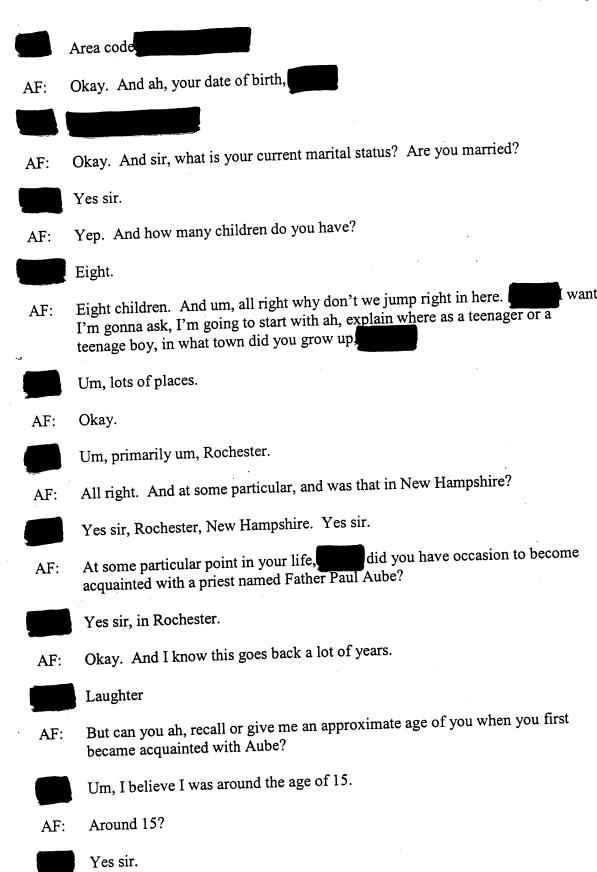
KK: Detective Kathleen M. Kimball of the New Hampshire State Police.

AF: And could you state your name please and spell your last name?

Yes.

AF: And sir, what is your current address?

AF: All right. And sir, could we have your phone number where you can be reached?



AF: So based on that and you're date of birth you would have been, it would have been around 1979.Right.AF: Fifteen. Yes. '79. Does that sound accurate?

That sounds accurate, yes sir.

AF: And how did you meet Father Aube?

Um, actually I'm not 100% sure.

AF: Okay.

I, man, I don't even, I really don't remember all that well. I know there was a, how did I meet him?

AF: Was there some church related function,

There were a lot of church functions, yes sir. Um, but I believe, though I attended those functions after being, after meeting him.

AF: Could it, could it have possibly been

There was a result I know um, running away from home.

AF: Okay, that's what I was going to ask you. Was it as a result of some of the problems that you had growing up as a child?

Yes it was. I remember, you know he had helped a lot in that area in trying to get a lot of those pieces of my life back together.

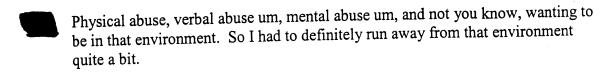
AF: Sure. And, and if I may could you very briefly and in general terms, describe what some of the problems were that you had during that timeframe, your life?

Basically um, a lot of drugs of all types. Um, well actually at that time it was probably lots of drugs of every type except for heroine and PCP.

AF: Okay.

Um, problems at home ah with my step-father and just mistreatment there.

AF: Sure.



AF: Okay.

Living on the streets. Living underneath the bridges and underneath the Spaulding Turnpike. Um, living at people's houses until their parents kind of caught on that I wasn't just sleeping over anymore.

AF: Sure. Okay.

And taking showers at school and stuff like and trying to work and just make it on my own.

AF: And in, I, and as a result of some of the problems that you were having, would it be fair to say that this is how you ended up initially meeting Father Aube?

Yes. Okay.

KK: do you recall the name of the parish that Paul Aube was assigned to at that time?

Oh, man, um, I believe the name of the church was the Holy Rosary Church. But I don't remember the name of the parish. I don't think I ever knew the name of the parish.

KK: Okay that's fine.

But is was, man I could take you to the church, but I don't remember. I could drive you there.

KK: That's all right.

I don't remember the name of the road that it was on.

KK: Right.

It was right outside, right outside of, it was actually still in Rochester, but outside of where the stores are downtown.

KK: Okay. Did you attend the.

It was Holy Rosary Church. I'm almost positive of that.

Okay, that's what we've got it as. Um, did you attend a school that was KK: associated with the church or did you go No, I went to Spaulding High. Spaulding High, okay. KK: um when you first, you said you were around 15 when you first met Father AF: Aube. Right. Um, at some particular point, can you, can you tell us when, oh off, first let me AF: ask you this. At some particular point did some inappropriate sexual contact occur between you and Father Aube? Yes sir. Okay. And, and how old were you as you recall when this started, AF: Um, I want to say around sixteen. Okay. And, and just in, to get a little more specific can you describe for us, in AF: general terms, what type of contact occurred, Um, yeah, I mean he would ah, ah, with his hands he would touch my penis. AF: Okay. On top of your clothes or against your skin? KK: Um, both. Okay. Did it start out something different before it reached that point? KK: Yes. Okay. Are you able to describe that? KK: Um, it was ah, he described it as method of hypnosis. KK: Really? Yes.

And that was suppose to help you in what way?

KK:



Um, to well, I remember, I remember, man this, this is hard cause the, the hard part about it is I don't remember a lot of things in the order that they were.

KK: Okay.

AF: Sure.

It's because of not the years, just because of the things that I was doing to my body physically at the time.

KK: I understand, sure.

But, um, there were times like there would be, you know, he'd just spend a lot of time um, counseling me. He spent a lot of time um, in ah, in Biblical ah, teaching and things like that.

KK: Right.

And I know in times of um of counseling and stuff he would use you know at first you know sitting in the chair and hypnosis to try to get relaxation in order to communicate what the heck was going on in my life at the time. Cause there's a lot of stuff there, for sure.

KK: Okay. Did, did the behavior ever escalate beyond what you've already described?

Um, I don't recall. I don't think so.

AF: Did he, did Father Aube ever have you touch him,

Yes, yes once.

AF: Once.

That I recall, yes.

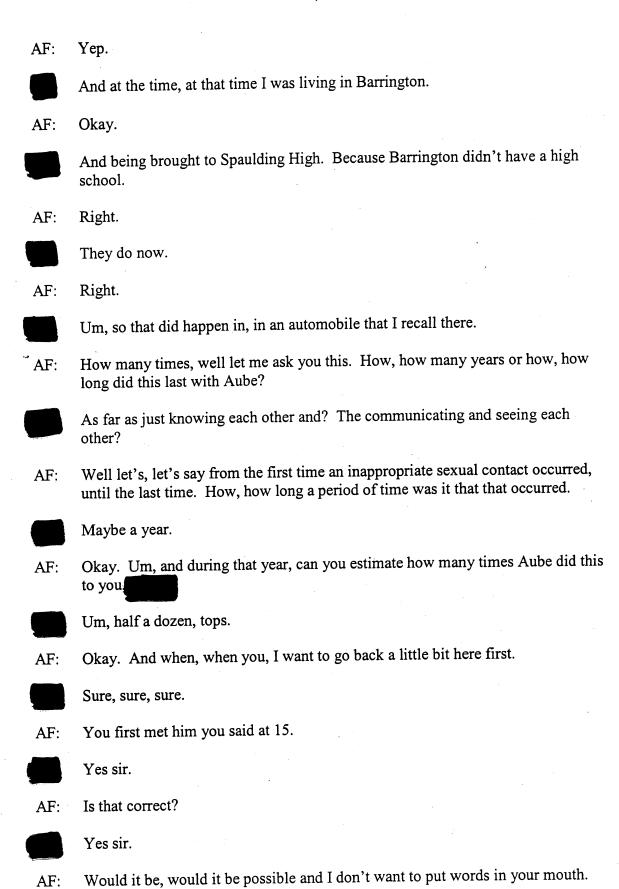
AF: Okay.

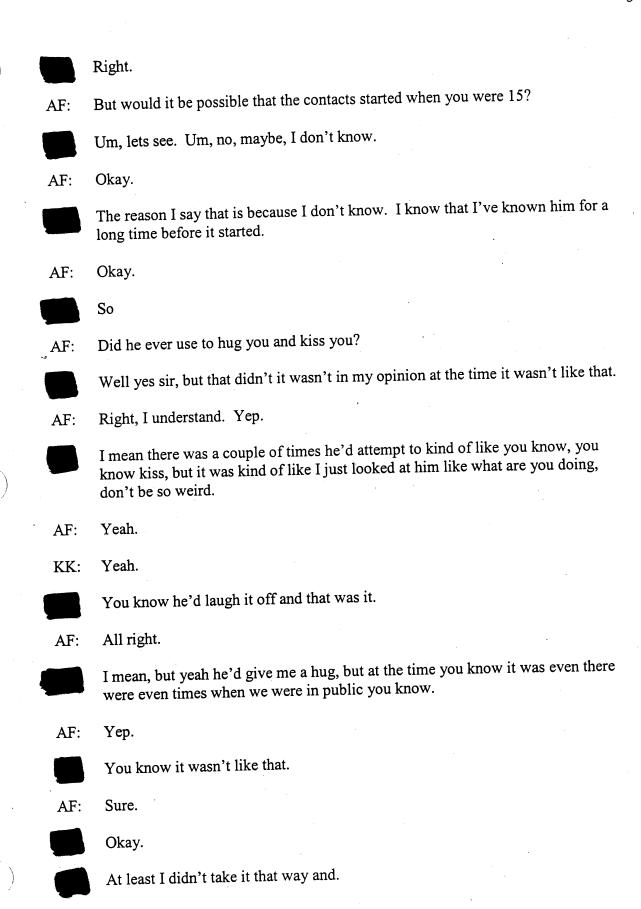
And it was driving in a car.

AF: Okay.

And it was ah there was a camp in Barrington that he had and that he borrowed, or a friend of his or something. I know it wasn't his. But he'd basically gone there on the week like a retreat, a vacation or whatever.







AF: Gotch ya.

It didn't give me no creepy feelings, you know.

AF: Okay.

KK: Did it ever occur any place other then in the Rectory and in a car?

Um, I know, I know, you know it happened a couple of times in the Rectory.

KK: Okay.

For sure. Um, I know it happened in the car. Um it might have, but I don't think it did actually at the camp itself. And there well there's another time, too where it happened in the car on the way to his parents' house, I believe. Either on the way there or on the way back from his parents' house.

KK: And do you remember where that was?

His parents' house?

KK: Yes.

Yes, Berlin, New Hampshire.

KK: Okay. All right.

...spoke French.

KK: Yeah.

AF: Yeah. Um, we so you remember um, well let me ask you this first. Did you ever at that particular time, prior to the early '90's, prior to the early '90's did you disclose this information to anyone?

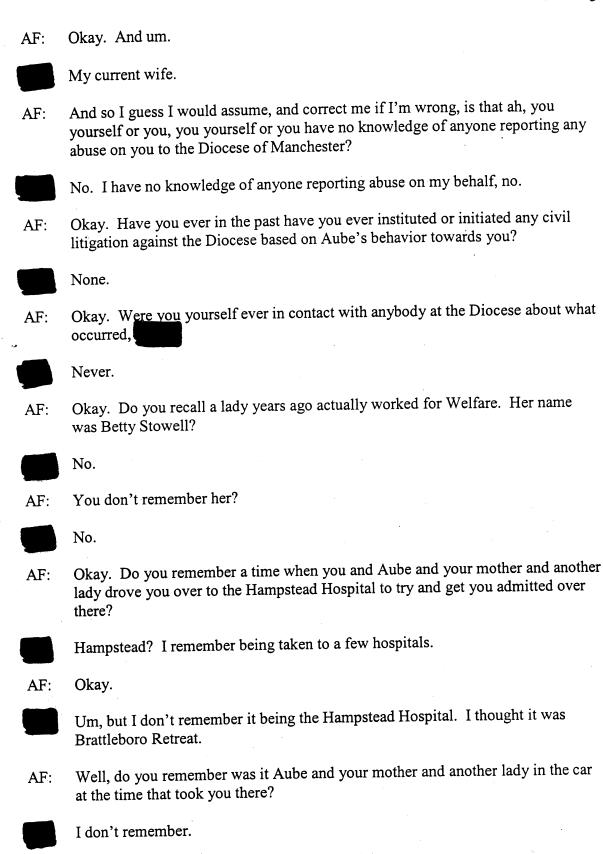
No sir.

AF: You didn't, okay.

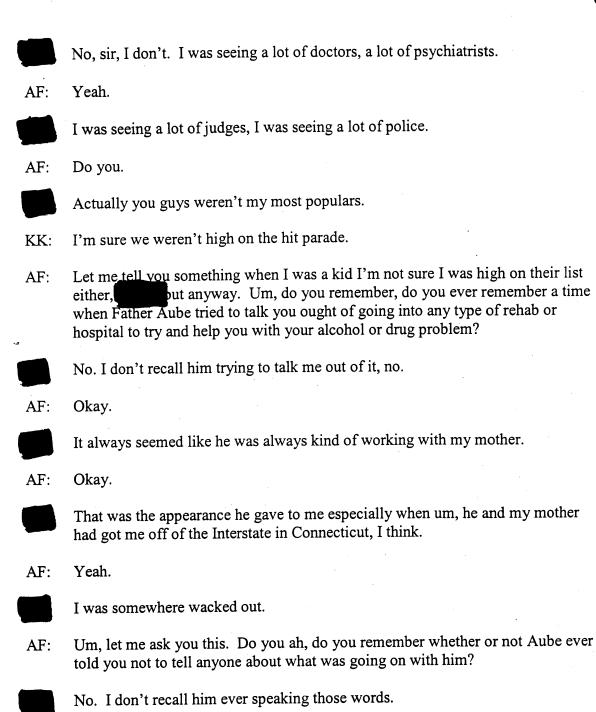
Not even before. I never disclosed it to nobody.

AF: Okay.

Except for my wife.



You don't, okay.



Okay. Um, I'm gonna, I have a document in front of me here, okay?

And I want to read it to you and then I want to ask you some questions about it,

AF:

AF:

Yes.

okay?

All right.

This is a document that a Lois Webb from Catholic Charities ah,

You said Lois?

AF: Lois Webb. I don't think you ever met the lady.

Um, I bet my wife would tell you that I'm not real good with names anyways so.

AF: Well this document is dated May 11, 1982. And it is signed by a priest named Francis Christian, okay, from the Manchester Diocese.

A priest named Francis?

AF: Yes, Francis Christian. Now this is what he wrote in this document. Ah, just see let me read this to you. "On this date Lois Webb of the Portsmouth Office of Catholic Charities called. She had some information regarding Father Paul Aube." And again, remember this is May 11, 1982.

Right.

"She had some information regarding Father Paul Aube which she felt it was AF: important that we be aware of. Her information comes from a Mrs. Betty Stowell who is the head of information and referral for the Strafford Welfare Department. Father Aube for several years has been counseling a has had a long history of family Barrington, who is now 17 years old. problems and been heavily involved in drugs and drinking. Since Father Aube has been in Concord," This is after he left Rochester and we're going to ask you about that too. "But since Father Aube has been in Concord, had a difficult time with him," meaning you, "and on several occasions has called Father Aube for advise, which he gave her over the phone. Two weeks ago," which would have put it around the first of May, end of April, ' ride to Concord and spent the night allegedly with Father Aube. Subsequent to and two friends from the region to the that occasion, Father Aube took beach in Maine. He arranged to pick them up outside of the Rochester area, explaining that he was not allowed to be seen in Rochester anymore, to be seen there anymore." Ah, this goes on about the counseling and that sort of thing, but um, first off do you remember hearing my question is this: do you recall or having any knowledge on why Father Aube left Rochester?

Um, yeah, I knew that, I knew that he had been had leave because of ah, of ah, charges similar you know what took place you know, but.

AF: Similar to what he was doing to you?



Yeah. But for some reason I never associated the two like you know I never associated the two.

AF: Okay.

KK: Were the charges or what you're thinking is charges, was that involving another ah, person or

Yeah, well I mean like you know I never, I never associated that like um, like Tony just said that it was the same like he was doing to you. That never occurred to me.

KK: Right.

You know it was like well he wouldn't do that to somebody you know and I'd think of you know and at that time you know I think of molesting a child. I think of you know a more gruesome things and what not. I don't think of just you know inappropriate, inappropriate touching at that time. I'm thinking how the heck you know.

KK: Right.

Molest a boy, come on.

KK: Right.

AF: Yeah.

That's disgusting.

AF: Do you remember seeing more of Father Aube after he was transferred from Rochester?

Say that again. I'm sorry.

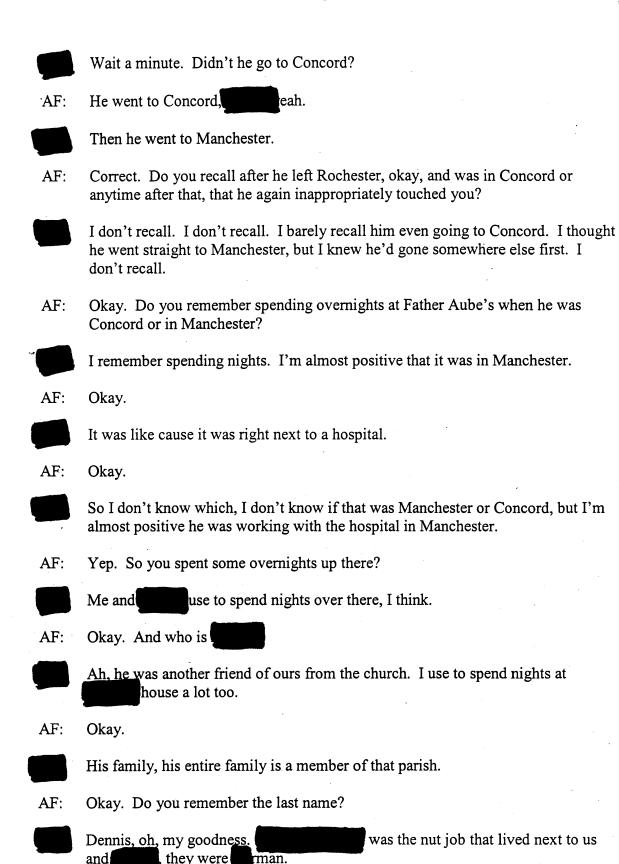
AF: Do you recall seeing Father Aube after he was transferred out of Rochester?

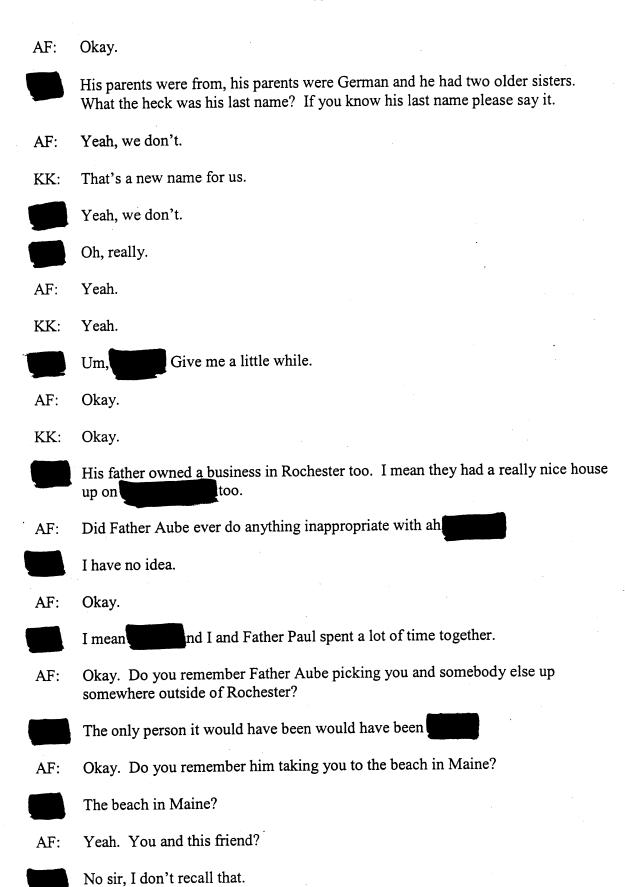
Oh yes, I saw him quite a few times after he transferred and um, I saw him after I came back from the Army and I've spoken with him even, I spoke with him on many occasions even after being married the first time.

AF: Okay. And after Father Aube left Rochester,

Huh, huh. He went to Manchester.

AF: Okay. He ended up.





Okay. Um, do you recall Father Aube telling you that he could not be seen in AF: Rochester anymore? Yes sir. Okay. And did he tell you why? AF: He said he had been brought up on charges. AF: Okay. Did you know who that involved? KK: No, not at all. No idea. And I want, I want to just go back. One thing I want to get straight here. I'm not, AF: I'm sometimes it doesn't sink in real fast for me, but hang in there. Huh, huh. Fifteen years old the start of, possibly 15 this starts. Maybe 16. AF: Correct. We're talking about '79, 1980. AF: Correct. Lasts for maybe a year? AF: Correct. Okay, so now we're into '81 maybe, '82. AF: Correct. Is that accurate? AF: Yes, I would say it's accurate because I dropped out of high school. AF: Okay.

All right. Um, I've asked you this once before, but I want to ask you again.

In my senior year.

AF:



AF: I want you to think on this. After Father Aube left Rochester,

Huh, huh.

AF: I want you to think about this. Do you remember any occasions where inappropriate touching occurred after Aube left Rochester?

I believe there, it was, yes. And I believe it was in Manchester.

AF: Okay. And I remember the hospital and him having it like an apartment, right outside or near the hospital, that I might have even been on the hospital grounds.

KK: So did the contact occur in the hospital itself or in his residence?

In his residence.

KK: Okay.

AF: Okay, and would, and was it a few times are r do you remember? Do you know how many times?

Um, no I don't know exact a count. But ah, it was ah, minimal.

AF: Okay.

Like I said, I mean it, if it was you know a half a dozen, a dozen.

AF: Yep.

Total ever um, that would be generous.

AF: I've got ya. Okay. Just bear with me for a minute we're looking at some documents and trying to figure out ah, when Aube was in ah, the dates in Manchester.

Say that again.

AF: We're trying to figure out what the dates were that Aube was in Manchester. Just bear with us here.

Oh, sure. No problem. It's your dime. I know like, like when I dropped out of school, and also there was a period of time there, an entire summer, when I wasn't even in New Hampshire.

AF: Okay.

I was in Nebraska.

AF: You were?

Yes sir.

AF: Were you, what were you doing out there?

I was getting as far away from New Hampshire as possible.

KK: So that's pretty far.

Um, no Father Paul had set this whole thing up for me.

AF: Was it Boys Town or something?

Oh, no, no. I lived with a Catholic family.

AF: Oh, you did, okay.

Yeah, it was a dairy farm.

AF: Okay. Okay.

And I went out there to work for the summer to, to live with a Catholic family and see what a Catholic family and what a Catholic is suppose to live like.

AF: Okay. I, I just remember something else I wanted to ask you.

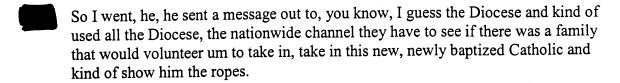
But I went out there for a whole summer with ah, um, oh my goodness I can't remember their last name. I used to call them mom and dad now. I haven't talked with them in a while, but um, there was a lot of trouble then. I just joined the Catholic Church at that time. And um, I wanted you know to try and stop me from running away. Father Paul got my mom to agree to that if he could find a family for me to, to stay with for the summer that was another Catholic family you know, that was, you know a good solid family. Um, if I could do that for the summer to try and get a break from what was going on.

AF: I understand.

KK: Right.

And let things you know relax and cool off and maybe come back to some sort of normalcy.

AF: Yeah. Good.



AF: Yeah.

And this family that has 10, 12, 12 children.

AF: Wow.

KK: Wow.

Took me in and they owned a dairy farm. The the the work out in Nebraska. That's it.

AF: Okay.

was his name and they had a dairy farm and I stayed there. Most of the children were already grown and gone except for I think four.

AF: All right.

And I lived there in the house and I worked and was treated just like any one of the other boys that lived there in the house.

AF: Bet you worked hard too.

Yes sir and earned enough. They paid for my plane ticket. Um, they got my labor and I think I came home with \$120.00 in my pocket and a cowboy hat.

KK: Not to bad then. Um, I'm showing the in my notes here, that ah, Paul Aube went to the Elliot Hospital in Manchester sometime around early 1983.

'83 I was in the Army.

KK: Okay, but you said you were gone for awhile so he would have been in Concord between '81 and '83.

Was he at a hospital in Concord?

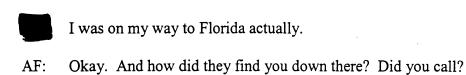
AF: Yes.

KK: Concord Hospital.

Did he work with elderly? Yes. And kind of ministering to anybody who needed help in KK: That was actually like on the brink of dying? KK: Right. AF: Yes. Then that's where it was. KK: Okay. Okay. Um, let me ask you this. Um, do you remember a time. AF: If he was in Concord then cause I remember that's what he was doing so if that was Concord then that's where I went. AF: Okay. He kind of did that in both places, but he went to Concord first right from KK: Rochester. All right. Do you remember a time that you ran away to AF: Um, let me ask you this, New York and Aube came to get you? I ran away a lot of times to a lot of places. Yeah. Do you remember a time going to New York and Aube coming down to AF: get you? I remember my mom and Aube coming to get me. AF: In New York or? I don't know. I thought it was Connecticut, but. AF: Connecticut. I, I know I'd gotten pretty far that time.

AF:

Okay.



Um, no I didn't call. They ah, ah, the story that I remember was there was an APB out of some sort.

AF: Yep.

And a couple of the truck drivers had heard the APB and from what I understand of the story, these two gentlemen um, basically met each other in the same place going in opposite directions on a regular basis.

AF: Okay.

And one was going north and one was going south and the gentleman that said that he was going to Florida actually was the one going north.

AF: Oh, I see.

And vice versa. And I jumped up in the back of the cab of the 18 wheeler in the sleeper and um, was shortly, what I thought it didn't seem like I was asleep for very long, but I didn't sleep much then um, was my mom and, and ah, Paul Aube.

AF: I see.

In the doorway saying it's time to come home. We found you.

AF: Now you mentioned, that sporadically you have um, kept in contact with Aube.

Huh, huh.

AF: Can you explain that a little bit more?

Um, I don't understand what you mean. I considered him a friend.

AF: Okay.

Um, so ah, there would be times like um, when I was hospitalized in Hawaii I would contact him. I was hospitalized for alcohol and drug addiction.

AF: Yep.



Um, in the Army. And I'd call, call him because during that time I'd been doing quite a bit of reading and had gotten really intrigued into ah, wanting to know more about the Bible and the word of God and, and who the Lord was. More and more. And really wanted to get back to what I thought was the right thing because um, you know even during the times that I knew Aube and what not um, I just always felt good going to church.

AF: Yep.



And so um, there was even a period of time when I knew Aube where I'd even um, had taken on the, the um, belief that I was going to be a priest.

AF: Oh.



And he had gotten me the books that they use and what not and I was memorizing the stuff and you know thinking about going into the priesthood at the time.

AF: Yep.



When I was with him, but then but like I said after, after the Army I'd call him you know, ask how he was doing and just tell him how I was doing.

AF: Yep.



Um.

AF: Have you had a recent contact with him?



No. It's been, it's been a long time.

AF: Long time.



Years, easily.

AF:

Did you ever confront him or ever mention to Paul that as you got older you finally realized that maybe what he was doing was inappropriate to you?



Never.

AF:

Never did.



No. I, um, later you know had really gotten ah, I basically had left the Catholic Church because of personal convictions and things that were revealed to me. And I didn't think that the Catholic Church was really, was really the right place to be and that they were teaching the Bible, the Bible as it should be taught and it really deviated from it and I confronted him on that. And actually we had arguments on,

theological arguments many times and you know to the point where one time he was like you don't nothing, you ain't been to Seminary and

AF: Yep.

You know blah, blah and I was like well whatever you say you know, but

AF: Yep.

I think you're wrong.

AF: Yeah. And in, I'm just going to, one other repeat if I might, may here. Aube leaves Rochester

Huh, huh.

AF: In 1981 and then he goes to Concord. And what you have told us is that after 1981, while he's in Concord or what you believe to be near a hospital and that sort of thing, ah, there was further contact after he leaves, inappropriate contact, after he leaves Rochester. Is that correct?

Yes.

AF: Okay.

KK: remember the document from ah, Frank Christian that Tony read to you a little bit ago?

AF: I remember him reading parts, yes.

KK: Yeah, okay. Can you tell me whether anybody ever contacted you to find out more specific information about your relationship with Paul Aube?

I don't recall anyone ever contacting me about anything to do with the situation.

KK: Okay.

I haven't spoken to nobody about the situation ever in my entire life that I can ever remember.

KK: Okay.

Except for my wife.

KK: Right. Right. Um, cause that's, that's pretty important to our case ah, the fact that the Diocese had this document and ah, doesn't seem like they followed up on it with you.

Or I can, I can guarantee you, one hundred percent, without a single doubt, that I've never spoken of, never been asked with nobody.

KK: Okay.

AF: Okay.

Except my wife.

KK: All right.

AF: Okay.

No one's questioned me. I didn't even talk to Paul about it. I never said nothing. I just figured, you know after I joined the Army all that was over.

KK: Yeah.

Move on and it was you know at that time I still considered him a friend and, and just kept it like that.

KK: Okay. Back, back when you were a kid in Rochester,

Right.

KK: do you know first hand whether he was doing this to anyone else?

I don't know first hand, no.

KK: Okay.

I know he'd been accused of it.

KK: Huh, huh.

Um.

KK: More than once or just that one time?

Say that again.

KK: More than once that you knew that he had been accused of?

It's October 31,

I knew that he had been accused of it and then I knew that he had been accused of it again, which forced him out of Rochester. KK: Okay. That first accusation, do you know where that was from? No. I don't know where any accusation was from any individual at all. KK: Okay. Did, did ah Paul Aube ever talk about any of his other assignments before he got to Rochester? Not that I recall, no. KK: Right. AF: Did he ever tell you that the, that the touching that was occurring ah, between you two that he had done that before with other boys? He never said that to me, no. AF: Okay. Okay. KK: do you have any question that you want to ask us? No, not, not really. I don't think. AF: All right. Well, I think as a we're, we've asked all we need to ask and would you have any problem with us contacting you if, if more questions arose, would that be okay to call you? No. I don't mind at all. AF: Okay. Well I tell you what I'm going to do then. If everybody is done here, I'm going to end this interview and then I'm going to let you know when we go off tape, okay? All right.

All right. This is the end of the interview with

2002 at 8:10 p.m. by my watch. End of interview.

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AF:

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