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Attached are the following, related to reports by [REDACTED] in 1983 and 1986. This summary is followed by my response to the materials which includes statements made by [REDACTED] to Det. McLaughlin in 1988. The final document in this packet is Det. McLaughlin's report of his interview with [REDACTED] dated July 30, 1993. From this material it is evident that this same case has been investigated in 1983/84, 1986, 1988, and 1993.

1. 11/23/83 - (2 pages) Notes by [REDACTED] re: meeting with Rev. John Quinn who reported the incident. The report refers to this as a single incident and states that I admitted to the incident to my superiors. I did not - I admitted to the incident to my therapist, Dr. Henry Guertin-Ouellette. I had no contact with my superiors regarding this incident until early December, 1983. The incident is here described accurately as "allegedly had the fifteen year old male child sitting on his lap and was kissing the boy (however i did not actually kiss the boy on the lips as later alleged).

This report also states "The original presenting problem requiring treatment was not related to the alleged incident with Rev. MacRae (cf "Treatment:").

This report indicates [REDACTED] as fifteen at the time of the incident, another indicates he was fourteen, another thirteen and another twelve.

2. 12/28/83 - (3 pages) Note from Susan Saggiotes, Office of Legal Affairs to Attorney Peter Foley, Assistant Attorney General re Child Sexual Abuse Reports [REDACTED] (?) and [REDACTED]. This is followed by a 2 page report. The reference to [REDACTED] has nothing to do with me. I believe this to be the name of the minor involved in the complaint against Fr. Mark Fleming in Hudson after my ordination there. I did not know the [REDACTED] child but I believe I met his father on one occasion. I do not know why this memo contains a reference to [REDACTED]

The attached report also refers to this as a single incident/act which occurred in the early summer, 1983. This is accurate, however I left Hampton on June 15, 1983 so the incident had to be prior to this. For reasons I do not know that counselor reporting the incident requests that [REDACTED] not be made aware that the incident has been reported.

3. 1/6/84 - (1 page) Letter from Peter W. Mosseau, Deputy Attorney General to Edward J. O'Brien, Cheshire County Attorney re: Dec. 30, 1983 report on [REDACTED] sent for further investigation and/or prosecution.
4. 1/13/84 - (1 page) Response to letter #3 above.
5. 3/31/86 - (2 pages) Report to Stephen J.C. Woods re-reporting the 1983 incident. This report states that [REDACTED] told a school psychologist that he was "molested by a priest" three years earlier. A later report will indicate that [REDACTED] told the school psychologist this at Winnacunnet High School in Hampton. He apparently said this in retaliation for being expelled from St. Thomas Aquinas High School in Dover, NH, for carrying a knife to school.
6. 4/3/86 - (1 page) Letter from Stephen J.C. Woods, Rockingham County Attorney to the Hampton Police Department re: the new report.
7. 4/10/86 - (2 pages) Notes from "E. Davis" re-investigating 1983 incident. In this report [REDACTED] now alleges that "something happened" in his home in addition to the incident he reported in 1983, and he makes reference to a "spider game" (which is fabricated by [REDACTED]). He alleges here that I attempted to touch him between the legs but he did not allow me to. He then indicated that he spoke to his father, his teacher, and Father Watson, pastor of the Hampton parish (beginning in 1984). [REDACTED] also says "he is upset

that Fr. Gordon never got back in touch with him again..." He then repeats the allegation of the fictitious "spider game". (In [redacted] 1993 interview with Det. McLaughlin [redacted] states that "spider game" was his own name for what happened and not mine. I do not know what [redacted] referring to."

8. 4/10/86 ff - (3 pages) Further notes from "E. Davis" re-investigating the 1983 incident. This report states that the incident originally reported happened in the summer of 1982. The 1983 report states that it happened in the early summer of 1983. At the end of page one and beginning of page two [redacted] expressed anger and emotions regarding the fact that this priest did not get in touch with him again after their last meeting in the summer of 1982." I arrived in Hampton in July of 1982 and left there in June of 1983. When I left [redacted] was calling me in Keene collect nearly every day. I stopped accepting the charges on these calls a few weeks before [redacted] made the original allegation.

[redacted] continues in this report with his new allegation that I also attempted to touch him between the legs but he would not allow me to.

[redacted] also alleges "he would let me play with his gun." I had a small collection of handguns and rifles which belonged to my father and which he left to me when he died in May, 1983. [redacted] neither saw nor touched any of these guns. I sold them shortly after my arrival in Keene in June of 1983 to a Winchester, NH gun dealer. This report concludes with [redacted] again expressing that he was upset "that Father Gordon had never got in touch with him again."

9. 4/16/86 - (1 page) Letter from Elizabeth Davis to [redacted] requesting signed release for records from Catholic Social Services.

10. 4/18/86 to 5/1/86 - (1 page) Notes apparently from Marilyn Fraser investigating the 1983 incident. It is indicated here that this is the same incident investigated in 1983 with no new information.
11. 4/18/86 - (1 page) Letter from Geraldine O'Connor, Supervisor for DCYS to Elizabeth Davis, Social Worker stating that Roger Desrosiers, Administrator, ordering "an immediate halt" on any further investigation of above.
12. 4/22/86 - (1 page) Letter from Elizabeth Davis, Social Worker, to Roger Desrosiers, DCYS Administrator confirming that a meeting had been held on 4/18/86 to review the above re-investigation.
13. 4/24/86 - (1 page) Memo from David Bundy, DCYS Director to Geraldine O'Connor, Portsmouth Office Supervisor critical of the re-investigation.
14. 4/29/86 - (1 page) Letter from Marilyn Fraser, Social Worker, to Det. Arthur Wardle, Hampton Police Department, stating that "no new or additional data was obtained" in the 1986 re-investigation of the 1983 report.
15. 5/7/86 to 5/12/86 - (3 pages) Notes from Marilyn Fraser, Social Worker, regarding further interviews with [REDACTED] Dr. Brown and Rev. John Quinn. Ms. Fraser raises the possibility that [REDACTED] rediscovery may be related to his discharge from St. Thomas Aquinas High School. [REDACTED] again states that he was angry that I did not contact him again. He also states that the pastor of the Hampton parish, Fr. Watson, ridiculed him and this angered him.

On page three of this report Det. Wardle of the Hampton Police Department commented on [REDACTED] emotional needs and the attention he is receiving from these discussions." he also states that [REDACTED] was discharged from St. Thomas Aquinas High School for carrying a knife.

16. 5/12/86 - (1 page) Letter from Marilyn Fraser, Social Worker, to Ms. Joan Welch, Hampstead Hospital, requesting psychiatric records of [REDACTED] release signed on 4/11/86 is attached.
17. 5/12/86 - (1 page) Letter from Marilyn Fraser, Social Worker, to [REDACTED]
18. 5/13/86 - (1 page) Letter from Marilyn Fraser, Social Worker, to Rev. John Quinn, Diocese of Manchester, requesting written reports from 1983.
19. 5/15/86 to 6/11/86 - (2 pages) Notes from Marilyn Fraser, Social Worker, re: conversations with Dr. Brown, [REDACTED] Det. Wardle, Rev. Quinn. This concludes with a hand written note dated 6/11/86 that no additional data has been discovered in this new investigation.

In this report Dr. Brown states that he "knows of no other abuses at this time" and states that he will report further abuses if [REDACTED] brings them up. There is no further report made by Dr. Brown in the course of his treatment of [REDACTED].

Det. Wardle of the Hampton Police Department states here that there is no basis for his office to pursue the matter further.

20. 6/9/86 - (1 page) Letter from Marilyn Fraser to [REDACTED] stating that the new investigation "found no evidence of additional mistreatment". Copy sent to Dr. Robert Brown, [REDACTED] counselor.

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21. 12/10/86 - (1 page) Written report of the 1986 re-investigation with a finding of "unfounded".
22. 11/2/88 - (11 pages) Letter from Det. Wardle, Hampton Police Department to Officer McLaughlin, Keene Police Department followed by ten pages of hand written investigation notes dated from 4/86 to 5/87.

Page one describes a complaint from [REDACTED] mother that [REDACTED] receiving "crank phone calls" from a 15 to 16 year old girl in Hampton. This was prior to [REDACTED] expulsion from St. Thomas High School.

Page two (dated April 10, 1986) deals with the complaint against me stating that I have been transferred to Rochester, NH and the alleged incident took place in 1984.

Page three refers to [REDACTED] nger at being discharged from St. Thomas High School as the reason this has come up again.

On page four Det. Wardle makes a note that "Gordon was best friend" and "upset because Gordon not kept in touch".

Page six makes reference that "most everything occurred at rectory office (age 12)". [REDACTED] was 14 when I met him. His 1993 interview with Det. McLaughlin indicates that the alleged incident(s) occurred on the second floor of the rectory in the living quarters. Det. Wardle also makes note here that "witnessed by Father Jerry (referring to Fr. Gerard Boucher). [REDACTED] also alleges this to Det. McLaughlin in 1993.

Page eight indicates that Det. Wardle taped an interview with [REDACTED] and his father.

NB: I was never interviewed by any person in law enforcement or in the Division of Children and Youth Services in 1983 or in 1986. I was never interviewed by Msgr. Quinn at the time

of either report or at any other time involving this matter. I was questioned on one occasion by Msgr. Christian in early December, 1983.

23. 10/28/88 - 11/14/88 - Notes containing quotes from Det. McLaughlin's 1988 report of his investigation of me. these quotes are limited to references made to [REDACTED]

page 8: "On 28 Oct 88 I called Sylvia Gale and spoke about the suspect... We then spoke about the Hampton incident. Gale states the incident involved the suspect being sexually involved with a young male. The actual incident took place in 1983, but wasn't seriously investigated by the Hampton Police until 1986."(NB: I found the following to be incredibly disturbing): "Gale then told me about some information she developed third hand about the suspect. The Catholic Church back in 1983 had moved the suspect from a Florida Church to Berlan(sp) New Hampshire. The reason was that the suspect was involved sexually with two boys. One of these two was murdered and his body mutilated. The case is supposed to be still unsolved. The jurisdiction of this crime has not been established at this time.

Response: I learned recently that Sylvia Gale makes the same comments in a letter to McLaughlin stating that the information underlined above was given to her by a former employee of Catholic Social Services who was told it by Rev. John Quinn with the instruction that she is not to reveal it to anyone. That letter is attached and noted in another document in this Discovery. None of the above is true. I have never been to the State of Florida. I did not come to New Hampshire from another Diocese. I was never stationed in Berlin, New Hampshire. I was ordained for the Diocese of Manchester in June of 1982 after spending four years as a seminary student in Baltimore, Maryland.

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page 12: ".....I asked Gale about the 1983 incident which the suspect was accused of. She told me that the male victim was an altar boy at the same church with the suspect. The victim at a young age had aspirations of becoming a priest. A relationship developed between the suspect and the victim as a result. The victim disclosed the sexual relations between himself and the suspect as a result of some type of mental breakdown. This breakdown being either the result or in part the result of the sexual abuse suffered by the victim. Gale is unsure if a law enforcement agency took part in the investigation. She did know that the suspect admitted to the abuse to a high church official. That the church paid for all the medical needs of the victim and possibly his schooling as well. The suspect as a result was transferred to Keene. No criminal charge is believed to have resulted from this incident. Gale has other information on the suspect which I will follow up on."

Response: It seems that Ms. Gale and Det. McLaughlin take great pains here to show that the Church is somehow responsible for the actual incident. [REDACTED] was never an altar boy at the church, never talked with me about becoming a priest and his aspirations in that regard did not result in a relationship developing. [REDACTED] and his family did not attend Mass at the parish in Hampton. They did not attend at all. [REDACTED] began to attend on his own sporadically as a result of knowing me. The only profession I ever remember him talking about wanting to be was an undertaker. Further, I never admitted the allegation "to a high church official" and I have no knowledge of the church paying for [REDACTED] schooling and/or medical needs. It is not true that I was transferred to Keene as a result. I resigned the Hampton parish because of the lawsuit with the Sisters of Mercy - the same reason and at the same time that the pastor, Fr. Gerard Boucher resigned. I had been in Keene five months when this allegation

from Hampton first surfaced. I disclosed this allegation to Fr. Gabriel Houle, pastor of St. Bernard's, when it first surfaced in November of 1983. I told Fr. Houle that I did not want to do any form of youth ministry as a result of this allegation.

page 34: Det. Waudell, Hampton NH Police Department, 1-929-4444 "He responded back to our call regarding a record check. He will forward a copy of the case file on the suspect.

page 35: "On 2 Nov 88 I received a call from Det. Waudell of the Hampton Police Department. He researched the files and found a case report of the incident involving our suspect in his town. He said the incident occurred in 1983 and was dealt with at that time by DCYS worker Marilyn Frazier. At that time the incident was found to be founded. The victim at the time of the sexual assault was 14 years old. He later disclosed the abuse again in 1986 to a psychologist who thought the abuse was recent and who reported the matter back to DCYS. The parents contacted the Hampton Police Department and spoke with Det. Waudell. They wanted him to reinvestigate the case because they were very disturbed over the way the catholic church handled the manner (sic) and wanted to sue them. DCYS sent a letter to Waudell at the time telling him no fresh investigation was needed. The matter was resolved in 1983 with the suspect having a treatment plan approved by the Attourney (sp) Generals Office. The Cheshire County Attorneys Office was then notified since the treatment and residency of the suspect would be in the Keene area. A copy of the case report will be sent by Hampton PD."

Response: The above quote by Det. McLaughlin demonstrates that [REDACTED] motive in re-reporting the 1983 incident in 1986 was that they wanted to sue the Diocese of

Manchester.

Page 49: "On 8 Nov 88 Hampton Police Department sent a copy of what they had on file concerning the suspects 1983 sexual contact with a minor. The report is one of the worst. It simply looks like notes. From these notes bits and pieces of the incident can be put together. References to sitting in the suspects lap, kissing and hugging, and fondling can be learned from some of the writings. A letter from a DCYS worker (letter dated 29APR86) to the Hampton Police Detective was included. The incident was described as founded and that a protective investigation ensued. It then tells that a treatment program was formulated with the Attourney (sp) Generals office approval. The letter also states the Cheshire County Attourneys (sp) office was also notified."

Response: At the time of my interview with Det. McLaughlin dated 11/14/88, which was taped by Det. McLaughlin, he told me that in his opinion the Diocese of Manchester, the Attorney General's Office and DCYS conspired to cover up this incident in 1983 and again in 1986. He told me that he has interviewed [REDACTED] though there is no mention of this in his report) and he can still charge me with this crime, but "I have a feeling this would just go away" insinuating that if I entered a guilty plea to the [REDACTED] case there is no need to charge me with this case. This conversation was before Det. McLaughlin turned off the tape recording.

Page 67: "Sgt. Brown (of the Keene Police Department) told the suspect that if the problem which came up in 1983 had resurfaced then lets get it controlled. The suspect was also told that we were concerned about how this was going to effect the agency (referring to the chemical dependency agency of which I was then director). Brown stated he wanted to have this situation taken care of as quickly and quiet

as possible. The suspect then requested that we go off tape for a moment. We agreed to do so and I logged off at 1458 HRS."

Response: The tape recording was not, to the best of my knowledge, turned on again for the remainder of the interview. On page 70 Det. McLaughlin makes reference to "our conversation which lasted off tape from 1700 till 1925." I will discuss this conversation in a response to the 1988 investigation report. There was no further mention of the 1983 incident by McLaughlin except a statement that [REDACTED] told him he would come to Keene to testify if I allow a trial (by not pleading guilty to the [REDACTED] charge). Again, there is no mention in the written report of a conversation between McLaughlin and [REDACTED]

24. 7/30/93 - (12 pages) - Det. McLaughlin's interview with [REDACTED] which resulted in the current indictments and my responses to that interview.