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FROM: PAUL E. BRODEUR

RE: PRIEST REPORT FROM [REDACTED]
UNFOUNDED - [REDACTED] HAS NOT RESPONDED. [REDACTED]
DOES NOT HAVE REPORT AND NO MISSING CHILD.

DATE: 13 AUG 04

10 AUG 04 I received an email from Atty. Lamontagne re: a [REDACTED] reporting abuse to a [REDACTED] in Braintree, MA. The abuse supposedly took place in [REDACTED] at the [REDACTED] by a Fr. [REDACTED]. Supposedly a [REDACTED] NH Police had already looked into the issue.

Called [REDACTED] PD and spoke with Det. [REDACTED]. He checked the computer and could not find any entry for Fr. [REDACTED] and that there is no police personnel by the name of [REDACTED]. He did advise that there were entries for [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] but it was a noise complaint back in APR 2004.

I called the home and cell phone for [REDACTED] and left messages. This person has failed to return my calls.

11 AUG 04 spoke with Fr. Robert CONOLE. He advised that this woman had appeared at the rectory on Saturday Aug 7, 2004. She went into a 10 to 12 min. dissertation about the Lord and/or the Blessed Mother lead her to the rectory. She mentioned pedophilia and at that point Fr. CONOLE felt he needed to record the information and make notifications. He excused himself and obtained paper and pen. Fr. CONOLE then notified Fr. Marc Guillemette of the NH Diocese of this meeting. Fr. CONOLE faxed a copy of his memo to my attention. Fr. CONOLE felt that he may have needed to report the matter to the MA authorities. I advised Fr. CONOLE of the process in NH and that I would follow-up with the respective agencies if it was determined further investigation was required.

In an effort to further verify the information I attempted to contact a [REDACTED] who supposedly had notebooks for safekeeping from [REDACTED]. The telephone number listed on the memo is no longer in service. It was also noted that a [REDACTED] had suspicions about activities after hours. The number given is the rectory at [REDACTED].

1420 hrs. spoke with [REDACTED] A. She is the Office Manger and Secretary to [REDACTED]. Inquired of her knowledge of [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] was part of a group at the parish that has spiritual gifts. Recently [REDACTED] was acting strangely and the Pastoral Associate, [REDACTED], served her a letter requesting she no longer participate within the group. [REDACTED] suggested I speak with [REDACTED] is in that he may have information regarding Doctors or medication that [REDACTED]

involved with. Inquired of [REDACTED] regarding any suspicions of abuse by any priest. [REDACTED] advised that she has never had any questions or suspicions about any of the priest associated with this parish. [REDACTED] was not available at this time. Requested she keep this inquiry to herself until I could speak with [REDACTED].

12 AUG 04 emails and messages were left from Atty. Lamontagne advising that Fr. [REDACTED] had been advised of the above and that he was upset. Attempted to reach Fr. [REDACTED] but was advised that he was away for the day.

13 AUG 04 spoke with Fr. [REDACTED]. Explained to Fr. [REDACTED] how the reports come to our attention and our responsibility to look into the accusations. Also advised Fr. [REDACTED] that I had requested the woman to not speak with him until I could speak with him in person. She evidently did not heed the advice.

Fr. [REDACTED] made me aware of a phone message left by [REDACTED] E on his phone making similar accusations of pedophilia etc. Fr. [REDACTED] advised that he had the other members of the staff listen to the message and that he had also notified Fr. Arsenault. Advised Fr. [REDACTED] that Fr. Arsenault had received a cc: of the message sent to me from Atty. Lamontagne. I would have expected Fr. Arsenault to notify Atty. Lamontagne of the prior messages and this matter would have ceased sooner.

Fr. [REDACTED] suggested the [REDACTED] E may be a person known to the State Hospital. Fr. [REDACTED] inquired what the process will be from this point. Advised that I would prepare a cover memo and that it would be filed with the audit material. Offered to meet further with Fr. [REDACTED] if he felt that was necessary.

Brodeur, Paul

From: Ovide M. Lamontagne [olamontagne@devinemillmet.com]
Sent: Tuesday, August 10, 2004 11:21 AM
To: Brodeur, Paul
Cc: Quinlan, Diane; Donroe, Brenda; jnaff@catholiccharitiesnh.org; Arsenault, Rev. Edward; Guillemette, Rev. Marc
Subject: New Report: [REDACTED] Report of Allegations Involving Unknown Minor

Dear Paul:

Please find attached a "new" report which the Diocese received via a Father Robert Conole of St. Francis Assisi Parish in Braintree, MA. You will see from the report that a [REDACTED] resident named [REDACTED] presented herself unexpectedly to Fr. Conole last Saturday August 7th and while in a "trance" made what appear to be unsubstantiated allegations about an unknown five year old boy being sodomized by Fr. [REDACTED] who is the [REDACTED] in [REDACTED]

After Fr. Conole received this information, he contacted the Diocese and spoke with Fr. Marc Guillemette. Fr. Marc spoke briefly with Ms [REDACTED] Sunday August 8. She was unable to speak with him in detail because she had a family commitment. He then tried to reach her on Monday, left a message, and has not heard back from her.

The gist of Ms [REDACTED] allegations is the following:

Ms. [REDACTED] stated that a week ago Friday, (July 30, 2004), Father [REDACTED] the [REDACTED] at [REDACTED], [REDACTED] New Hampshire sexually assaulted a five year old boy in the rectory. Ms. [REDACTED] claims that a "Father Francesse" was a witness to the assault. (There is no Father Francesse listed in the Official Catholic Directory.) Ms. [REDACTED] claims that the incident was reported to the [REDACTED] Police. Ms. [REDACTED] claims that Father [REDACTED] was questioned by the [REDACTED] police, and that an investigation was done. Ms. [REDACTED] claims the case was dropped because there was "no victim" that came forward. Ms. [REDACTED] claims that [REDACTED] police knows about the incident.

As stated in the attached report, the contact information for Ms [REDACTED] and Fr Conole is as follows:

Contact Information:



7/25/01

Father Robert Conole
Saint Francis of Assisi Parish
856 Washington Street
Braintree, MA 02184-6464
Phone: 781-843-1332

Paul, after you have had a chance to review this information and the attached, could you please call me (695-8516) so we can discuss this matter by phone? As you might imagine, we are skeptical about the veracity of these allegations and we have not taken action against Fr. [REDACTED] have we spoken with him about it. Of course, if these allegations are false, we would like your help in admonishing Ms [REDACTED] and alerting her to the penalties associated with making a false report. As you know, we all take these matters very seriously and there

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are grave consequences where a report is found to be "credible" even where it cannot be proven.

I look forward to hearing from you.

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- Lord led me here
- Blessed Mother led me here.
- sister in Quincy, MA
- he is at end of Red Line MBTA

Closed eyes + stunted 10-12 min. ^{elliptic} of statement like in a trance. Blessed Mother revealed... Lord revealed... Represented herself as a cross pol. When mentioned Pedophile took serious.

[REDACTED] parish said. "susp of after his activity" mentioned "notebooks" wanted to present to Bishop M. Cormack.
- entrusted to [REDACTED] for safe keeping

Synod boy - no name or desc. He just disappeared.

REPORT OF INCIDENT**Saturday, August 7, 2004****Approximately 1:20 PM**

A woman who identified herself as: [REDACTED]

Came to the door of St. Francis of Assisi Rectory, 856 Washington Street, Braintree, MA 02184, and said she wished to speak to a priest. I admitted her to the rectory and invited her to be seated in our "secure" office (this office is under constant video surveillance for our protection and the protection of all).

Ms. [REDACTED] closed her eyes, and proceeded to speak, uninterrupted , for approximately 10 minutes. During this discourse, Ms. [REDACTED] said that it was revealed to her by Jesus that a priest had victimized a child. Ms. [REDACTED] used the term "pedophile" and further stated that she attempted to notify church officials, particularly the bishop.

After [REDACTED] had finished speaking, I told her that what she said was very serious and that I would be obliged to take some notes. I left the secure office for approximately 2 minutes while I obtained some paper and a pen. I then returned to the office.

Ms. [REDACTED] identified Fr. [REDACTED], the Pastor of [REDACTED] as the offender.

Ms. [REDACTED] said that the abuse took place on a Friday, and from what I was able to determine, the Friday in question would have been Friday, July 30, 2004.

Ms. [REDACTED] said that the victim of the abuse was a 5 year old boy, and that the abuse involved sodomization, and the use of whips and chains.

Ms. [REDACTED] said that the act of abuse was witnessed by another priest, a Father Francesee (Ms. [REDACTED] could provide not additional information about Fr. Francesee other than to say that he witnessed the abuse.)

Ms. [REDACTED] was not specific about the location of the alleged abuse. I could not determine if it occurred at the [REDACTED].

Ms. [REDACTED] said that the incident was reported to the [REDACTED] Police Department. The [REDACTED] Police then called in [REDACTED] for questioning.

Ms. [REDACTED] said that the victim, the 5 year old boy, disappeared, and that because there was no victim (no one to make the charge), that the police suspended their questioning of Fr. [REDACTED]

Ms. [REDACTED] mentioned specific individuals:

+ [REDACTED] Police Officer has some knowledge of the case.

- + [REDACTED] a, the rectory secretary is "highly suspicious of after hours activity". Ms. [REDACTED]
- + [REDACTED] has some knowledge of the victim and the victim's family.
[REDACTED]

When I asked Ms. [REDACTED] why she would come here to St. Francis of Assisi in Braintree to make such a report, she mentioned a variety of reasons. They include:

"I was led here"

"I've always been interested in the Franciscans."

"My sister lives in Quincy (Quincy is an adjacent community to Braintree.)"

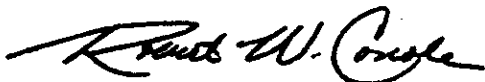
"The Lord has led me here."

Ms. [REDACTED] also made mention of two notebooks. Apparently, these notebooks are a journal of all that has been revealed to her. She claims that she has attempted to present these notebooks to Bishop John McCormick using the above-named Ms. [REDACTED] as an intermediary or messenger.

Ms. [REDACTED] has indicated that she has made to contact with law enforcement.

Ms. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] is Mary's choice to [REDACTED]

Under whatever penalties of perjury apply in both the State of New Hampshire, and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, I attest that this report, and all the statements therein are true.



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Paul:

Enclosed is the Report I made of the incident which occurred last Saturday, August 7, 2004 at St. Francis of Assisi Rectory, Braintree, Massachusetts.

If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Rev. Robert W. Conole

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