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

REPORT OF COMPLAINANT

Date of Intake: January 21, 2003

Received by: Joseph P. Naff, LICSW

Name of Complainant: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Telephone # [REDACTED]

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

Identity of Accused: Fr. Rocco Memmolo

1. **Location (City/Town) of Alleged Abuse:** St. Michael Parish, Exeter, NH
Place of Alleged Abuse: in the church & rectory
Date of Alleged Abuse: 1976-1977 ("couple of years" duration)
Nature of Alleged Abuse: oral sex - probing - not full intercourse

2. **Location (City/Town) of Alleged Abuse:** _____
Place of Alleged Abuse: _____
Date of Alleged Abuse: _____
Nature of Alleged Abuse: _____

Complainant has been informed that information will be sent to law enforcement (Attorney General's Office and possibly local law enforcement) ☒ **Yes** ☐ **No**

Specific Concerns: _____

Date/Time Reported to Ovide Lamontagne (603-695-8516): 01/22/03

Copy of Report to Fr. Arsenault: 01/22/03

From: "Joseph Naff" <jnaff@catholiccharitiesnh.org>
To: "Ovide Lamontagne" <omlamontagne@dmb.com>
Date: 1/22/03 10:32AM
Subject: new report - [REDACTED]

Ovide,

This is a new report from a gentleman with whom I spoke last night. The complainant was referred to me by Fr. Joe Cooper of the Diocese. The priest is not in active ministry but I don't know his status with the Diocese. I will check with Fr. Ed.

Thanks,

Joe

CC: "Ed Arsenault" <Earsenault@rcbm.org>

From: Anthony Fowler
To: Lamontagne, Ovide
Date: 1/22/03 11:12AM
Subject: Re: Fwd: new report - [REDACTED]

Ovide,

Thanks for the new report. Would you please advise what the status of this priest is, and where he is. I'm going to call Exeter PD and get a contact person for you to report this to. It may or may not have prosecutorial merit, but we need to find that out. If this priest, as you know, has been out of state, it may have some merit. I will e-mail you with the contact person in Exeter and let me know when the report to Exeter has been made.

Thanks, Tony F.

>>> "Ovide Lamontagne" <OMLAMONTAGNE@dmb.com> 01/22/03 10:40AM >>>
Tony,

Here is another one we just received. Please let me know how you would like us to proceed.

Ovide

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From: Anthony Fowler
To: Lamontagne, Ovide
Date: 1/22/03 11:17AM
Subject: Re: Fwd: new report - [REDACTED]

Ovide,

I just spoke to Exeter PD and they are awaiting your call. The person to call is Sergeant James Stevens-772-1212. Just ask for him. Let me know when LE is notified.

>>> "Ovide Lamontagne" <OMLAMONTAGNE@dmf.com> 01/22/03 10:40AM >>>
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From: Anthony Fowler
To: Lamontagne, Ovide
Date: 1/24/03 11:52AM
Subject: Re: Fr. Memmolo

Thanks, Ovide. I will document your contact and report to Exeter PD and who you spoke to. Let me know about Fr. Memmolo-status/location once you know

Tony

>>> "Ovide Lamontagne" <OMLAMONTAGNE@dmb.com> 01/24/03 11:47AM >>>

Tony,

I spoke with Detective Frank Winterer (copied on this email) of the Exeter PD today about the above new complaint. I will be providing more information to you and Detective Winterer about Fr Memmolo when I receive it from Joe Naff. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

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MEMMOLO

From: "Ovide Lamontagne" <OMLAMONTAGNE@dmb.com>
To: <FowlA@doj.state.nh.us>
Date: 1/24/03 2:24PM
Subject: Re: [REDACTED] Fr. Memmolo

Tony,

The following is information on Father Memmolo:

His address and phone number are:

[REDACTED]

He is considered on a leave of absence, with no faculties.

Joe Naff will be providing this information to Detective Winterer of the Exeter PD today.

Ovide

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CC: <jnaff@catholiccharitiesnh.org>

From: "Ovide Lamontagne" <OMLAMONTAGNE@dmb.com>
To: <FowlA@doj.state.nh.us>
Date: 3/4/03 5:10PM
Subject: Re: request on Fr. Memolo

Tony,

In response to the questions Detective Winterer and you have posed regarding Father Memolo, this is the best information the Diocese has in its files:

1. When did Memolo leave St. Michael's and what placements has he had since then.

The following is a listing of Father Memolo's parish assignments. He left St Michael's on June 18, 1979. The remaining parish assignments are listed below.

Parish Assignments:

Saint Michael Parish, Exeter:	December 18, 1976 to June 18, 1979
Saint Mary Parish, Dover	June 18, 1979 to June 15, 1983
Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Merrimack	June 15, 1983 to October 8, 1986
Saint Joseph Parish, Laconia	October 8, 1986 to January 28, 1987
Holy Angels Parish, Plaistow	January 28, 1987 to June 1987
Saint Mary Chapel, Texas A & M University, College Station, Texas	June 1987 to February 6, 1989
Saint Christopher Parish, Nashua	February 6, 1989 to January 27, 1993
Holy Family Parish, Gorham	January 27, 1993 to August 3, 1993
Sick Leave	August 3, 1993 to July 18, 1994

2. Are there any other accusations in Memolo's file.

There are no accusations against Fr Memolo in his file involving sexual misconduct with a minor.

3. Why and when did Memolo request a leave of absence.

Father Memolo requested to be placed on sick leave due to health reasons. Bishop Leo O'Neil granted his request on August 3, 1993.

On July 11, 1994 Father Memolo requested an additional one-year leave of absence. It was granted by Bishop O'Neil on July 18, 1994. Father Memolo has been on an extended leave of absence since then and has had no "faculties" or permission to serve as a Priest in the Diocese of Manchester.

I am forwarding a copy of this email to Detective Frank Winterer. Please let me know if you or he need additional information.

Ovide

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>>> "Anthony Fowler" <FowlA@doj.state.nh.us> 03/03/03 12:37PM >>>

Ovide:

I assume you are very, very busy as we are today, but I have a request once the dust settles. I received a call from Det. Frank Winterer of the Exeter PD concerning information he needs on Fr. Rocco Memolo. If you could assist in getting this information to Winterer, it would be appreciated. Winterer's telephone number is 772-1212. He is looking for the following information:

1. When did Memolo leave St. Michael's and what placements has he had since then.
2. Are there any other accusations in Memolo's file.
3. Why and when did Memolo request a leave of absence.

Thanks for your anticipated attention.

Tony Fowler

CC: <jnaff@catholiccharitiesnh.org>, <EArsenault@RCBM.org>, <MGuillemette@RCBM.org>, <winterer@RCN.com>

To: Inv. Tony Fowler
From: Det. Frank Winterer
Ref: Rocco Memolo (suspect)
Date: 02-28-03

Thank you for your offer to help with this case. On 02-06-03 I asked for the following from Ovid Lamontagne, and to date I have not gotten the info.

1. When did Memolo leave St. Michael's and what placements has he had since then?
2. Are there any other accusations in Memolo's file?
3. Why and when did Memolo request a leave of absence?

3/3- e-mailed request to
O. Lamontagne. @



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FAX TRANSMISSION COVER SHEET

DATE: 02-28-03

TO: NH AG's Office

Attn: Inv. Tony Fowler

FROM: Det. Frank Winterer

MEMO: Please call to confirm you received this OK (603) 772-1212

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