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April 6, 2004

Dr. Michael V. Ananis  
Superintendent of Schools  
Amherst School District  
SAU #39  
1 School Street, P.O. Box 849  
Amherst, New Hampshire 03031-0849

Subject: [REDACTED], Alleged Misconduct, Informal Investigation

On February 24, 2004, an informal investigation was initiated concerning alleged misconduct by [REDACTED], a middle school teacher in your district. The original complainant's legal counsel was contacted and he informed the Department that his client wished no further action on the complaint. The informal investigation is closed.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 271-3855.

Sincerely,

Dr. Judith D. Fillion  
Director  
Division of Program Support

CC to Assistant Attorney General James D. Rosenberg

**ATTORNEY GENERAL  
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

88 CAPITOL STREET  
CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03301-6397

PETER W. HEED  
ATTORNEY GENERAL



KELLY A. AYOTTE  
DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL

January 8, 2004

Pamela Tebbets  
SAU # 39  
P.O. Box 849  
Amherst, NH 03031

Re: [REDACTED]

Dear Ms. Tebbets:

Thank you for speaking with me earlier this week regarding [REDACTED]. This Office recently received an allegation of sexual abuse against Mr. [REDACTED] from a complainant that requested to remain anonymous. She alleged that between 1975 and 1978, when she was between the ages of 13 and 16 years old, she was involved in an extensive sexual relationship with Mr. [REDACTED]. At the time, Mr. [REDACTED] was a Deacon with the Diocese of Manchester. He was working at St. Anthony's in Manchester, New Hampshire. When she made the allegation, the complainant shared certain personal details that she learned from Mr. [REDACTED] during the course of their relationship. Those details are consistent with information that the State learned during its recent investigation of the Diocese of Manchester.

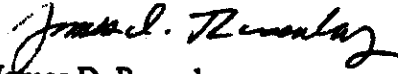
The State believes that this matter falls outside of the statute of limitations for purposes of criminal prosecution. Accordingly, the State does not intend to pursue a prosecution in this matter.

The information received by the State is a complaint of wrong-doing, Mr. [REDACTED] has not been formally accused of a crime by this Office, and the complaint has not been established by any standard of proof.

Please contact me at the number below if you have any questions or concerns.

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Very truly yours,



James D. Rosenberg  
Assistant Attorney General  
Criminal Justice Bureau  
33 Capitol Street  
Concord, NH 03301  
(603) 271-3671

Cc: N. William Delker, SAAG  
John Lassey, Esquire

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**Brodeur, Paul**

**From:** Rosenberg, James  
**To:** Brodeur, Paul  
**Cc:** Delker, Will; Rosenberg, James  
**Subject:** RE: [REDACTED] Complaint  
**Attachments:**

**Sent:** Mon 5/10/2004 4:15 PM

Thanks for your work in this stuff Paul. The acts alleged would be barred by the statute of limitations. So, a prosecution is not possible. However, we received a similar allegation of wrong-doing against [REDACTED] in early December. Concerned about the allegation that we received and believing that [REDACTED] is currently teaching in Amherst, NH, this Office drafted a letter to the Amherst School Department placing them on notice of the allegation and making clear that this office did not make a conclusion as to the truth of the allegation. I will talk with Will about the propriety of generating a similar letter in this instance.

Jim

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Brodeur, Paul  
**Sent:** Monday, May 10, 2004 4:08 PM  
**To:** Rosenberg, James  
**Subject:** FW: [REDACTED] Complaint

Hi Jim: I believe I cc: you with the message I sent to Atty. Lamontagne. He just responded below. Were you able to determine if the acts took place within the statute of limitations? If not there is no need for further inquiry, if so then it would be up to the investigating agency (? Manchester PD) to contact the Attys. Let me know.  
Thanks.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Ovide M. Lamontagne [mailto:olamontagne@devinemillimet.com]  
**Sent:** Mon 5/10/2004 10:55 AM  
**To:** Brodeur, Paul  
**Cc:** Quinlan, Diane; EArsenault@RCBM.org; jnaff@catholiccharitiesnh.org; Donroe, Brenda  
**Subject:** RE: [REDACTED] Complaint

Dear Paul:

As a follow-up to your email last week seeking more information about [REDACTED] [REDACTED] we had previously reported about him to your Office. I believe Jim Rosenberg had inquired of the Amherst School District (Atty Dan Schwarz represented the Amherst School District during Jim Rosenberg's inquiry). Attorney John Lassey at the Wadleigh office (669-4140) is Mr. [REDACTED] personal attorney and I would recommend that you contact Atty Lassey directly to obtain more current information.

I hope this is helpful to you.

Ovide

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**From:** Brodeur, Paul [mailto:Paul.Brodeur@doj.nh.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 06, 2004 7:57 PM  
**To:** Ovide M. Lamontagne  
**Subject:** RE: [REDACTED] Complaint

Thank you.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Ovide M. Lamontagne [mailto:olamontagne@devinemillimet.com]  
**Sent:** Thu 5/6/2004 5:44 PM  
**To:** Brodeur, Paul  
**Cc:** Quinlan, Diane; EArsenault@RCBM.org; bdonroe@rcbm.org;  
 jnauff@catholiccharitiesnh.org  
**Subject:** RE: [REDACTED] Complaint

Paul:

Thank you for your email. I will try to get some additional information back to you early next week. The Diocesan Administration is closed tomorrow for a day of recollection, so I probably won't be able to get additional information until Monday at the earliest.

Ovide

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**From:** Brodeur, Paul [mailto:Paul.Brodeur@doj.nh.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 06, 2004 4:56 PM  
**To:** Ovide M. Lamontagne  
**Cc:** Rosenberg, James  
**Subject:** RE: [REDACTED] Complaint

Dear Ovide:

I just spoke with [REDACTED] dob [REDACTED] formerly [REDACTED]. She advised in 1975-1976 at the age of 14 or 15 she feels there was inappropriate kissing and hugging by a Deacon and then Priest [REDACTED] who was assigned to St. Anthony and then St. Jeans. She also reports her younger sister a [REDACTED] reported to [REDACTED] that in 1973 age the age of 6 that [REDACTED] gave her a french kiss. [REDACTED] did not elaborate further. [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] would be invited to the house for dinner etc. [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] c. Shortly thereafter [REDACTED] left the priesthood and married. She believes he currently has 3 girls of his own and is teaching [REDACTED] in the Nashua area.

What can you tell me about him?

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Ovide M. Lamontagne  
[mailto:olamontagne@devinemillimet.com]  
**Sent:** Mon 5/3/2004 5:38 PM  
**To:** Brodeur, Paul  
**Cc:** Arsenault, Rev. Edward; DQuinlan@RCBM.org;  
bdonroe@rcbm.org; jnaiff@catholiccharitiesnh.org  
**Subject:** [REDACTED] Complaint

Dear Paul:

Please find attached a "complaint" which we received earlier today. You will note on the attached report form that Ms. [REDACTED] says that she did not place the call and does not want to file a complaint at this time. Joe Naff disclosed to her that we would be making a report. At this point, we don't know any details about the

accused, the nature of the abuse or any other particulars.

Please let me know if you would like us to follow up in some way, but at this point it does not appear that she will be very cooperative.

Ovide



## ALLEGATIONS OF SEXUAL ABUSE OF A MINOR REPORT SUMMARY ~ CIVIL AUTHORITIES

**Complainant Name:** [REDACTED] **(Maiden Name):**  
**Address:**  
**Telephone:** [REDACTED]  
**DOB:** / / **E-mail:**

**Name of Reporter (if not Complainant):** Anonymous  
**Relationship:** Possibly complainant's sister  
**Telephone:**                      **Address:**

1. Location (City/Town) of alleged abuse: Unknown  
Place of alleged abuse: Unknown  
Date of alleged abuse: 30 years ago  
Nature of alleged abuse: Unknown  
Age of Complainant at time of alleged abuse: Unknown
2. Location (City/Town) of alleged abuse:  
Place of alleged abuse:  
Date of alleged abuse:  
Nature of alleged abuse:  
Age of Complainant at time of alleged abuse:

**Specific Concerns: An anonymous call was made to St. Anthony Parish on 5/2/04 stating the caller was a parishioner there for a long time and that a priest molested her and her sister. The caller gave the above phone number and asked for a return call. The call was returned by Joseph Naff on 5/3/04. The woman, [REDACTED], whose phone number it was stated that she did not make the call and does not know who did. However, she stated that an incident took place with her and a priest 30 years ago but she would not reveal any information about it. She said that if she changed her mind she would call me back. I advised her of our obligation to report this call to the Attorney General.**

**Report to DCYF (if complainant under age of 18) 800-894-5533**  
**Date of Contact:    /    /200    Time:    :**  
**Name of DCYF Intake Rep:**

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Information Current Through: 03/31/2004  
Database Last Updated: 04/16/2004  
Updated Frequency: Monthly  
Current Date: 05/05/2004  
Source: Trans Union

**Individual Information**

Name: [REDACTED] L  
Also Known As: [REDACTED] L  
SSN: [REDACTED]  
Date of Birth: [REDACTED]  
On File Since: 08/01/1980  
Phone: [REDACTED]

**Current Address Information**

Current Address: [REDACTED] 4  
MANCHESTER, NH [REDACTED]  
Address Last Reported: 07/01/2000

**Previous or Additional Address Information**

Previous Address: [REDACTED] T  
[REDACTED]  
Address Last Reported: 07/18/2001

Previous Address: [REDACTED]  
MANCHESTER, NH [REDACTED]  
Address Last Reported: 07/18/2001

Previous Address: [REDACTED]  
MANCHESTER, NH [REDACTED]  
Address Last Reported: 11/13/2000

Previous Address: [REDACTED] R  
ALLENSTOWN, NH [REDACTED]  
Address Last Reported: 08/01/1998

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**Westlaw Attached Printing Summary Report for BRODEUR, PAUL E 4102490**

Your Search:

(STA(NH))

Date/Time of Request:

Wednesday, May 05, 2004 12:09:00 Central

Client Identifier:

Database:

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Lines:

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**Brodeur, Paul**

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**To...** RoseJ@doj.nh.gov

**Cc...**

**Bcc...**

**Subject:** [REDACTED]

**Attachments:**

Jim what can you tell me about statute of limitations:

[REDACTED] 1975-76 age 14 or 15 what she considered inappropriate hugging and kissing. She advised no penetration of any type.

[REDACTED] in 1973 at age 6 advised [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] gave her french kiss. Didn't tell her sister anything further. [REDACTED] is checking with [REDACTED] regarding speaking with me and getting me her tel. #. [REDACTED] also believes her older sister was a victim but would not give me any info. She is going to talk to her sister and advise further.

I sent you cc of email to Ovide with above particulars and to see what info he can give me about [REDACTED].



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**Hayes, Sandy**

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**From:** Brodeur, Paul  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 19, 2004 10:48 AM  
**To:** Hayes, Sandy  
**Cc:** Rosenberg, James  
**Subject:** FW: New Report: [REDACTED]

Hi Sandy: Please print and put it in the priest file in my drawer. I will update that file when I get back. Copy to Jim Rosenberg. Thanks.

Jim: I can't print the attachement but from Ovide's message I presume the local police are already aware of the situation.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Ovide M. Lamontagne [mailto:[olamontagne@devinemillimet.com](mailto:olamontagne@devinemillimet.com)]  
**Sent:** Tue 5/18/2004 4:40 PM  
**To:** Brodeur, Paul  
**Cc:** Arsenault, Rev. Edward; Quinlan, Diane; [jnaff@catholiccharitiesnh.org](mailto:jnaff@catholiccharitiesnh.org); Donroe, Brenda  
**Subject:** New Report: [REDACTED]

Dear Paul:

This is a different kind of report about which I thought you should be made aware.

Fr. Donald Clinton, Pastor of St. John the Baptist Parish in Suncook, was made aware of the arrest recently of a 16 year old boy, [REDACTED] for sexually assaulting two minor children who were in his care when he babysat them. The assault charges and the relationship between [REDACTED] and the minors are unrelated to the Church. The minors are not Parishioners at St. John's.

[REDACTED], however, is an altar boy and has trained altar servers at St. John's. In light of this, I expect that [REDACTED] will be removed from his role as altar server as well as trainer.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Ovide

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**DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER  
OFFICE OF THE DELEGATE OF THE BISHOP**

**ALLEGATIONS OF SEXUAL ABUSE OF A MINOR  
REPORT SUMMARY ~ CIVIL AUTHORITIES**

[REDACTED]

**Complainant Name:** Unknown (Maiden Name):  
**Address:**  
**Telephone:**  
**DOB:** / / **E-mail:**

**Name of Reporter (if not Complainant):** Fr. Donald Clinton **Relationship:** Pastor - St. John Baptist Church - Suncook, NH. Fr. Clinton notified the Diocese by e-mail on 5/15/04 and verbally on 5/17/04.  
**Telephone:** 485-3113 **Address:** 10 School St. Suncook, NH 03275

**Name of Accused:** [REDACTED]

1. **Location (City/Town) of alleged abuse:**  
**Place of alleged abuse:**  
**Date of alleged abuse:**  
**Nature of alleged abuse:** Rape of 2 girls ages 4 y/o and 6 y/o (neighbors of [REDACTED])  
**Age of Complainant at time of alleged abuse:**
2. **Location (City/Town) of alleged abuse:**  
**Place of alleged abuse:**  
**Date of alleged abuse:**  
**Nature of alleged abuse:**  
**Age of Complainant at time of alleged abuse:**

Complainant has been informed that the Diocese of Manchester will report this allegation to law enforcement (Attorney General/ DCYF if applicable/local law enforcement) Yes ☐ No ☒ XX  
**Specific Concerns:** The parents of [REDACTED] informed Fr. Clinton on 5/15/04 that their son was arrested for sexual assault of the above noted girls. Reportedly, [REDACTED] was the childrens' babysitter. [REDACTED] is a 16 y/o who trains altar servers at St. John the Baptist Church in Suncook, NH. He and his family are parishioners of this parish. The names of the complainants are unknown and Fr. Clinton reported that they are not parishioners of the parish. The incident is unrelated to church ministry. Fr. Clinton reported that [REDACTED] was to be served papers (relative to his arrest) on 5/17/04. I have called Fr. Clinton to determine which police department is investigating. I am waiting for his return call.

**Report to DCYF (if complainant under age of 18) 800-894-5533**  
**Date of Contact:** / /200 **Time:** :  
**Name of DCYF Intake Rep:**

**Report to Ovide Lamontagne (603-695-8516) for report to AG/law enforcement:**  
**Date of Contact:** 5/18/2004 **Time:** 4:10 pm

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**DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER  
OFFICE OF THE DELEGATE OF THE BISHOP**

**ALLEGATIONS OF SEXUAL ABUSE OF A MINOR  
REPORT SUMMARY ~ CIVIL AUTHORITIES**

**Complainant Name:** [REDACTED]  
**Address:** [REDACTED]  
**Telephone:** (Atty Hutchins: 603-629-4566)  
**DOB:** ?1950    **E-mail:**

**Name of Reporter (if not Complainant):** Peter E. Hutchins    **Relationship:** Attorney  
**Telephone:** 603-629-4566    **Address:** Wiggin & Nourie Manchester, NH

**Name of Accused:** Donald Osgood

1. **Location (City/Town) of alleged abuse:** Albuquerque, NM  
    **Place of alleged abuse:** Our Lady of the Assumption parish  
    **Date of alleged abuse:** May or June 1963  
    **Nature of alleged abuse:** Masturbation of priest by Complainant  
    **Age of Complainant at time of alleged abuse:** 13-14 \years old? In eighth grade

Complainant notified the Diocese of Manchester of his abuse by Father Osgood in July 1994.

Father Osgood's file was reviewed and released by the Attorney General's Office as part of its March 3, 2003, report.

Complainant has been informed that the Diocese of Manchester will report this allegation to law enforcement (Attorney General/ DCYF if applicable/local law enforcement) Yes ☐ No ☐  
**Specific Concerns:**

**Report to DCYF (if complainant under age of 18) 800-894-5533**  
**Date of Contact:**    /    /200    **Time:**    :  
**Name of DCYF Intake Rep:**

**Report to Ovide Lamontagne (603-695-8516) for report to AG/law enforcement:**  
**Date of Contact:**    \    **Time:**    \

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**Brodeur, Paul**

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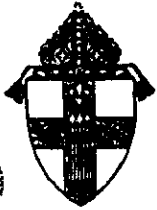
**From:** Ovide M. Lamontagne [olamontagne@devinemillimet.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 30, 2004 12:05 PM  
**To:** Brodeur, Paul  
**Cc:** jnaiff@catholiccharitiesnh.org; Quinlan, Diane; bdonroe@rcbm.org; Arsenault, Rev. Edward  
**Subject:** "New" Report

Dear Paul:

Attached is a civil authorities report updating your office about a claim which the Diocese received in 1994 against Fr. Osgood, about whom we have reported before, and whose file was reviewed by the Task Force in the Summer of 2002. This matter involves a complainant who lives in Washington state and who alleges that Fr. Osgood sexually abused him in New Mexico in 1963. Although we believe that your office has reviewed the 1994 report, and although the alleged conduct occurred in New Mexico, we are providing this civil authorities report to complete our records.

Feel free to contact me or the complainant's attorney, Peter Hutchins, if you have any questions.

Ovide



Secretariat for Pastoral Services  
Diocese of Manchester

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Msgr. Frank J. Christian  
FROM: Msgr. Paul L. Bouchard *P.L.B.*  
DATE: 29 July 1994  
RE: Telephone call from [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], who lives in Washington State, called this afternoon in regard to Donald Osgood (Remember a few months ago when we were contacted in regard to the whereabouts of Donald Osgood?) [REDACTED] claims that he was sexually molested by Donald in 1963. He does not wish to bring suit in any way, but he does want to know if Donald is still alive, and also wants to warn others -- he feels he has a moral responsibility to do so. I told [REDACTED] that it might be better for him to talk with you.

Would you give him a call on Monday morning between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. (that would be 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. his time)? His telephone number is: 1-509-962-2276.

*I spoke with [REDACTED] on Aug 1, gave him the same information as that in the memo to Fr. [REDACTED]. He indicated he desired to track Fr. Osgood to make sure authorities were aware of his background. He promised to share with us any information he obtained.*  
*F.J.C.*

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: File

FROM: Paul E. Brodeur

RE: DIOCESE AUDIT RECORDS Victim [REDACTED] Accused Fr. Peter Walsh

DATE: July 1, 2004

6/30/04 I received notice from Atty. Ovide Lamontagne that the Diocese received a new complaint regarding Priest Abuse. The victim, [REDACTED], did not want to discuss particulars over the phone.

This date called: [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
cell [REDACTED]

and advised I was responding to his complaint and needed some particulars to establish the statute of limitations etc.

[REDACTED] advised that as a child he was the outcast. He would go to school every day and he would get beat up. [REDACTED] advised that he felt the church was a safe place and dedicated numerous hours at the church. He would show up at church at 3:30PM for the 4:30PM Mass at St. Thomas Aquinas Rectory. [REDACTED] advised that during 1987 – 1988 he spent hours at the rectory playing chess with Fr. Peter WALSH. [REDACTED] advised that Fr. WALSH told him that what was taking place was OK. [REDACTED] advised at first Fr. WALSH touched him over his clothing but over the 3 or 4 months it ended up that WALSH masturbated him. [REDACTED] advised that he subsequently turned away from the church and had a troubled childhood with his parents etc.

[REDACTED] advised that in 1993 – 1994 he sustained a serious head injury and he forgot a lot that had previously happened to him. He advised that he is counseling for other reasons and recently began playing chess again. He believes it had been 15 years since he had played chess and now that he is playing chess again he is remembering the acts that took place back in 1987 – 1988. [REDACTED] inquired of the Councilor if acts back then could have been forgotten and now being remembered. Councilor felt this could very well be the case.

Advised [REDACTED] that we would review the statutes and also determine where WALSH is at this time and when he would have left NH.

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**DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER  
OFFICE OF THE DELEGATE OF THE BISHOP**

**ALLEGATIONS OF SEXUAL ABUSE OF A MINOR  
REPORT SUMMARY ~ CIVIL AUTHORITIES**

[REDACTED]

**Complainant Name:** [REDACTED] (Maiden Name):

**Address:** c/o [REDACTED]

**Telephone:** [REDACTED] cell.

**DOB:** [REDACTED] **E-mail:**

**Name of Reporter (if not Complainant):**

**Relationship:**

**Telephone:** **Address:**

**Name of Accused:** Fr. Peter Walsh (Franciscan)

**1. Location (City/Town) of alleged abuse:** Derry

**Place of alleged abuse:** St. Thomas Aquinas Rectory

**Date of alleged abuse:** 1987-1988

**Nature of alleged abuse:** complainant would not specify. He said there were isolated incidents that occurred a "few times".

**Age of Complainant at time of alleged abuse:** 13 or 14 y/o

**2. Location (City/Town) of alleged abuse:**

**Place of alleged abuse:**

**Date of alleged abuse:**

**Nature of alleged abuse:**

**Age of Complainant at time of alleged abuse:**

Complainant has been informed that the Diocese of Manchester will report this allegation to law enforcement (Attorney General/ DCYF if applicable/local law enforcement) Yes X No ☐

**Specific Concerns:** Complainant wanted to know if the accused is still in ministry. He was at work at the time of his call and was reticent to elaborate on the nature of the abuse. According to the parish records in the Chancery, Fr. Walsh has not been assigned in the Diocese of Manchester since at least August 1992.

**Report to DCYF (if complainant under age of 18) 800-894-5533**

**Date of Contact:** / /200 Time: :

**Name of DCYF Intake Rep:**

**Report to Ovide Lamontagne (603-695-8516) for report to AG/law enforcement:**

**Date of Contact:** 6/30/2004 Time: 9:00 AM

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**Director for Healing and Pastoral Care ☒**

**Other: ☐**

## MEMORANDUM

TO: FILE

FROM: Paul E. Brodeur

RE: Fr. PETER WALSH accused/ victim [REDACTED]

DATE: July 2, 2004

Received information from Atty. Ovide Lamontagne to contact Provincial Curia,  
Very Rev., Robert CAMPAGNA, OFM  
125 Thompson St., New York City, NY 10012  
tel. 212-674-4388  
of the Franciscan Order regarding Fr. Peter WALSH.

This date spoke with Very Rev. Fr. CAMPAGNA. Atty. Lamontagne had previously  
advised him that I would be calling because of the referral of [REDACTED].

Fr. CAMPAGNA gave me the assignments and information of Fr. WALSH as  
follows: PETER WALSH  
DOB 07/13/50

Currently in residence at the Retreat House located in Andover, MA. As of 07/06/04  
WALSH will be assigned to the above address in NYC, NY. The WALSH assignments are  
as follows:

1985 to 1992 St. Thomas Aquinas Derry, NH  
1992 to 1994 Pastor of a Parish in Troy, NY.  
1994 to 2003 at the Mother House as noted above  
2003 to current at the Retreat House in Andover, MA.  
07/06/04 will be back at the Mother House in NYC, NY

Fr. CAMPAGNA was very forthright and advised that in 1993 WALSH had been arrested in  
NJ for exposing himself. WALSH received 5 yrs. probation and required to attend  
counseling. CAMPAGNA advised that WALSH completed the 5 yrs. counseling plus  
continued on his own for an additional 4 yrs. The Cardinal had taken WALSH's faculties  
away from him during that time period but had re-instated them after the completion of  
probation and counseling. But when the most recent church wide incidents came about the  
current Cardinal again withdrew the faculties of WALSH. During the time when WALSH  
was without faculties he would work in the Mother House which is called internal ministry  
assisting with mailings and computer work.

Fr. CAMPAGNA advised that he has been in his capacity since 1995. There were prior incidents when he needed to confront WALSH about the 1993 incident etc. Fr. CAMPAGNA advised that WALSH was accused of exposure but never of touching anyone. CAMPAGNA advised that WALSH has always been very truthful with him and admitted if he had done wrong but also denied accusations if he was not responsible. Fr. CAMPAGNA advised based upon the notification 07/01/04 from Atty. Lamontagne he called and confronted WALSH about these accusations. WALSH advised that he knew the family and the child but he emphatically denied any involvement with [REDACTED].

Fr. CAMPAGNA advised that he is available at any time and will gladly assist law enforcement as needed.

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**Brodeur, Paul**

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**From:** Ovide M. Lamontagne [olamontagne@devinemillimet.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 09, 2004 11:03 AM  
**To:** Brodeur, Paul  
**Cc:** Quinlan, Diane; Donroe, Brenda; jnaiff@catholiccharitiesnh.org; Arsenault, Rev. Edward  
**Subject:** [REDACTED] Fr. Peter Walsh

Dear Paul:

I am writing to provide you additional information about the above complaint.

I understand that Fr. Peter Walsh has been removed from public ministry since August of 1993. Although he has been in residence at the Provincial Friary in Andover, MA, Fr. Walsh is being re-assigned to the Provincial Mother House in New York within the next few weeks.

The best contact information I have for you is the legal counsel for the Province, Atty James Geoly or the Provincial Minister, Fr. Robert Campagna, OFM whose addresses and contact information are listed below:

Mr. James Geoly  
Burke, Warren, MacKay & Seritella  
330 N. Wabash Avenue, 22nd Floor  
Chicago, IL 60611-3607

Phone: (312) 840-7080  
Fax: (312) 840-7900  
Email: [jgeoly@burkelaw.com](mailto:jgeoly@burkelaw.com)

Fr. Robert M. Campagna, O.F.M.  
Provincial Minister  
Franciscan Friars - Immaculate Conception Province  
126 Thompson Street  
New York, NY 10012

Phone: (212) 674-4388  
Fax: (212) 533-8034

Please let me know if you have any questions or comments.

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July 9, 2004

County Attorney James M. Reams  
40 Route 125 PO Box 1209  
Brentwood, NH 03833 Kingston 03848-1209

Re: Reported Priest Abuse of a [REDACTED]

Dear County Attorney Reams:

I receive the newly reported complaints regarding Priest abuse. We attempt to determine if the statute of limitations applies and if further investigation is needed by the respective jurisdiction. This particular report appears to meet the statute of limitation but there is a repressed memory issue that needs to be addressed and whether your court will entertain the matter.

[REDACTED] is currently in therapy for some other reason but because of a renewed playing of chess began to recall acts that took place in 1987 - 1988. [REDACTED] reported being very involved at St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Derry, NH. He then had a serious accident in 1993 or 1994 and his memory was lost. Because of resuming playing chess he has now remembered that in 1987 - 1988 he played chess with a Father Peter Walsh and over a 3 or 4-month period of time acts began by touching over his clothing to masturbation.

I contacted the Superior of Fr. Walsh, Robert Campagna, OFM and he advised that Fr. Peter Walsh had left Derry NH in 1992 and has not returned to NH. Fr. Campagna advised of an arrest of Walsh for exposing but that he has never been accused of assault. Fr. Campagna confronted Walsh who has admitted knowing the family but denies any wrong doings. This is being forwarded to you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Paul E. Brodeur  
Investigator  
Criminal Justice Bureau

Attch. 4

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**Brodeur, Paul**

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**From:** Ovide M. Lamontagne [olamontagne@devinemillimet.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 01, 2004 11:15 PM  
**To:** Brodeur, Paul  
**Cc:** Arsenault, Rev. Edward; Quinlan, Diane; jnaff@catholiccharitiesnh.org; bdonroe@rcbm.org  
**Subject:** [REDACTED] Fr. Walsh Report

Dear Paul:

The Franciscan provincial superior for Fr. Peter Walsh, OFM is

Very Rev. Robert M. Campagna, OFM  
Provincial Curia  
125 Thompson St.  
New York, NY 10012  
212-674-4388

Fr. Campagna that has been notified that the [REDACTED] Walsh report has been forwarded to you and that we would provide his name and address to the N.H. civil authorities.

We now understand from Fr. Campagna that Fr. Walsh, OFM currently resides at:

Franciscan Retreat Center  
459 River Road  
Andover, MA 01810  
978-851-3391

Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Thank you,

Ovide

**Brodeur, Paul**

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**To:** Ovide M. Lamontagne  
**Subject:** RE: [REDACTED]/Fr. Walsh New Report

I will reach out for this person. Also will determine which statute of limitations apply to this incident. Do you know where Fr. Walsh is at this time? There may be a slight delay in the review of the statute in that Jim Rosenberg is leaving the office today for private practice. Will Delker is a homicide trial in Hills. SC North so will seek a review from some brave Atty.

Just an FYI on [REDACTED] Jim Rosenberg as one of his final acts wrote a second letter to the SAU re: [REDACTED].

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**From:** Ovide M. Lamontagne [mailto:olamontagne@devinemillmet.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 30, 2004 12:13 PM  
**To:** Brodeur, Paul  
**Cc:** jnaфф@catholiccharitiesnh.org; Quinlan, Diane; Arsenault, Rev. Edward; bdonroe@rcbm.org  
**Subject:** [REDACTED]/Fr. Walsh New Report

Dear Paul:

Please find attached a new report which we received yesterday afternoon. The complainant called from work and was not comfortable at the time of his call providing information about the nature of the abuse. He was concerned about whether the accused is still in ministry.

You should know that the accused is a religious order (Franciscan) priest. Fr. Walsh is not presently assigned in the Diocese of Manchester and he has not been assigned here since at least 1992 (according to the diocesan parish files). Diane Quinlan is following up with the religious order. Joe Naff will continue his dialogue and counseling with the complainant. [REDACTED] is aware that a report is being filed with civil authorities.

Fr. Walsh is not assigned in this Diocese and has not been assigned at least since 1992 (according to the diocesan parish files).

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Ovide

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**DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER  
OFFICE OF THE DELEGATE OF THE BISHOP**

**ALLEGATIONS OF SEXUAL ABUSE OF A MINOR  
REPORT SUMMARY ~ CIVIL AUTHORITIES**

**Complainant Name:** [REDACTED] (Maiden Name):  
**Address:** [REDACTED], NH 03820  
**Telephone:** [REDACTED]  
**DOB:** [REDACTED] **E-mail:** [REDACTED]

**Name of Reporter (if not Complainant):** [REDACTED] **Relationship:** [REDACTED]  
**Telephone:** [REDACTED] **Address:** [REDACTED]

**Name of Accused: Fr. Joseph Maguire**

1. **Location (City/Town) of alleged abuse:** Dover, NH  
**Place of alleged abuse:** St. Joseph's Rectory  
**Date of alleged abuse:** approximately 1975-1977  
**Nature of alleged abuse:** Touching ("tried" to touch under complainant's clothing)  
**Age of Complainant at time of alleged abuse:** 8 to 10 years old – at the time of complainant's First Communion
2. **Location (City/Town) of alleged abuse:**  
**Place of alleged abuse:**  
**Date of alleged abuse:**  
**Nature of alleged abuse:**  
**Age of Complainant at time of alleged abuse:**

Complainant has been informed that the Diocese of Manchester will report this allegation to law enforcement (Attorney General/ DCYF if applicable/local law enforcement) Yes X No ☐  
**Specific Concerns:** Complainant is requesting immediate assistance for a problem with alcohol dependence.

**Report to DCYF (if complainant under age of 18) 800-894-5533**

**Date of Contact:** / /200 **Time:** ;

**Name of DCYF Intake Rep:**

**Report to Ovide Lamontagne (603-695-8516) for report to AG/law enforcement:**

**Date of Contact:** 07/19/2004 **Time:** 10:30 AM

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**Brodeur, Paul**

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**From:** Ovide M. Lamontagne [olamontagne@devinemillimet.com]  
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**To:** Brodeur, Paul  
**Cc:** Quinlan, Diane; jnaff@catholiccharitiesnh.org; Arsenault, Rev. Edward; Donroe, Brenda  
**Subject:** New Report [REDACTED], Joseph Maguire

Dear Paul:

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**From:** Delker, Will  
**Sent:** Monday, July 19, 2004 5:33 PM  
**To:** Brodeur, Paul  
**Subject:** RE: New Report: [REDACTED]/Joseph Maguire

We probably need more information to determine if the statute of limitations expired. It most likely did because it appears to be a misdemeanor. Let me talk to Peter Odom and Simon and get their thoughts on how to proceed.

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**Sent:** Monday, July 19, 2004 5:29 PM  
**To:** Delker, Will  
**Subject:** FW: New Report: [REDACTED]/Joseph Maguire

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**From:** Delker, Will  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 27, 2004 8:19 AM  
**To:** Brodeur, Paul  
**Cc:** Delker, Will  
**Subject:** RE: New Report: [REDACTED]/Joseph Maguire

I spoke with [REDACTED] yesterday. It is clear to me that the case is outside the statute of limitations. I explained that to him and also explained where things stood with Fr. Maguire's case. He wanted some closure and seemed pretty upset that the case could not be prosecuted. I asked Sandy Matheson to give him a call and see if she could arrange counseling for him.

Will

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