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Brodeur, Paul

From: Delker, Will  
Sent: Wednesday, November 24, 2004 2:38 PM  
To: Brodeur, Paul  
Cc: Huntress, Karen  
Subject: ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ complaint against Fr. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

I reviewed your memo on this complaint. Based on the information provided, the conduct would be misdemeanor sexual assault. The statute of limitations is only 1 year. I cannot think of any creative argument that the st. of lim. should be extended in this case. Under any set of circumstances the conduct had to have occurred more than one year ago. Therefore, it is clear that the statute of limitation has expired. I there is nothing we can do from a prosecution perspective on this matter. I would let her know that the st. of lim. has expired and that we are closing the matter.

Obviously there is nothing we can do with the complaint against Fr. Sullivan since he is deceased.

Thanks,

Will Delker  
Senior Assistant Attorney General  
Criminal Justice Bureau  
Homicide Unit  
(603) 271-3671

0900+ left message ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ cell phone  
11/29/04 1026 hrs. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ returned call. She  
previously advised husband not aware of  
particulars. Advised calling rather than  
letter. Advised ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ hosp 1987 therefore  
she was correct - was an adult. Touching  
misdemeanor - SOL expired. Refreshed  
memory difficult at best to proceed.  
Advised reviewed by Atty. + no further  
action.  
She thanked us for review.

**Brodeur, Paul**

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**From:** Ovide M. Lamontagne [olamontagne@devinemillimet.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 29, 2004 10:46 AM  
**To:** Brodeur, Paul  
**Cc:** Quinlan, Diane; Donroe, Brenda; jnaiff@catholiccharitiesnh.org; Arsenault, Rev. Edward  
**Subject:** RE: [REDACTED]

Thank you, Paul.

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**From:** Brodeur, Paul [mailto:Paul.Brodeur@doj.nh.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 29, 2004 10:34 AM  
**To:** Ovide M. Lamontagne  
**Subject:** RE: [REDACTED]

Atty. Lamontagne. I have spoken with [REDACTED] this AM. Advised her [REDACTED] touching was a misdemeanor and statute of limitations expired. That she was an adult at the time and nothing further to continue. Reports noted and filed.  
Sullivan matter noted and filed.

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

**From:** Ovide M. Lamontagne [mailto:olamontagne@devinemillimet.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 23, 2004 1:38 PM  
**To:** Brodeur, Paul  
**Cc:** Quinlan, Diane; jnaiff@catholiccharitiesnh.org; Donroe, Brenda  
**Subject:** RE: [REDACTED]

Paul:

In reviewing Diocesan files, we believe that Fr. [REDACTED] was admitted to the Institute of Living in Connecticut in 1987. We did not see any other reference in the file to any other similar hospitalization.

Incidentally, Ms. [REDACTED] informed the Diocese that she is 37 years old and therefore she must have been about 20 at the time of this alleged incident.

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**From:** Brodeur, Paul [mailto:Paul.Brodeur@doj.nh.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 23, 2004 12:07 PM  
**To:** Ovide M. Lamontagne  
**Subject:** [REDACTED]

Ovide:

I have just spoken with [REDACTED]. She now can not be specific of the age or how old she was. She did say that Fr. [REDACTED] was at his home on [REDACTED] recuperating from either knee or back surgery and that her Aunt, [REDACTED], was taking care of the house and cooking meals etc. She had gone to assist the Aunt. She had brought medication to Fr. [REDACTED] when the incident took place. She indicates shortly after that Fr. [REDACTED] went to a hospital in CT because of a nervous breakdown (at least that is what the Aunt told her). Is there a way to obtain the dates of these incidents so we can focus on a time period to determine the applicable statute of limitations at the time?

# Memo

To: AAG DELKER  
AAG HUNTRESS

From: Paul E. Brodeur, Sr. Inv.

Re: PRIEST ABUSE  
[REDACTED]

Date: November 24, 2004

20 OCT 04 a report was received by the Diocese, Janet O'Connell, LISCW from a [REDACTED] that she had been abused by Fr. [REDACTED] possibly when she was 12 years of age. Efforts to obtain further information from [REDACTED] were unsuccessful.

Atty. Lamontagne forwarded notification on 1 NOV 04. He also advised that this is the sister of [REDACTED]

I called this above number but again there was no response.

23 NOV 04 I received notification from Atty. Lamontagne that a second report was received from [REDACTED], Manchester, NH tel. [REDACTED] and cell [REDACTED]. She filed this report on 22 NOV 04 and now indicates that between 1973 to 1976 between the ages of 6 – 9 that she was fondled and digitally penetrated by a Fr. John J. Sullivan (deceased 10/09/84).

[REDACTED]

23 NOV 04 1145 hrs. I spoke with [REDACTED]. She advised that she has been in psy therapy since the age of 13. Recently she has recalled the above acts. She advised that the [REDACTED] incident was at the [REDACTED] residence on [REDACTED] Manchester, NH. Her Aunt, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was taking care of the house and cooking for [REDACTED] when he had either knee or back surgery. The Aunt had requested the assistance [REDACTED] and when she brought [REDACTED] some medication and a beverage he touched her breast. [REDACTED] advised that she told her Aunt at the time and the Aunt merely responded that it must be because of the medication. [REDACTED] advised that shortly thereafter [REDACTED] was gone to a hospital in CT and the Aunt told her it was because of a nervous breakdown.

I inquired of Atty Lamontagne if they could determine when the surgery or nervous break down took place. Atty. Lamontagne responded that their records indicate

[REDACTED] was admitted to the Institute of Living in CT in 1987. Therefore [REDACTED] would have been 20+ years of age.

**QUES:**

1. Status of refreshed memory?
2. She was an adult at the time of touching therefore not a child abuse situation
3. Talbot has been within NH for many years after the CT hospitalization therefore question if statute of limitations has expired?
4. Fr. Sullivan is deceased therefore nothing further.
5. [REDACTED] is incarcerated for \_\_ years therefore if charges brought forward what would be the cost/benefit outcome?

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**To:** Brodeur, Paul  
**Cc:** Quinlan, Diane; jnaff@catholiccharitiesnh.org; Donroe, Brenda  
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**Subject:** [REDACTED]

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**From:** Ovide M. Lamontagne [olamontagne@devinemillimet.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 22, 2004 4:04 PM  
**To:** Brodeur, Paul  
**Cc:** Quinlan, Diane; Donroe, Brenda  
**Subject:** RE: [REDACTED]/Fr. Sullivan Report

Paul:

Yes, it appears that if Fr. [REDACTED] abused her it was when she was 23 years old, so it would not qualify as child sexual abuse. Fr. Sullivan's abuse occurred much earlier when she was a child and would be a separate incident altogether.

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**From:** Brodeur, Paul [mailto:Paul.Brodeur@doj.nh.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 22, 2004 3:54 PM  
**To:** Ovide M. Lamontagne  
**Subject:** RE: [REDACTED]/Fr. Sullivan Report

She is correct, I did call her but she has not responded. Ques. did she now say that Fr. [REDACTED] did not abuse her and that Fr. Sullivan did or are there supposedly two separate priests violating her?

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**To:** Brodeur, Paul  
**Cc:** Quinlan, Diane; Arsenault, Rev. Edward; jnaiff@catholiccharitiesnh.org; Donroe, Brenda  
**Subject:** [REDACTED]/Fr. Sullivan Report

Dear Paul:

Attached is a "new/modified" civil authorities report. You may recall that on October 29, 2004, I reported to you that Ms. [REDACTED] notified us that she had been sexually abused by Fr. [REDACTED]. Today, Ms. [REDACTED] came to the Chancery to report that she had been sexually abused by a "Fr. Sullivan" who was assigned to Blessed Sacrament Church. We have reviewed our records and a Fr. John J. Sullivan was assigned to Blessed Sacrament in the time frame that she described. Fr. John J. Sullivan died in 1984.

Ms. [REDACTED] was informed that we had reported her allegation against Fr. [REDACTED] to you. She was told that I would be reporting her allegation about Fr. Sullivan to the Attorney General's office as well. She asked for the contact information for the Attorney General's office. She was given the general number for the AG's office and the criminal justice bureau number. She was also given your name. She said that she thinks that you may have tried to contact her, but she did not return your call. She also said that she recently spoke with Officer Cavanaugh (Manchester P.D.) when she was working at [REDACTED] and she said that she plans to meet with him to discuss her reports.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Ovide M. Lamontagne, Esq  
Devine, Millimet & Branch, PA

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**Brodeur, Paul**

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**To:** olamontagne@devinemillimet.com  
**Subject:** [REDACTED]

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23 1145 hrs

price of each surgery

Her aunt taking care house of  
on [REDACTED]

His mother had just away  
shortly after this [redacted] went to CT in a  
hosp supposedly for a nervous breakdown.  
Graded her heart when she brought him  
some medication & a drink.

some medication  
Toll Aunt, [REDACTED], that [REDACTED] had  
grabbed her. Aunt response "was probably,  
because of the medication."

[REDACTED]

**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] 03  
**Telephone:** ([REDACTED])  
**DOB:** [REDACTED] **E-mail:** [REDACTED]

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

**Name of Accused:** Fr. John J. Sullivan (deceased Oct. 9, 1984)  
**1. Location (City/Town) of alleged abuse:** Manchester, NH  
**Place of alleged abuse:** Aunt's home and a parishioner's home  
**Date of alleged abuse:** Approximately 1973-76 (?)  
**Nature of alleged abuse:** Fondling; digital penetration  
**Age of Complainant at time of alleged abuse:** 6-9

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:**

Please note that on October 20, 2004, Ms. [REDACTED] reported that she was sexually abused by Fr. [REDACTED]. On November 22, 2004, she clarified that she was approximately 23 years old when Fr. [REDACTED] touched her breast.

**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:** 11/22/04 **Time:** 1:35 p.m.

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**Brodeur, Paul**

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REPORT SUMMARY ~ CIVIL AUTHORITIES**

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

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

**Name of Accused:** Fr. [REDACTED] (currently incarcerated)

1. **Location (City/Town) of alleged abuse:** unknown  
**Place of alleged abuse:** unknown  
**Date of alleged abuse:** unknown  
**Nature of alleged abuse:** unknown  
**Age of Complainant at time of alleged abuse:** 12 years old?
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 ☒  
**Specific Concerns:** Ms. [REDACTED] contacted the Diocese regarding a family situation. During the conversation, she mentioned that she was sexually abused by Fr. [REDACTED]. To date, we have been unable to reach her to obtain further information about her alleged abuse.

**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:** 10/29/2004 **Time:** 3:54 p.m.

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**Other:** ☐

**Brodeur, Paul**

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**From:** Ovide M. Lamontagne [olamontagne@devinemillimet.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 01, 2004 11:56 AM  
**To:** Brodeur, Paul  
**Cc:** Quinlan, Diane; Arsenault, Rev. Edward; jnaiff@catholiccharitiesnh.org; Donroe, Brenda  
**Subject:** RE: [REDACTED] v Fr. [REDACTED] Civil Authorities Report

Dear Paul:

The only further information we have about [REDACTED] is the following.

[REDACTED] is [REDACTED]'s sister. We have been unable to reach Ms. [REDACTED] to obtain further details about her allegation (e.g., date, place, etc.). During a conversation she had with a representative the Diocese, she mentioned that in addition to her brother, she had been sexually abused by Fr. [REDACTED]. To our knowledge, this is the first notice of her allegation that she was sexually abused by Fr. [REDACTED].

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**From:** Brodeur, Paul [mailto:Paul.Brodeur@doj.nh.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 01, 2004 8:36 AM  
**To:** Ovide M. Lamontagne  
**Subject:** RE: [REDACTED] v Fr. [REDACTED] Civil Authorities Report

Good morning. Ques. is do you know any more about the person. Is [REDACTED] maiden or married name? Approx. date this took place? There are several [REDACTED] DMV files with DOBs from [REDACTED]. I found on the master list that there was a [REDACTED] that was a [REDACTED] victim 1987-1994 in Manchester. This report was found within the Diocese secret files and there is a confidentiality agreement in place. Any chance this is related?

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**To:** Brodeur, Paul  
**Cc:** Quinlan, Diane; Arsenault, Rev. Edward; jnaiff@catholiccharitiesnh.org; Donroe, Brenda  
**Subject:** [REDACTED] v Fr. [REDACTED] Civil Authorities Report

Dear Paul:

Please find attached a civil authorities report involving a report by an adult, [REDACTED], about alleged abuse she suffered at the age of 12 involving Fr. [REDACTED], who is currently incarcerated.

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

Thank you,

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