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

Date of Contact: August 4, 2008 & September 8, 2008 **Received by:** Attorney Gordon MacDonald

Complainant Name:	[REDACTED]	(Maiden Name):	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED]	New Hampshire	[REDACTED]
Telephone:	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
DOB:	[REDACTED]	E-mail:	[REDACTED]

Name of Reporter (if not Complainant):	Peter E. Hutchins	Relationship:	Attorney
Telephone:	603-629-4566	Address:	P.O. Box 808, Manchester, NH 03105-0808

Name of Accused: Reverend Ed Richard (removed from ministry 4/26/02)
Location (City/Town) of alleged abuse: Merrimack
Place of alleged abuse: Disney World, Orlando, Florida
Date of alleged abuse: Approximately 1983-1984
Nature of alleged abuse: Sexual contact as set forth in RSA 632-A:1, IV
Age of Complainant at time of alleged abuse: Approximately 12-13

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: Attorney Hutchins is aware of the diocesan reporting requirements.

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Subject: RE: Update Civil Report - Fr. Richard

Paul,

I have called the Orange County Sheriff's Department in Florida to report this matter. First, I called the Orlando PD first but the officer I spoke with stated that the Sheriff's Department has jurisdiction over Disney World. After I explained the allegations, the Sheriff's Department asked that the alleged victim contact the department to report the matter. I think this response was due, at least in part, to the fact that the alleged conduct occurred 24-25 years ago. When you get back to the office, would you please call me so we can discuss the best way to provide the sheriff's office with details concerning the allegations. Thanks.

Brian

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Sent: Monday, September 08, 2008 3:42 PM
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Brian: if this is correct appears offense took place in FL. I do not know the FL statutes re: SOL. Have you and/or Diocese notified the FL authorities?

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RE: [REDACTED] vs. RCBM (Father Ed Richards)

Dear Gordon:

Kindly accept this letter as our formal claim for compensation for sexual abuse suffered by [REDACTED] at the hands of Father Ed Richards, a catholic priest incardinated in the Diocese of Manchester.

Mr. [REDACTED] is a resident of [REDACTED] New Hampshire. [REDACTED]

Following high school he did earn an associates degree in business management from the NH Vocational Technical College in Nashua in 1997. He has been employed as a [REDACTED] with the [REDACTED] since 2001 and has been a full time [REDACTED] with that [REDACTED] for the last two and one-half (2-1/2) years.

When he was a child, he and his family attended St. Patrick's Church in Milford. He was not a particularly church oriented child, and recalls that when St. John Neumann was built in Merrimack it was basically structured as a giant recreation hall with metal chairs and was stark. He describes the facility as not as "churchy" as other churches and as a result both he and his parents thought that he would be more comfortable there and would

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attend church more regularly. At the time, Father Ed Richards was assigned to St. John Neumann.

Prior to as well as after the family moved to St. John Neumann [REDACTED] did begin to attend CCD classes. In addition, Father Richards ingratiated himself to [REDACTED] family and social life and in fact would have dinner with the family at their house almost on a weekly basis during this period of time.

The sexual abuse began after he was signed up for along with twenty (20) other boys scouts to earn a rather prestigious religious award which [REDACTED] recalls is the highest religious award given in the Boys Scouts of America Organization. Apparently this was a two (2) year program which involved religious instruction in a CCD format. The classes for this program were actually conducted at the private homes of the boys involved. [REDACTED] recalls that the program started with twenty (20) boys scouts and by the end the number had decreased to about six (6).

Toward the end of that two (2) year program Father Ed Richards suggested to the remaining boys, including [REDACTED] that they take some type of trip together. There was originally talk about going to the Caribbean Island of St. Maarten. As it turned out, the trip was ultimately planned for Disney World in Orlando Florida. Prior to that trip, however, [REDACTED] recalls two (2) other trips where Father Ed brought several of the boys remaining in the boy scout program. [REDACTED] was in attendance for all three (3) of these trips.

The first trip, while the boys were still in their classes, was to a condominium up north. The condominium was rented and the group was suppose to go skiing. He recalls being around 12 or 13 years old at the time. Father Ed was alone with the group of boys on this trip. [REDACTED] recalls Father Ed openly talking about sex with them. No sexual contact actually took place on this trip.

The second trip was to long beach island New Jersey. The family of one of the boys in the group customarily rented property there and that is where the group took this particular trip. Again, [REDACTED] recalls the boys and Father Ed Richards staying up late, drinking wine coolers that he provided, watching pornography, and talking about sex. At the time, the boys were young teenagers and thought Father Ed was very "cool" in that he allowed them to engage in activities such as drinking, watching pornography and discussing sex which they would not obviously do with their parents knowledge or in their parents' presence. Again, on this second trip, no sexual contact took place between Father Ed and [REDACTED]

The third and final trip was the aforementioned trip to Disney World in Orlando Florida. Father Richards arranged to rent a motor-home where he and four (4) boys including [REDACTED] would drive to Disney World. As it turned out, there were four (4) beds in the motor-home with a total of five (5) people. Father Richards apparently took the master bedroom double bed which was located in the back of the motor-home itself. It was arranged that everyone would rotate and the boys would sleep with Father Richards in the master bed on a rotating basis. Since [REDACTED] was the youngest among the four (4) boys it is his recollection that he ended up taking more turns sleeping in the back with Father Richards. He recalls that on the way down they would stop at various campgrounds to sleep. When they arrived at Disney World they again parked the motor-home at a Disney Campground. Again, Father Ed provided wine coolers throughout the trip to the boys.

The sexual abuse of [REDACTED] took place on two (2) separate occasions on the nights that he was chosen to sleep in the same bed with Father Richards. On the first occasion, [REDACTED] recalls waking up in the middle of the night with Father Richards masturbating him. He recalls in his foggy sleepy state saying something to the effect of "what's going on," at which time Richards withdrew his hand. Nothing was said the next day and the masturbation stopped.

The second instance of sexual abuse occurred the very next night. [REDACTED] again mostly because he was the youngest among the boys, was chosen to sleep again with Father Richards. He recalls that he complained to somewhat having to do it although he really had no choice and ended with Father Richards in the double bed at the back of the motor-home. [REDACTED] recalls that essentially the same scenario unfolded in that while he was asleep he woke up to Father Richards masturbating him. On this occasion, Father Richards took [REDACTED] hand and put it down his pants. Again, [REDACTED] said "what's going on," and Father Richards replied with a "shhhhh" imploring him to remain quiet. The rest of the night [REDACTED] recalls being petrified to even move. He recalls that throughout the night Father Richards would attempt to move closer to him in the bed. Again, [REDACTED] never said anything the next day due to the shame and guilt of being a young adolescent teen who had engaged in some type of sexual contact with another male.

He recalls that one of the other boys was chosen to sleep with Father Richards the next night and apparently the same thing happened to that boy. Unlike [REDACTED] who stayed quiet, however, this particular boy "flipped out" and actually threatened to walk home from Disney World and left the motor-home. The other boys went out and found this boy and it was at that time that [REDACTED] admitted to the boy that the same thing had occurred to him the prior night. This resulted in the second boy becoming extremely upset at [REDACTED] that he had not said something prior to that time.

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Due to this other boy essentially disclosing what had happened to the entire group, the four (4) and Father Richards got together and held a form of a "meeting" at a picnic table in the campground. It was at that time that Father Richards apologized and told the boys that while he was asleep he was dreaming of petting his dog, Sam and that is how he came to having contact with and masturbating the boys. He promised he would get help and counseling and that this would never happen again. He further claimed that he didn't even know that it was happening at the time. He implored the boys not to tell anyone and again promised that it would never happen again. [REDACTED] recalls Richards specifically threatening him telling him that he knows things about him that he had heard in confession and that he had better not disclose what had happened to his parents or to anyone else or he would get in trouble and Richards would tell his parents the things that [REDACTED] had confided in him in confession.

The group eventually left Disney World and it is [REDACTED] recollection that no sexual contact occurred on the way back.

Approximately two (2) months after this Disney World trip [REDACTED] along with the other boy who was abused decided to quit the boys scouts. It was at that time that [REDACTED] and this other boy began various forms of acting out including shoplifting and smoking marijuana. He recalls that the other two (2) boys that were on the trip did not begin to exhibit these anti-social type behaviors.

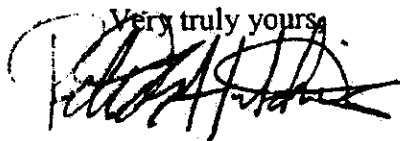
The sexual abuse has had a significant impact on [REDACTED] throughout the course of his life. He is unable to attend church nor do his parents since he disclosed to them back in 1996 the abuse he sustained. He also has had significant and at times overwhelming guilt at not having immediately disclosed what Richards had done and perhaps save subsequent boys from falling victim to Richards sexual predilections. In addition, it is [REDACTED] belief that this sexual abuse committed by Richards was the direct cause of him quitting boys scouts and civil air patrol and he began to engage in antisocial and criminal behavior as a teenager including the instances of shoplifting and his use of drugs at an early age which drove an abnormally large wedge between him and his parents. [REDACTED] will obviously be available to discuss this matter further including but not limited to the significant negative impact that this abuse has had on him since it occurred through the present.

When you have had an opportunity to review this letter please give me a call to advise as to when the customary interview will be conducted.

Thank you.

Gordon MacDonald, Esq.
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Very truly yours,

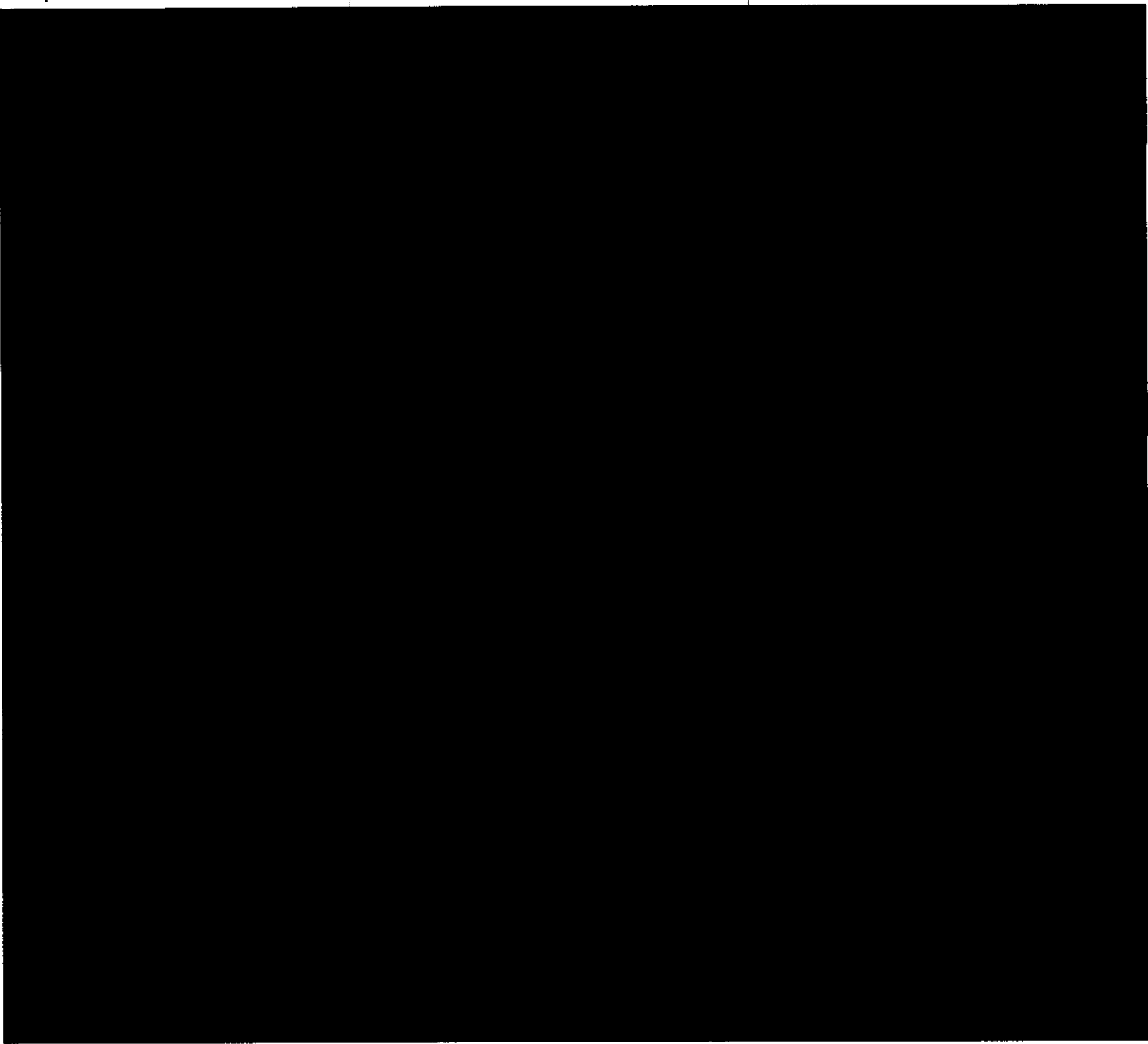
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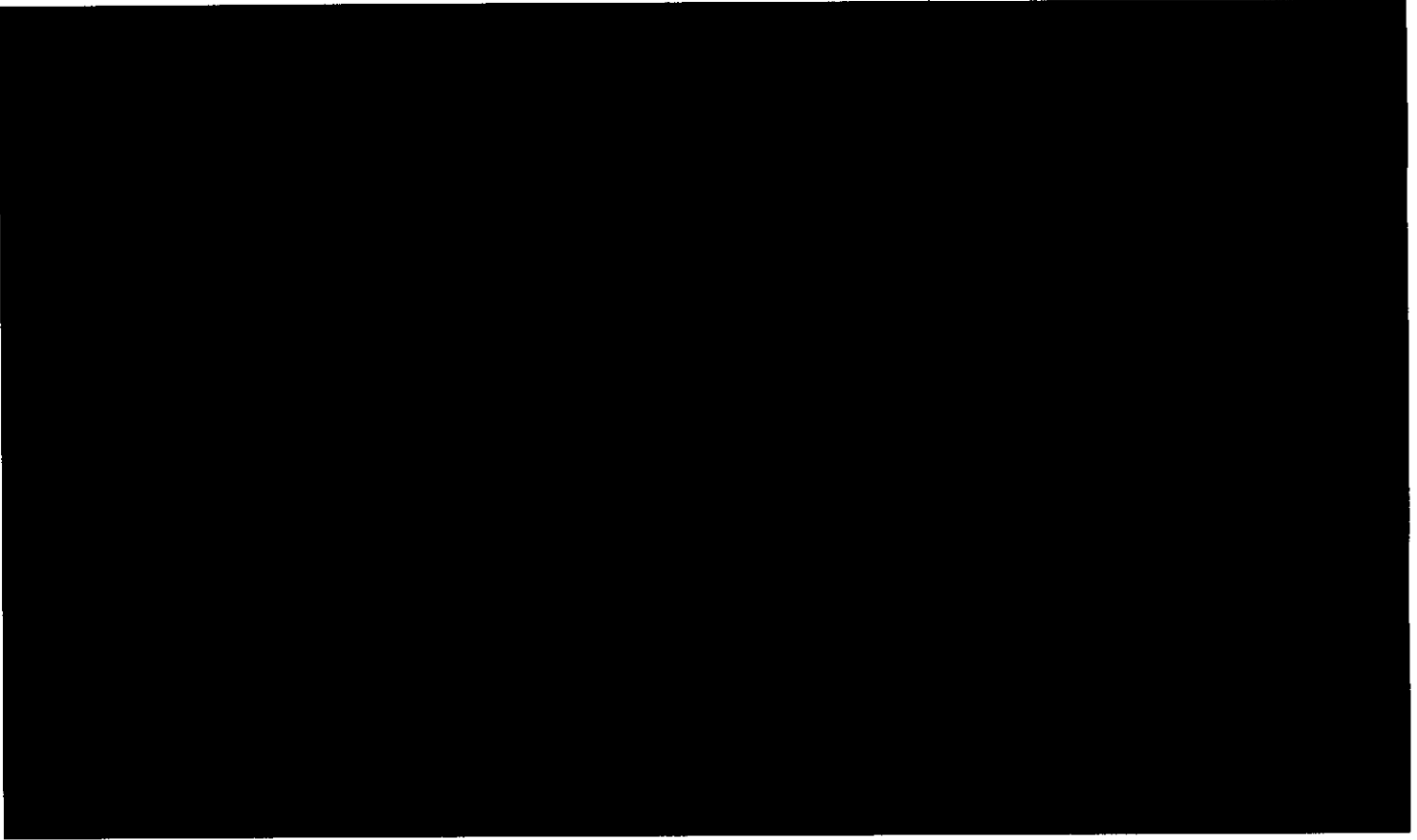
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Cc: Quirk, Brian M.
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Paul,

I am providing you with this report in Brian Quirk's absence as he is on vacation.

We received information from Attorney Peter Hutchins that he represents two individuals who will assert claims that they were abused by Fr. Richard at St. John Neumann Parish in Merrimack. Their names are [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. Attorney Hutchins has not provided us with any additional information but he has indicated he will do so in the next 30 days. We will provide additional information once we receive it from Attorney Hutchins.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Peter

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