

Reports re: [REDACTED] Hampton (Rockingham County)

Preface:

On November 18, 1983, five months after I arrived in Keene after leaving Hampton, I went to a therapy session with Dr. Henry Guertin-Ouellette, Ph.D., who had offices in Manchester, NH and York, ME. This appointment was in Maine because it was closer to Hampton and when I went to Keene I just kept the same day and time and combined it with a day off. I would usually drive to York, ME from Keene, then down to my sister's home in Lynn overnight, then back to the Keene rectory. I did this weekly in the summer of 1983. Henry is now retired and living in Maine. During this meeting Henry told me that there was a report about me brought to his attention by a counselor with Catholic Social Services. He said that the counselor reported that she was counseling a youth, [REDACTED] and that [REDACTED] told her I had him sit on my lap and hugged and kissed him. I essentially admitted this to Dr. Ouellette, but told him I actually attempted to kiss him and [REDACTED] resisted so I stopped. I was drinking at the time and felt then that the drinking was a problem. When I returned home that day I called a friend who was in AA and went to a meeting with him. This was the last time I had a drink and I attended AA regularly.

In December, 1983, Fr. Frank Christian, the Chancellor, called me in to discuss the incident. It was felt that, since I had already resigned that parish on my own and was in counseling that no further action was necessary, but that he was waiting to hear from the attorney general's office whether it would be prosecuted. A few months later Frank told me it would not be prosecuted, but that any future such incidents would mean I could not be assigned in the Diocese.

I continued to see Henry periodically. I never heard anything more about this incident, was never interviewed by anyone, and never saw a written report.

In May of 1986 Henry spoke to me again stating that he received a call from a social worker for the state with another report. It turned out that this was [REDACTED] reporting the same incident to another counselor. This time, however, he added that I also played a "spider game" and attempted to touch his genitals. I flatly denied this and no further action was taken. The following week Henry told me that the state

realized this was the same 1983 incident and no further action would be taken.

In November of 1988 Det. McLaughlin told me that he had interviewed [REDACTED] telephone, and told me that I could still be prosecuted for the 1983 incident but would not be if I agreed to plead guilty to the misdemeanor charge of endangering a minor (referring to [REDACTED] 88).

Now, after reading of the [REDACTED] se allegations in the papers, [REDACTED] is coming forward again - this time with claims that I fondled his genitals on four occasions. This simply is not true.

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Attached are copies of correspondence from various state officials regarding the 1984 and 1986 reports which, again, are reports of the same incident.

Then there is a July 30, 1993 report of an interview between Det. McLaughlin and [REDACTED]. It states [REDACTED] date of birth as [REDACTED] making him now 23 years old, 13 at the time of the incident, and 14 at the time the first report was made. The indictments allege he was 12 at the time of the incident.

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par. 2 [REDACTED] states that he was 12 or 13 when he met me. I arrived in Hampton in July of 1982. [REDACTED] states he was attending religious education classes which would place the onset of these classes after September. He would have turned 13 in early October. I can safely say I did not meet [REDACTED] before the first of the year in 1983 or well after. I remember this because he gave me a cigarette lighter on my birthday which was April 9. The incident of hugging took place after that.

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par. 1 - [REDACTED] states that he does not recall how it was arranged that he first met with me but that we discussed his desire to become a priest. I have no recollection of such a discussion.

This same paragraph has [redacted] describing how I arranged to admit him into Catholic school in Hampton. This is not so. I left this parish in June of 1983. [redacted] attended the parish school beginning in September of 1983 in the eighth grade. I had no knowledge that he was attending there until I once ran into the new principal there in Manchester, Mr. Jeff Smith. He asked me if I knew [redacted] and told me that he was causing a lot of disruption in the school. I later heard that [redacted] was expelled from the school. I also heard sometime later that he was also expelled from a Catholic high school in Portsmouth, NH.

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par. 2 - [redacted] never saw me in my underwear or dis clothed in any way, nor I him.

par. 3 - [redacted] story of my stating that my eyes were burned with a blow torch is bizarre, but might be rooted in some reality. I do have some colorblindness. I remember hearing from someone that it may have been worsened by my watching my father welding as a child. I may have said this. I have no idea whether it is possible or not.

[redacted] accounts of conversations with me about sex are fabrications.

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par. 4 - [redacted] claims that the sexual touching by me continued while he was 13 and to his 14th year. [redacted] would have turned 14 on October 8, 1983 according to the date of birth provided by McLaughlin. I left Hampton and went to Keene on June 15, 1983. I visited Hampton once in July or August, 1983 for a few hours to pick up some belongings. I remember talking to Susan who worked in the parish in her office in the school. I did not go to the rectory. I remember that [redacted] was frequently calling me collect in Keene and I stopped accepting the charges around the end of July.

par. 5 - [redacted] states that another priest walked in and witnessed my sexually assaulting him. I would think that this would be something this other priest would remember if so. His name is Father Gerard Boucher. Boucher also resigned from this parish and left on June 15, 1983.

The rest of the report of the interview between McLaughlin and [REDACTED] as the tone of a therapy session. This disturbs me greatly with each of McLaughlin's reports. It appears that he coaches the individuals making the report, asks suggestive and leading questions, and then provides clinical information to back up his assumptions.