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## MEMORANDUM

TO: FILE

FROM: Paul E. Brodeur

RE: DIOCESE AUDIT RECORDS [REDACTED]

DATE: July 9, 2004

04/13/04 I received an email from Atty. Lamontagne advising of a new priest abuse report. He also advised that there had been a previous report where [REDACTED] had accused a Fr. Rocco Memmolo and the letter from [REDACTED] to Joe Naff dated 02/17/04 made reference to a third incident with a teacher at [REDACTED]. Naff was going to meet with [REDACTED] regarding these allegations but received a call from [REDACTED] therapist indicating that [REDACTED] suffered from a multiple personality disorder and it would be unlikely that NAFF would be able to meet with [REDACTED] in the near future. The Diocese advised Atty. Lamontagne to forward the report.

The newly (second) accused priest is a Fr. Shields who is currently 93 yoa. NAFF made calls to [REDACTED] to determine whom the third accused would be. It was determined that the Theology Teacher at the time was a [REDACTED] Atty. Lamontagne advised that [REDACTED] had retained Atty. HUTCHINS and to contact him direct.

I made numerous attempts to reach Atty. Hutchins:

4/27 left voice message

5/3 1040 hrs. left voice message

1047 hrs. received a page to call Hutchins

1051 hrs. received email from Hutchins basically saying that he had not met with [REDACTED] at this time but was planning to flying to NJ to speak with [REDACTED]

1102 hrs. left voice message.

7/6 1558 hrs. left voice message

7/7 @ 1100 hrs. left voice message

7/8 1404 hrs. call from Hutchins

@1415 hrs. called cell phone & office and spoke with Secretary re: [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

@1445 hrs. spoke with Richard Paul, Inv. For Hutchins re: [REDACTED]

7/9 @ 1100 hrs. called for Hutchins after speaking with Atty. Lamontagne re: [REDACTED]

During previous calls to HUTCHINS left voice message re: [REDACTED] On 7/8/04 when I spoke with Secretary she advised that they were not aware of a [REDACTED] therefore possibly there was an error in the reporting.

On 7/9/04 I called for Atty. LAMONTAGNE in an effort to determine if there was an error. LAMONTAGNE returned my call @1050 hrs. and advised that [REDACTED] had indicated an affair with a teacher at [REDACTED] NAFF called the school to determine who that person would have been and was advised [REDACTED] NAFF was advised that [REDACTED] is now married in the DC area. LAMONTAGNE advised that HUTCHINS needs to speak with his client to develop that issue further and possibly because of the multiple personality disorder that [REDACTED] had not told HUTCHINS about this person.

@ 1100 hrs. called and spoke with Secretary of HUTCHINS. Advised her of what had been determined. She reiterated that [REDACTED] had not mentioned [REDACTED] She also advised that HUTCHINS did not want me speaking with [REDACTED] until their case was completed so that nothing would interfere with their case. I suggested to her that [REDACTED] failure to tell them about [REDACTED] could potentially be a credibility issue on the part of [REDACTED]. Inquired how long that would be and she was not sure but did not think it would too long. Advised her I merely wanted to complete my information in anticipation of the audit. She inquired when the audit was going to take place and advised the issue had been in continuing discussion and it could be anytime.

They will advise when their case is done and [REDACTED] can be spoken to regarding the details.  
PEB

**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):	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED]		
Telephone:	[REDACTED]		
DOB:	[REDACTED]	E-mail:	[REDACTED]

Name of Reporter (if not Complainant):	Relationship:
Telephone:	Address:

Name of Accused: Rev. Joseph Shields (retired—93 years old)

1. Location (City/Town) of alleged abuse: Exeter, NH  
Place of alleged abuse: golf course  
Date of alleged abuse: around 1974 (?)  
Nature of alleged abuse: unknown  
Age of Complainant at time of alleged abuse: Junior High (?)

Name of Accused: Unknown (former teacher at [REDACTED])

2. Location (City/Town) of alleged abuse: [REDACTED] NH  
Place of alleged abuse: Classroom  
Date of alleged abuse: around 1977 (?)  
Nature of alleged abuse: Unknown  
Age of Complainant at time of alleged abuse: High School(?)

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: Mr. [REDACTED] disclosed that he has been diagnosed with Chronic Depression with Suicidal Tendencies, bi-polar, and Dissociative Identify Disorder (multiple personality syndrome). He is treating with a counselor and psychiatrist.

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

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: 4/12/04 Time:

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Director for Healing and Pastoral Care ☒  
Other: ☐

\* Note that in January 2003, Mr. [REDACTED] contacted us and alleged abuse by Rev. Rocco Memolo. This allegation was reported to the Attorney General's office in January 2003 and investigated by Anthony Fowler.

**DRAFT**

**DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER  
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**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] **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) X 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

**Brodeur, Paul**

**From:** Peter E. Hutchins [phutchins@wiggin-nourie.com]  
**To:** Brodeur, Paul  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** [REDACTED]  
**Attachments:**

Sent: Mon 5/3/2004 10:51 AM

Paul - haven't met with the client yet to get details - have to fly to NJ to meet with him, and plan to do so next week. Will follow up with you thereafter. If you do want to discuss in the meantime, call anytime. Thanks. peter

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**Brodeur, Paul**

**To:** Ovide M. Lamontagne  
**Cc:**  
**Bcc:**  
**Subject:** RE: Second [REDACTED] Report  
**Attachments:**

Thank You for the update. I will call Atty. Hutchins in a few days in that I am at a conference until Thur and then out of the city for pre-trial interviews on Fri. Thank you.

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

**From:** Ovide M. Lamontagne [mailto:olamontagne@devinemillimet.com]  
**Sent:** Tue 4/27/2004 3:57 PM  
**To:** Brodeur, Paul  
**Cc:** Quinlan, Diane; Arsenault, Rev. Edward; bdonroe@rcbm.org  
**Subject:** Second [REDACTED] Report

Dear Paul:

As I mentioned in my email to you of April 13 transmitting what appeared to be a second report from [REDACTED] that I would follow up with you to provide any supplemental information the Diocese received regarding his most recent allegations.

As you may recall, [REDACTED] referred to what appeared to be a "one year affair" with a theology teacher at [REDACTED] High School. The Diocese has learned that the theology teacher to whom [REDACTED] must have been referring is [REDACTED] the freshman theology teacher at the time of Mr. [REDACTED] attendance. The current guidance director indicated that she believes that [REDACTED] is now married and was last known to live in the DC/Maryland area. She has no idea about his profession, but we know that he is not employed in a Diocese of Manchester school or institution. We have also learned that [REDACTED] has retained Peter Hutchins to represent him. It is unlikely that we will speak with [REDACTED] again until we hear directly from Atty Hutchins. If you wish to obtain additional information about [REDACTED] allegations, it might be most helpful for you to contact Atty Hutchins at 689-2244.

Thank you,  
 Ovide  
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Feel free to contact me with any questions regarding this matter.

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7/8/04 204 CT Hutchins

@ 215 CT Hutchins cell + office

@ 245 CT Rich Price - Inv. for Hutchins



**Brodeur, Paul****To...** Ovide Lamontagne**Cc...****Bcc...****Subject:** RE: Possible New Report (Second [REDACTED] Report)**Attachments:**

Thanks for the update. I will wait to hear from you with the final particulars. More than likely because of the victim's condition and the age of the accused it will be filed. But will wait for your update to make the final call. Thank you.

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

**From:** Ovide Lamontagne [mailto:OLAMONTAGNE@devinemillimet.com]**Sent:** Tue 4/13/2004 3:13 PM**To:** Brodeur, Paul**Cc:** jnaff@catholiccharitiesnh.org; bdonroe@RCBM.org; DQuinlan@RCBM.org; EArsenault@RCBM.org**Subject:** Possible New Report (Second [REDACTED] Report)

Dear Paul:

Please find attached a "new report" form containing some vague information which we received from a claimant who had notified the Diocese in the past of sexual abuse. My email to Tony Fowler about the claimant's earlier complaint is also attached.

By way of background information, in a letter dated February 17, 2004 and addressed to Joe Naff of Catholic Charities, [REDACTED] made some vague remarks about other sexual relationships he may have had when he was young with a priest and separately a teacher.

Joe Naff intended to meet with [REDACTED] to obtain more information regarding these remarks. [REDACTED] counselor called Joe and told him that unfortunately, because [REDACTED] suffers with multiple personality disorder, it is unlikely that we will have an opportunity to meet with him in the near future to inquire further into these additional matters.

As a result, the Diocese has concluded that I should file a report with you containing the limited information we do have about these possible new matters. This is what is contained in the attached report.

Paul, you should also know that Father Shields is now 93 years old and is retired. He currently is living in Florida but will be returning to Bishop Peterson House in several weeks. He does not do any public ministry. We are not aware of any prior allegations of sexual abuse of a minor against Fr. Shields.

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Feel free to contact me with any questions. I will be back in touch with you if we learn any additional information about these allegations in the future.

Ovide

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**Hayes, Sandy**

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**From:** Brodeur, Paul  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 13, 2004 3:48 PM  
**To:** Hayes, Sandy  
**Subject:** FW: Possible New Report (Second [REDACTED] Report)

Sandy as usual I can't open the attachments. Can you print and put in the priest folder in my left hand drawer. It appears there may be a tab from when he previously wrote to Tony as mentioned in his message. Hopefully I will be back next week just in time for Ovide to send in any updated info. Thanks. Just tell Jim Rosenberg we have this and we are monitoring it. I will advise him of the final outcome when Lamontagne gets back to us. Thanks.

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