MEMORANDUM

TO: File – Paul L. AUBE

FROM: Detective Kathleen M. Kimball, NHSP-Major Crime Unit

RE: DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER

DATE: July 11, 2002 ...

At approximately 0930 hours, Investigator Anthony FOWLER and I responded to [redacted] that had been conducted on [redacted].

During the interview, [redacted] disclosed details of numerous incidents of intimate, sexual contact with AUBE that occurred while [redacted] was a juvenile.

After [redacted], I was provided with [redacted]. I was advised that a copy could be made and then the original was to be returned to the County Attorney’s office. A copy of the tape was then made and the transcript of the interview is attached and made a part of this case file.

Investigation continues.

End of report.
I get to color too?

NH: Sure. Go ahead and have a seat.

All right.

NH: Um, just to start, you have a chance to be in the other room. You understand you’re being tape recorded today, right?

Yes, I do.

NH: Okay. And ah, I’d like to start by saying who we are. Would you like me to go first?

Sure.

NH: Okay. Ah, my first name is Nancy. My last name is Harris and I work upstairs at the Strafford County Attorney’s Office where you came in and because we’re being tape recorded I’m going to say um, the date and the time and it is and it’s just before three in the afternoon. Ah, can you start by telling me your whole name?

Yes. Um, my name is

NH: Okay. And how old are you?

I’m thirty-five.

NH: And when’s your date of birth?

NH: Okay. Looks like you have a birthday coming up.

NH: Um, where do you live?

NH: Okay and how long have you lived in
Um, I grew up there and I moved to Dover, Somersworth and then back to

NH: Okay. Congratulations.

Thank you.

NH: And um, on the way down you were talking about an accident you had that hurt your leg. Does that mean you're currently out of work or are you working?

I'm working on light duty right now.

NH: Okay. And where are you doing that?

NH: Yep. Okay. And how long have you worked there?

Um, almost five years.

NH: Okay. And um, do you know why you came here to talk to me today?

Yes, I do.

NH: Can you tell me why?

Um, I came here to talk to you today to tell you about allegations ah, of ah, I was assaulted as a child. Um,

NH: And who was it that assaulted you?

Paul Aube.

NH: Okay.

Father Paul Aube.

NH: Okay. And um, I'm going to have some questions for you about that. Um, but before I start with the questions about that I just want to remind you of a couple of things about the interview process and about this room, okay. Um, and that is ah, it's okay to say anything in here. Um, some of the questions I ask you you might find them to be embarrassing. It's just important for you to know that they're not meant to embarrass you, but your answer would be important for me to know.

Huh, huh.
NH: Um, also there may be times when I will repeat your answer back to you. That’s to make sure ah, that I heard you correctly and that I understand what you said. If there comes a time when I repeat something back to you that isn’t what you said, I’d like for you to correct me if you could.

Okay.

NH: Okay?

Yep.

NH: And if at anytime you need a break just let me know.

All right.

NH: All right. Ah, you said you were assaulted as a child. How old were you when these assaults started?

I, I believe it was um, on my 13th birthday. Thereafter and the reason why I know that is because I was in trouble with the law um, for I broke into a few houses and um, I sought help um, um, from this individual Paul Aube.

NH: Okay. And ah, were you assaulted by Paul Aube once or more than once?

More than once.

NH: And are you saying that the first incident happened on your 13th birthday?

Not on my of that day itself, no.

NH: Okay.

When I was thirteen.

NH: But when you were thirteen. Okay. And where would that assault have occurred?

At the, on North Main Street at the, there’s a church, the building to the left of it. What’s it called a um, where they sleep and I can’t, I’m having a mind block with what’s it called?

NH: Okay.

The ah, convent. Um, the white building that’s right to the left of it.

NH: Um, okay. Is it the Rectory?
Yes.

NH: Okay. And um, what is or was Mr. Aube's profession at the time?

He was a Priest. Um, also in charge of running a um, Catholic Youth Group. The name of that group was Options Youth Group and ah,

NH: Okay. Were you ever part of that youth group?

Yes, I was.

NH: Okay. Um, and the questions I'm going to have for you I'm going to try and keep them in chronological order of the things that happened. Um, so if you can keep that in mind um, we'll talk about from the beginning and then working forward, okay. And I'll always have more questions for you.

All right.

NH: Um, do you remember the first time something happened with Mr. Aube?

Yes.

NH: And can you tell me about that?

Um, yeah um, I guess you know what, what took place was um, I went to see him and um, I do not believe that I remember specifically if um, if um, I was recommended to him, but um, I went to see him at the Rectory. I was also a paperboy there ah, delivered newspapers. Um, and we would talk and, and ah, he, you know, he was kind of counsel for me as I had no male role models at the time to really discuss things and ah, you know, um, I sought his assistance. He was somebody that um, I could talk to.

NH: Huh, huh.

And um, he was looked up on in the area. My sister was also involved in his group. Um, and what took place is I would go see him. We'd sit and talk. Um, um he kind of seemed to be helping me. Ah, he was, I don't know, I felt okay to talk to him. And um, on that day, the first day that it took place, um, I did not even suspect anything. Um, what happened was ah, after talking, me being emotionally upset about something um, um, he opened his arms and um, gesturing a hug. Um, I stood up and um, was not afraid to approach him for a hug um, at that time. And um, the hug turned into something more than a hug. Um, were as he kind of held me with his arms around me and kept me there. Um, um, and also kissed me um, during that hug. And it, it um, was, wasn't just a kiss on the cheek. It was a kiss on the lips and um, um,
NH: And how did that end?

How did that end? That specific day?

NH: Huh, huh.

Um, it seemed like a long period of time that it continued. Um, but it ended with him saying he had to go and I had to go. I think I had to finish my paper route that specific day.

NH: Huh, huh.

Um,

NH: Do you know how long you had spent visiting with him that day?

Um, I would say at least 40 minutes.

NH: Okay. And um, and that’s, that’s the incident you remember as sort of the beginning

Yes.

NH: Of when things happened with him. And how long had you known him prior to that?

Um, approximately a year, approximately.

NH: Okay. And had you sought his counsel at the Rectory before then?

Not before then. Um, I guess we, I got to know him through um, my sister and brother-in-law. My brother-in-law was involved in the ah, church. A pianist and um, they were involved in his church group and it seemed like they did a lot of fun activities and I wasn’t um, able to participate because I was too young um, prior to that, I believe.

NH: Okay. And you said you were thirteen when this hug and kiss happened. Do you remember um, during what part of the year it was? What season?

Um, I believe it was fall.

NH: Okay. And do you remember whether or not school had started that fall and what grade you might have been in?

Um, I, yes, I believe school had started.
NH: Okay. And do you remember what grade you were in when you were thirteen?

No. Thirteen, sitting here right now, no, I would have to really kind of think about. Do the math.

NH: Okay. You don’t have to do that. That’s okay if you don’t remember. And what paper did you deliver?

Fosters Daily Democrat. I, I delivered the Courier um, also. Rochester Courier back then.

NH: Okay. And what paper did you deliver to the Rectory at that time?

The Fosters.

NH: The Fosters. And how long did you have that paper route?

Um, off and on for years. Must have been three or four years.

NH: Okay. How old were you when you started delivering that paper?

I believe um, eleven. Um, I would work for um. I would work for a couple of guys that, that really it was their route in the beginning and they um, would let me do it and ah, I would do for them. Just for something to do.

NH: Huh, huh.

And they would pay me very minimal money, but um, um, and then eventually it became my route. Um, and I did um, it seems like at least two years steady it was my route. But over all probably about five years that, you know, that I delivered papers.

NH: Okay.

You know, not specifically everyday.

Huh, huh.

But when it was my route, I did do it every day.

NH: Okay. Ah, and just to try to um, I’m just going to try to narrow the timeline a little bit. You said that by the time things started happening um, at the Rectory, you had already been in trouble with breaking into homes?

Yes.
NH: As a juvenile so those things had already occurred?

Yes. And I believe um, I um, also um, was in trouble with, I pulled a fire alarm on a side street. Also, that was another trouble that I got into.

NH: And had that all happened before things started with Mr. Aube?

Um, I believe so, yes.

NH: Okay. And um, did you have to appear in court for any of those things?

Yes, I did.

NH: And what court was that?

It was um, 

NH: Okay. But that was in

Yes.

NH: Okay.

NH: Okay. And what was the name of the church?

Holy Rosary Catholic Church.

NH: Okay. And ah, you said the Rectory was located right next to the church.

Huh, huh.

NH: And when you met with Paul, ah what type of space did you meet in?

He had an office. Um, it was um, there was a big picture window. You could see the um, ah, you could see the church from outside um, the side of the building and ah, and it was his office and he would close the door um, and

NH: Okay. And when he would meet with you in his office um, were there ever any other people in the office with you?

No.
NH: Okay. And how would you find him at the Rectory when you went to see him for counseling?

I would ring the doorbell um, and ask for him. Um, there was a um, lady that would come to the door. I do not remember her name. She was ah, worked there, um, care-taker of the, of the Rectory. Some sort of job was hers.

NH: Okay. And you said she was the one who answered the door?

Yeah.

NH: Do you remember anything about her approximate age or what she looked like?

Yeah, I think she was um, she was in her 50’s at least. Um, seemed like lightish gray hair. Um.

NH: Okay. And you said you don’t remember her name. At the time that you were visiting the Rectory, did you know her name then?

Not off hand. It’s not coming to me.

NH: Okay. Would she have known your’s?

I, I do not know that.

NH: Okay. And when she would answer the door, what would happen next if you were there to see Mr. Aube?

Can I back up for one second?

NH: Sure.

I believe she probably did know my name. Um. I was pretty well known in the area.

NH: Huh, huh.

That’s all I wanted to say on that.

NH: Okay. And um what would happen when she answered the door?

Um, she would go and um, get Father Paul and um, on a few occasions I remember her offering me um, a drink or some cookies or whatever.

NH: Okay. And um, and you just refer to him as Father Paul. Is that what you use to call him?
Um, everybody called him Father Paul. I don’t know specifically what I called him um, to his face. Um, I don’t know if I even you know,

NH: Huh, huh.

Said anything in reference to him. I just,

NH: Okay. Is that how he was known though as Father Paul?

Yes.

NH: Okay. And you said that the woman who answered the door would go and get him and who would it be that would show you to his office?

Um, on some occasions she would, I would wait in his office. Um, and on other occasions, I would wait in this little kitchen area and he would come down from wherever he was.

NH: Okay.

Place.

NH: All right. And you told me that um, it started with a hug and what you described as an inappropriate kiss. You said the kiss lasted a long time when he held you there. Um, did anything progress um, or did that behavior continue or did it progress in anyway?

Um, yeah, um, it continued. Um, I um, I felt um, I don’t know, strange by it. Um, yeah I, I believe I was really naïve to it all. Um, um, and, and again, seeking attention of a male um, father figure, um, I didn’t really know it to be inappropriate um, until later. Um, but this occurred um, several times. Um, and as it progressed it was um, what seemed like two and three hour periods of time that I was there with him. Um, and ah, once again, it was like me standing in one position um, and um, hugging and the kissing was more like making out. Ah, it progressed to that and um,

NH: And what do you mean by making out? Were your mouths open or closed?

Open.

NH: Okay. And how often were you seeing him?

How often? Um, I say there was a period of time where it was once a week. Ah, sometimes I wouldn’t be able to get in touch with him. Um, at which I later determined was that he was trying to hide from me or keep away from me.
NH: And why do you think he might have been doing that?

Because I believe that um, I believe that at the time, I've since found out that um, there were suspicions of um, other allegations. Now, I didn't know that then. But I do know that today. And I know that he was acting very strange towards me. And, and um, and he started trying to like, not be seen with me as much. Because he use to also take me places in his car around to run errands. Um, to see people. Um, this didn't happen a lot, but there was a few occasions that he did.

NH: Okay. And um, you said that it turned into, it seemed like that you were spending two and three hours at a time. And you said that it seemed like it. Do you know if in fact that's how long you were spending on your visits with him?

Not always. Um, it depended on his agenda. Whether I had to finish my paperwork, my paper route. Um, you know, some days it was after I had done my paper route.

NH: Okay.

Some days it was half an hour. Some days it was um, some days yes, it was two hours.

NH: Okay. And um, you probably answered this question. I forgot your answer. So I'm going to ask you again. Ah, how often were you stopping at the Rectory to see him? Was it once weekly, or was it everyday or something different than that?

Um, well again, I delivered papers there. Um, and if he was around and um, cause he wasn't always there, but if he was around I would try and um, look him up you know, when I was going through on my paper route. Um, so on some days it would be like a Saturday afternoon um, you know if he was around then it would be. But to say once every week, um, I believe there was a period yeah, there was a period in there um, that I was seeing him every week for a while.

NH: Okay.

Yeah.

NH: And how did you do your paper route? Were you walking or were you riding a bike?

Um, bike. I had a bike.

NH: You had a bike for your paper route. And did you continue to deliver the paper all seasons of the year?
Yes.

NH: Okay. Even in the winter?

Yes.

NH: Okay. And did you continue to do that on your bike in the winter months?

If there wasn’t a lot of snow um, I did, yeah.

NH: Okay.

Um, and there was certain areas that I had paths so um, again ah, my paper route was based ah, around an area where I grew up and there was a lot of other kids um-- It wasn’t where I lived, but it was where I hung out as a kid.

NH: Huh, huh.

Um, and that’s on

NH: Okay. And um, were there ever any occasions when someone drove you on your paper route, which would have prevented you from visiting with Father Paul?

Um, my father did on a few occasions.

NH: Okay. And would you say that happened a lot or a little or

Very little.

NH: Very little, okay. And um, you described a progression of the visits with him on into what you, what you described as making out. Did anything more than that ever happen?

Yes.

NH: Okay. And how old were you when something more started to happen?

Um, ah, I would say ah, fourteen, fifteen.

NH: Okay. Um, do you know and ah, it’s okay if, if you’re not sure, but do you know if you were fourteen when something more happened? Or could you have been fifteen?

Um, I, I believe that off and on, things occurred between thirteen and seventeen.
NH: Okay. And when something more than making out began to happen, do you know how old you were?

I, I would say, I would say fourteen.

NH: Okay. All right. And where were you when something more began to happen with him?

Um, well at the Rectory um, first. Yeah.

NH: Okay. And do you remember the first time that it progressed into something more than making out?

Um, I don’t remember a specific date, no. I, I remember um,

NH: Do you remember what it was that happened?

Yeah.

NH: Okay. What was it that happened?

It was um, touching. Um, um, also um, while standing there kissing, um, he became aroused or whatever and when kind of like rubbing his crotch in, in, in the area of mine.

NH: Okay. And when that would happen, would you be uh, sitting down or standing up or something else?

Um, standing up.

NH: Standing up.

In that same position that I told you initially that um, that’s kind of where it all started with him. With like a hug um, and um, in the same sense he was um, kind of like, I don’t know, I guess being massaging at the same time, my shoulders or whatever.

NH: Okay.

Um, and again, this is all, well, I guess I was revealing things um, that were going on with me and, and sometimes I was upset. Um, and even emotionally you know, like crying um, for things that I had done. He was kind of counseling me at the same time so it’s

NH: Huh, huh.
kind of like, I guess hard to describe. You know I felt some type of ah, comfort from this. And I, I really didn’t know that it was wrong. Um,

NH: Huh, huh.

I just didn’t.

NH: All right.

Until later on.

NH: Okay. And you said that um, the progression included touching. And um, is that the touching that you were referring to, is that when he would rub himself up against your crotch area? Or was there other touching that you were referring to?

It was, it progressed into um, his hand um, first um, touching my, you know, um, penis, not going into my pants or anything like that. And then it progressed to going, you know, into my pants.

NH: Okay. And what did he do with his hand when it stayed outside your pants?

Ah, he would rub.

NH: Okay. Did he say anything when he would do that?

No. He continued kissing.

NH: Okay.

And

NH: So he would rub you over your pants while he was kissing you?

Huh, huh.

NH: And you said that that progressed into his hand going inside your pants.

Huh, huh.

NH: And how did he make that happen?

Um, how did he make that happen? I just think he um, I think he just did it.

NH: Okay. Did he have to ah, did he have to remove or adjust your clothing in anyway to make that happen?
Uh-huh.

NH: Okay. And do you remember ah, what he would have to do?

I remember he unzipped my pants and um, put his hand down my, my crotch area and ah,

NH: And do you recall when that happened if you would also be wearing underwear?

Yes, I would.

NH: And would his hands down the outside of your underwear or would it go inside?

Inside.

NH: Okay. And what would his hand do when it went inside your underwear?

Fondle. Um, he was moving all around. Touching the whole area.

NH: Okay. And when you say the whole area um, I have to ask you what part of you his hand was fondling and touching?

Um, my penis. My scrotum. Um, the whole area in front.

NH: Okay. And at age fourteen, how often was that happening?

Um, I remember – that specifically happened um, at age fourteen, are you asking me

NH: Huh, huh.

How many times while I was fourteen it happened?

NH: How often?

Or how often? Um, there was a period of um, a time where it happened a lot. I, I don't um, recall. It was a few occasions where Paul went away. Um, and um, you know, I don’t remember specific um, dates as to when he went away.

NH: Okay. Okay. Um, so it would not have occurred during those times when he might have been gone somewhere?

Correct.

NH: Um, but you that you remember happening, happening a lot when you were fourteen.
Huh, huh.

NH: And um, can you remember any of those um, events that stand out because they were different in some way or because ah, something else happened or maybe you were interrupted? Anything like that?

I remember um, I remember somebody coming to his door at the Rectory and I believe um, it may have been the lady I referred to earlier.

NH: Huh, huh.

Um, trying to relay a message to him and almost walking in and him um, acting suspicious. Um, and kind of, you know, fixing himself up so that they wouldn’t see um, what was occurring.

NH: Okay. And when you heard someone coming to relay a message to him, what exactly was occurring?

Um, he had is hands down my pants um, one hand, I believe and one hand on my back. Um, and kissing me. The kissing usually wouldn’t stop. Um, um, it usually wouldn’t stop. And, and I, I remember keeping my eyes closed. Um, I don’t know, it was a way to pretend that it wasn’t happening. Ah, I don’t know.

NH: Okay.

Um, I think um, I think, I don’t know, I felt some sort of um, um, like I was, like I had a friend ah, a role model or whatever. I felt like I had somebody I could trust.

NH: Okay. And you said that during these incidents that pretty much the kissing was throughout?

NH: Okay. Um, and was that ah, was his fondling of your penis inside your pants, was that the extent of um, the touching by Father Paul or did it ever progress to something else?

It progressed to um, something else, yeah.

NH: Okay. And do you recall how old you were when it progressed to something else?

Um, I um, I know that um, when I was sixteen, I drove to um, Manchester. He, he had um, we’re kind of skipping ahead a little bit. Um, but he had been moved
out of the area to Manchester all of a sudden. Um, and um, I kept in touch with him through phone

NH: Huh, huh.

conversations and ah, I went to see him in Manchester. Um, um and what happened was I was going to Manchester to watch the Spaulding football game. Ah, I think they were in the championship game. I believe it to be 1982. Um, and um, it was in Manchester and he worked at the Elliot Hospital. Ah, I believe that's where I met him and he gave me a tour of the trauma department. Um, I know um, um, we went into this room. Um, there were curtains. It was like unbelievable. I couldn't believe that he was doing this. Um, and the kissing and huggings started and um, and everything, and ah, somebody walked in or, or walked in and he um, continued. Ah, and I remember um, in touching um, um, kind of like pushing me down on the floor and um, and the kissing ah, occurred. And um, I remember not, just not feeling in control over anything and ah,

NH: Do you know what he did for work at the Elliot Hospital?

I think he um, was um, in charge of, you know, um, like giving last rights and, and novena to people that were really sick. Um,

NH: Okay.

Um,

NH: And you said that you drove there?

Huh, huh.

NH: And did you see him — did you ever get to that football game?

Yeah.

NH: And did you see him before or after the football game?

I think it was um, I think it was after. But there was, there was another occasion when I drove. I'm not specifically sure um, which time that was ah,

NH: Okay.

but I drove there um, to see him on another occasion.

NH: Okay. Let me ask you about the occasion where ah, you met him at the hospital. You said that he gave you a tour of the trauma center? Is that at Elliot Hospital?
Huh, huh.

NH: Okay. And when you said that you were in an area, in an area where there were curtains, um, was that also inside the hospital? Or was that somewhere else?

That was at the hospital.

NH: Okay. And do you remember what area of the hospital that was in?

Um, it was the Pastor area. He had a little room. A room, some place, there was a place where the church service. Um, and um, and ah, then there was an office that he had.

NH: Huh, huh.

Um, this is what I re, remember. I’m having a hard time remembering specific details.

NH: Huh, huh.

Um, but I do remember (inaudible) there was, about you know the wooden seats and there was probably enough room for thirty people in this room if, if that. And then there was another room off to the side that had more than one door and, and curtains were almost see through and that’s where that incident took place.

NH: Okay. And were – you said there was more than one door to that side room.

It looked like it. Yeah.

NH: And when, when he was touching you were the doors to that room open or were they closed?

Ah, closed.

NH: And how um,

It was almost see through.

NH: Okay.

See through curtains.

NH: You said that, did you say that somebody walked in? Or that

I believe that somebody walked in and turned around and left.
NH: Okay.

And he um, stopped for a second and, and continued.

NH: Okay. And you said by that time you were sixteen?

Yeah.

NH: Because you drove.

Huh, huh.

NH: Okay. And you believe that that was 1982?

Huh, huh.

NH: What year did you graduate from high school?

1985.

NH: Okay. And how old were you when you graduated from high school?

I was nineteen.

NH: Okay. And

Wait. I think I was nineteen. Yeah.

NH: All right. And um, did you have your own car when you were sixteen?

Yes.

NH: Okay. And what kind of car was that?

I had a 1976 Ford Pinto wagon.

NH: Okay. And do you remember if that was the car that you drove to Manchester?

Yes it is.

NH: Okay. And was there any other touching that occurred on that occasion at the Elliot Hospital?

Not that I remember.

NH: Okay. And at that time you had said before that um, he had been counseling you.
Huh, huh.

NH: And did you feel as though he was still counseling you or had you gone there just for some other kind of visit do you remember?

I thought, I thought he was counseling me. Um, I felt um, like I was, when I was with him, at least I was keeping myself out of trouble. Um,

NH: You said there was some point when you participated in the youth group that he ran.

Yeah.

NH: How old were you when you did that?

He um, he was no longer a member at the Holy Rosary Church at that point. Um, it was his group that he design um, um, I know this because my sister and brother-in-law um, were in that group when he started it.

NH: Okay. So when you participated he was no longer there?

No.

NH: Okay. And

But I was still in contact with him.

NH: Okay. Were there any other incidents uh, in Rochester or at the Rectory of touching um, that you can think of?

Yeah. There was several. Um, I think um, in total at the Rectory, if I had to give a specific number on on the um, occurrences, the, the amount of occurrences that happened um, I would say at least twenty to twenty-five ah, different ones. And that was mostly um, initially when I was younger. Ah, younger then, when I say younger, I mean before I had my license. Before he was moved out of the area.

NH: Huh, huh.

Um, and you know, what happened, you know, he was moved out of the area, um, he told me um, that I had to stop coming to see him. And he was really adamant about it. And I said why and he wouldn't tell me. And, and all of a sudden um, well, he never did tell me um, why. Um, but I felt, I started thinking that there might have been something wrong with this picture. Um, but I kept it to myself. I um, um, I still respected him. Um, um, because he was this guy, he was just um, the type of person that you respected. I don't know.
NH: Huh, huh.

Ah, he, he um, told me he was being moved to Manchester. And, and that he couldn’t see me no more. And to stop coming by the Rectory and um, he couldn’t be seen with me and, and um,

NH: How old were you when that happened?

Um, I was I believe fourteen. Um, somewhere in that fourteen-ish area.

NH: Okay. So when he was moved to Manchester, that was um, before you had your license and so on and so forth? And you think he left um, Holy Rosary around the time that you were fourteen?

Huh, huh.

NH: So um, would it be correct that everything that happened at the Rectory um, in Rochester you think would have been when you were thirteen or fourteen?

Yes.

NH: Okay.

That’s what I believe.

NH: Okay. And were you, you said that you got to know him through your sister and your brother-in-law.

Huh, huh.

NH: Um, were you ever a member of the Holy Rosary Church?

Um, no. But I had some friends that were. Um, um, um, what do you call them, alter boys.

Huh, huh.

And I use to hang around that church. It was in my neighborhood area, but you know North Main Street. I grew up um not too far down there. It’s just where I hung out. I, I hung out with um some members ah. They were members of um, they were alter boys.

NH: Huh, huh.

Um,
NH: Was anybody in your family a member at that church?

Um, well my brother-in-law um, was my mother was a member of St. Mary’s, the other Catholic Church in Rochester. Ah, ah, my mother knew of Father Paul. My father dropped me off at the Rectory on occasions.

NH: Huh, huh.

Um, my father has seen me with him.

NH: Did you ever attend his, Father Paul’s, Sunday service with any of your friends or anything like that?

I, yes. I think I um, I did, ah, but I didn’t on a regular basis. Um, no. I didn’t on a regular basis because I didn’t have to. I wasn’t made to go to church. Every now and then I would go with um, my friends.

NH: Okay. And you described um, Father Paul’s touching of you at the Rectory. Ah, was there ever a time when Father Paul had you touch him?

Yes.

NH: And where did that occur?

In the Rectory.

NH: Okay. And can you tell me about that?

He took my hand and placed it over his um, groin area.

NH: And what would he be wearing?

He’d, a black outfit. Um, um, you know all black. Shoes, pants, shirt and a T-shirt.

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NH: You said that he took ah, your hand and put it over his groin.

Huh, huh.

NH: And did you say that that was over his clothes?

Huh, huh.
NH: Okay. And did he have your hand do anything?

Um, gestured for me to move it and I did.

NH: Okay.

Um, I, um, yeah. I guess I um, at some point, you know, experimented um, in some way, shape you know, some way. Um, you know um,

NH: Did Father Paul always remain clothed during those incidents?

Not um, well, he um, his pants were unzipped ah he was, you know, yeah, but he did have, he didn’t take his clothes off.

NH: Okay. But you do recall his pants being unzipped?

Huh, huh.

NH: And ah, why would his pants be unzipped?

Um, cause he, he unzipped them um, along with mine.

NH: Um, did you ever see his penis?

Yeah.

NH: And can you tell me about that?

What would you like to know about it?

NH: Where did that happen?

Um, at the rectory.

NH: Once or more than once?

More than just at the Rectory. Um, all over. Six, eight times, at least.

NH: Okay. And um, how did you happen to um, what were the circumstances under which you saw his penis?

Um, um, some it progressed to that. Um, usually um, he would um, I remember, you know, on one occasion, this is my definition of one occasion, um, you know, while kissing, my eyes shut. Um, he would unzip my pants and unzip his pants and um, kind of um, then kind of get close as for a contact in,
NH: What kind of contact?

Um, I guess, you know, penis to penis.

NH: Okay. And

In that area.

NH: Okay. So um, you said that he would unzip both of your pants and move closer for um, penis to penis contact. And you said you had occasion then to see his penis. Do you recall there being anything um, unusual or noteworthy about his penis in markings or deformities that you can remember?

I believe that he um, wasn’t circumcised. I think um, but I didn’t study it.

NH: Okay. And the penis to penis contact, was that something that happened at the Rectory?

Huh, huh.

NH: And what would he do when he had his penis in contact with yours?

Just kind of like um, rubbing himself against me.

NH: Okay. And I think for the, for the other touchings and incidents that you’ve described um, that you said they happened ah, standing up. Is that, would that be right?

Um, mostly.

NH: Okay. And ah, what position where you in when the penis to penis contact happened?

First time standing up.

NH: The first time standing up?

Huh, huh.

NH: Okay. And how big was that office that he had in the Rectory?

Um, about the size of this room.

NH: About the size of this room, okay. And in what part of the office would he have you and he standing during ah, these visits? Was it always in the same place or is it different places?
Generally the same place. There was a big picture window and he would always walk over to them and um, look out the window and um, I remember hearing that distinct sound of, you know, of him, the, the shades closing.

NH: You said that the first time he made contact with your penis you were standing up.

Huh, huh.

NH: Was there another time you remember?

Yeah. I remember um, other occasions. Some of them brief. Some of them not so. I remember it happened in Manchester. Um, I remember um, I remember it happening at his um, his home in Candia.

NH: Okay. And how did you get to his home in Candia?

I drove there.

NH: Okay. And ah, what did you drive then?

My car.

NH: Your Pinto?

Yes, I believe so.

NH: Okay. And how old were you then?

Um, I must have been seventeen.

NH: Okay. Ah, still in high school?

Ah, I think so, yes.

NH: Okay. And ah

Yeah, I had to have been. Definitely.

NH: Okay. And um, under what circumstances did you go to his home in Candia?

Ah, he invited me over for um, dinner. Um, and um, gave me directions and I went there. Um, circumstances, I don’t know. What do you mean by that?

NH: Um, just what you told me, that he invited you for dinner. And um, do you remember if you told anybody where you were going for dinner?
Um, we didn’t go, oh, do I remember?

NH: Did you tell anyone you were going to his house?

Oh. Um, I believe, I don’t know if I specifically told anybody. But I know my sister um, knows that I went there.

NH: Huh, huh.

Um,

NH: Who were you living with when you were seventeen?

Um, my um, when I was seventeen, my mother, I believe. When I turned eighteen, I was still in high school I moved to live with my father.

NH: Okay.

Yes.

NH: And would it have been like you to say to your mother that you were going to see, you’re going to Father Paul’s in Candia for dinner?

Um, I would have kept it to myself. Um, um I. I didn’t have to tell my parents every place I went.

NH: Okay.

Um, I wish I did.

NH: Okay. And um, what was it that happened at Father Paul’s house in Candia?

Um, we um, he cooked the pasta, spaghetti supper. Um, he has a very nice house. Um, nice land, fireplace. Um, I remember um, I remember going there and um, you know he had the music on. He liked music. Um, talked and soon after that it progressed to um, I believe at this point in time, ah, I became confused as a teenager as to what I was. Um, what I was doing. Ah, I, I began to know that what I was doing was um, wasn’t right. But I was also, in a way it was because I wasn’t getting in trouble the way I use to. And somehow I related the two things together you know. It was okay if I spent time with him because I didn’t get into trouble um, anymore.

NH: Huh, huh.
And I had changed in those ways and, and, and so I guess what I’m saying here is, is activity became almost accept, accepted as a norm. And um, what ended up occurring is um, I remember becoming totally nude at his house. I remember um, just being under blankets and um, and against him. And,

NH: How did you become nude at his house? Did you remove your clothes or did something else happen?

Um, I believe I took a shower. Um, and then um, I had my clothes removed. Um, I took them off.

NH: Okay. And you said something about being under the blankets.

Huh, huh.

NH: And um, in what room was that?

His bedroom, I believe.

NH: And where was he when you were under the blankets?

Next to me.

NH: And was he wearing anything?

No.

NH: Okay. And what happened under the blankets in his bedroom?

Um, just body to body contact. Um, his hands um, touching me all over.

NH: Okay. Was there anything else that happened?

Um, I remember him wanting me to stay the night. Um, I became really uncomfortable um, and did not spend the night.

NH: Okay. I’m just going to back up a little bit. Um, you told me about touching that happened at the Rectory in Rochester.

Huh, huh.

NH: And you said that that included ah, his fondling ah, your penis and genitals ah, over your clothes and under your clothes.

Huh, huh.
NH: Um, you said it also involved his having you touch ah, his, him over his groin, over his clothes. And then you said it also included um, penis to penis contact.

Huh, huh.

NH: And was there any other kind of touching that happened at the Rectory in Rochester?

I'm sure there was. Um, I just so much that occurred that it's um, you know, it's been a lot of years since um, I pretended it didn't happen for a lot of years.

NH: Huh, huh.

And became so I guess my instant is ah yeah a lot more had occurred. Ah, I think the thing that initially um, froze, freezes in my mind, is the, what seemed like hours ah, in the beginning, the kissing, um, um, and I believe those times um, it was like I couldn't move. Um, it was like I was stuck there.

NH: Huh, huh.

Um, and I was afraid to move.

NH: And what would happen while you stuck there and afraid to move?

Um, I wouldn't open my eyes. Um, kept them shut. It was like I was trapped. Ah,

NH: Are there any other touchings or sex acts that you recall happening um, that you don't feel comfortable in telling me that?

Um, not that I know of at this time.

NH: Huh. And I'm not trying to imply that this conversation is comfortable for you at all.

No.

NH: Um, but I was wondering if there was anything um, that you were having ah, a hard time saying or finding words for. Um, do you remember um, having contact with the [redacted] at some point?

Huh, huh.

NH: And was that um, over the phone or in person?

When?
NH: When you wanted to report about Father Paul?

Oh, um, that was um, I went down in person.

NH: Okay. Do you remember the name of the officer you spoke to?

I have a card in my wallet.

NH: Okay.

If you need that.

NH: Do you remember?

No. What his name I know it’s [redacted]. He’s not the [redacted] that took the initial report.

NH: Okay.

He told me his name, but I um,

NH: Could it have been [redacted]

Yeah.

NH: And did the [redacted] who took the initial report ask you any questions?

Yes, he did.

NH: And what were those questions he asked you?

Um, what occurred. Ah, I gave him a brief statement. Um,

NH: Did he ask you about any specific sexual acts?

Huh, huh.

NH: Okay. What did he ask you?

He asked me if there was any annul penetration.

NH: And what did you say?

I said, no.
NH: Okay. And did he ask you about anything else?

Um, I don’t know. Um, I guess he basically let me give a statement as to um,

NH: Okay. So he sought of let you say what you wanted to say?

I said something and I, I um, I broke down in there and I don’t remember. He may have asked me um, something. I don’t know.

NH: Okay. Do you know if you indicated at any time um, that there was oral sex?

Do I know if I did?...

NH: Do you remember saying that?

I wasn’t asked that question.

NH: Okay. Okay. Did you offer that information at all?

Um, no I don’t think we got past the um, the kissing, ah, too much past the kissing and the fondling part.

NH: Okay.

Um, he stated I believe, that um, he didn’t need anymore information.

NH: Okay. Okay. Um, and is that anything that ever happened?

Ah, what specific?

NH: Oral sex.

Um, yeah. Yeah.

NH: And when did that happen?

In the Rectory. Um, not too often. Um, not too often. But in the Rectory um, it happened at his house. It happened in Elliot. I mean at the Elliot Hospital with the door shut.

NH: Okay. And when you say it happened at the Elliot Hospital with the door shut, are you um saying that it happened during the incident that we already discussed or a different time at the Elliot Hospital?

I’m getting um, confused as to incidents.
NH: Okay. You told me about a time when you drove to the Elliot Hospital to see him and it was ah, you think you had also gone to Manchester to see a Spaulding football game.

Huh, huh.

NH: And

took me there.

NH: And that he'd given you a tour of the trauma center.

Huh, huh.

NH: And that you then gone into his office, which was apparently off the hospital chapel or a place where there was room for people to gather.

Huh, huh.

NH: Um, and you said that um, do you know what incident I'm referring to now?

I don't, I don't um, yeah, I do now. I don't think that there was um, oral sex that took place there. Um, just contact um, and he had his hands down my pants and um, I don't think there was oral sex there.

NH: Okay. Um, and you said that it also occurred at the Rectory in

Huh, huh.

NH: Rochester.

Huh, huh.

NH: And um, you told me earlier that you would have been thirteen or fourteen for anything that happened there.

Huh, huh.

NH: And tell me how you remember that oral sex started happening at the Rectory with Father Paul.

I remember um, I think it, it must have occurred when um, it must have been after like eight or ten different times. Well it must have happened um, we were on the floor in the Rectory at that specific time.

NH: Okay. And what happened on the floor in the Rectory?
I remember we had been standing up. He knelt down on, on he was already in, on his knees and that's when it initially started.

NH: And what was it that initially started when he was on his knees?

Him be, him begin performing oral sex on me.

NH: Okay. And then what happened?

Um, ah, we both ended up on the floor um, on the carpet floor. What happened? Pretty much ended at that um, um, specific time I, I um, believe I became, I don't know, frightened or something and um, he may have gotten a phone call. There was a few times he phoned in the office that he would get a phone call and then it would just kind of like end these sessions, as I should call them, which just ended but you know quickly and, and it would be like oh gotta go. He would kind of rush off and you know he kind of, looking back at it, like he realized that he had an engagement, he had to be some place or you know he was late. Um, it seemed like time you know, he was allowing time to just

NH: Huh, huh. And so the incident you just told me about, um, are you saying that that session ended with him um, performing oral sex on you?

No. Because he had me on the floor and something else was occurring. Um, I don't know whether it was me touching him. Um, um, it ended up that he was on the floor and I was on the floor um, and then. no. I don't, I think maybe the phone rang or something and

NH: Okay. Um, and you told me about um, his kneeling down and performing oral sex on you. Um, did he ever have you or ask or encourage you to perform oral sex on him?

Huh, huh.

NH: Okay. Can you tell me about that?

Kind of um, he didn't tell me. Gestured um, as to kind of like push me in that direction. Um, um, I believe he, his pants were drawn open whatever and he kind of like, you know, pushed my head in the direction of his penis and um, and I remember on at least two occasions that I did.

NH: That he did what?

Perform oral sex on him.

NH: Where did those two occasions take place?
One was in the Rectory. I don’t have a specific time. I don’t, I don’t think that it occurred the day that I was just talking about prior to.

NH: Huh, huh.

That we both ended up on the floor.

NH: Okay. Where was the other one?

At his house.

NH: Umm

Um,

NH: And um, when it happened at his house, is that a different occasion then the time you went for dinner and he made spaghetti and?

Um, no that was that time.

NH: Okay.

And um, the only other time I believe I was there was um, was the last time I was there and that was when I was getting married. And I still respected, still was trusting to this person and disillusioned as to what really occurred when I was growing up with him. Um, I introduced my wife, my soon to be wife, we were engaged, to him. Kind of looking for support. Um, and brought him, um, brought her over to see him at his house and ah, meet him. And he, on that occasion, um, tried to get me alone and um, and even while she was there. Um, I think, I think that’s the day that, you know, I really knew that, that I had been violated, betrayed you know all that stuff. I realized it. You know I was really dumb as to everything that took place. Um, um, I was dumb. Ah, you know I was,

NH: So things became more clear to you on that day?

Yeah. Because he, he was cold to me. He was um, um, what are you here for, he asked.

NH: Huh, huh.

Um, and um,

NH: Okay. And that was his house in Candia?

Huh, huh.
NH: Okay. And um, so he still had the same house by the time you had taken your fiancé to meet him?

Yeah.

NH: Okay. Um, and you told me that oral sex had happened on eight or ten occasions. But only two, and correct me if I’m wrong, but only two with you performing on him?

Ummm

NH: Did I misunderstand when you were referring to something happening eight or ten times?

I don’t know how many times oral sex occurred.

NH: Okay.

But it occurred a lot. I mean, I don’t know about a lot. It occurred.

NH: All right. And, I think I need to ask you why um, when you were discussing the incident that happened in Candia in his bed, when we had first gone over that incident about you having no clothes on under the blankets, he was saying that there was uh, contact.

Huh, huh.

NH: Um, I don’t think you told me about that when I first asked you about it. There being oral sex during that incident.

It was after we had been there a while.

NH: Okay. Well do you know why you left that out?

Things coming back to me. Um, I don’t, before coming here today I didn’t spend a lot of time re-playing that in my head because I um, I just decided coming here today whatever’s going to come out is going to come out. I don’t, you know, um, it’s quite a history. Um,

NH: Okay.

I don’t, I don’t know. You know.

NH: Did you ever do any, did you ever do any work or any jobs for Father Paul?
Um, I think so. I think um, he had me do things I don’t specifically remember what they were. Um,

NH: Do you remember if he would pay you for doing any jobs or work for him?

No, I never, I didn’t, I wasn’t a kid that needed money because I worked like I had um, actually I did mow the Rectory. I use to do some of their lawn mowing. But um, that wasn’t through him I don’t think. I think that was through the Monsignor, the other Priest.

NH: Okay. Did you regard Father Paul as ah, as an equal, as a friend or did you regard him as someone that has a position of authority over you?

Definitely a position of authority. Ah, and respected. I mean, he was somebody that brought change to the community as far as a really reputable program, options. Um, he was in charge of that.

NH: Okay.

And um,

NH: You said that um, at the time, you did not why he was um, removed from Rochester to Manchester. Right? Rochester to Manchester?

Right.

NH: You said at the time you were also unaware of his engaging in this activity with any other children or, or adults for that matter.

Huh, huh.

NH: Is that true? At the time?

At the time, um, yes, at the time. I, I’ve had um, a few other people um, after the fact say um, that he was strange to them and um, um kind of touchy. Now, now I never really elaborated on to them.

Huh, huh.

Um, you know and I believe one of the persons is the kid that I got in trouble with. Um, and I never said oh, well yeah he touched me. Because I didn’t, I kept that to myself.

NH: Huh, huh.
Um, that was, I wasn't in a, you know share that with, with anybody. But yeah, I, I um, again your question (inaudible)

NH: Ah, my question was, at the time, were you unaware of his engaging in this activity with anyone else?

Yeah.

NH: Okay. And um, have you since been made aware of that type of activity he's had with anybody else?

Well, um, I, in my early twenty's um, became fully aware to myself that um, there was something fishy with him. And, and, you know, realized that he just didn't up and leave um, the area. Ah, I believe, truly believe, that he was forced to leave the area um, because of somebody and I have no clue who, that either went to the police or the um, church about allegations against him.

NH: Huh, huh.

Um, and the reason why believe that is because of the way he acted.

NH: And um, so you don't know anybody by name that

Some kids that I suspected that might have had contact with him, is that what you're saying? Yeah, there's some kids I, I could say that um, I suspect um, had incidents with him.

NH: Okay.

Um, but for sure? I never questioned them. I would be willing to bet that um, the fact that that has occurred.

NH: Okay. And who are those people?

Um, do these names - what happens with these names? I mean if I

NH: Well, why don't we wait because we're almost out of tape time. So um, we can talk about those names after and you can first ask

Okay.

NH: what he would do with those names if you gave them.

Okay. I mean, I, I don't really have a problem being truthful with this.

NH: That's okay.
It's just um.

NH: We can do that after. Um, I do want to back up to um, some of the stuff that happened in the Rectory. Did Father Paul ever ejaculate in your presence, in the Rectory?

No.

NH: Okay. I think...

I did.

NH: You did, in the Rectory. And um, did he instruct you on if you should clean it up or, or where you should do that?

He didn't instruct. I think he gave me a paper towel or something.

NH: Where were you when that happened?

On the floor, I believe.

NH: All right. And do you have any way of knowing if any of your ejaculate would have gotten onto the floor in the Rectory?

I suppose it could have. Um, um I know they've since renovated part of that building now. I don't know if they have the whole, but I know there's a picture window that I know clearly what room it is. Um.

NH: Okay.

Um, but that was years ago.

NH: Okay. I think at this point ah, I'm nearly out of questions. And if I do have more questions, I think what I'll do is put another tape in because we're about to an hour and a half. Um, so um, you're welcome to ah, have a break and speak with Jody. Use the restroom. Ah, get a drink of water. Um, or if you're comfortable waiting here, I shouldn't be more then thirty seconds. Entirely up to you. What would you like to do?

Um, if you have some-- It's going to be thirty seconds? I can continue, I guess.

NH: Okay. I'll be right back. Thanks. I'm sorry I took longer than thirty seconds. Usually I don't. Um, but I do have a couple quick clarification questions. Shouldn't take more than a couple of minutes, okay? Um, you said it's your best guess that when they moved Father Paul to Manchester that you were fourteen.
Um, yeah that’s um,

NH: That’s your best guess?

No if I were to really sit down, and now again, before coming here I didn’t have

NH: Huh, huh.

Ah, you know, I made this decision last week you know.

NH: That’s okay.

Unbelieve as far as light sleep.

NH: Okay.

And I’ve, I’ve

NH: You don’t have to explain.

You know

NH: Why, but your best guess. That’s why I phrased it that way.

Right.

NH: I understand fully that you don’t know these dates for sure.

Talk with them.

NH: I have a couple follow-up questions.

Huh, huh.

NH: Um, if um, in finding out those dates when he was relocated to Manchester,

Huh, huh.

NH: If it turns out that his move happened when you were fifteen, is that a possibility? If you were to learn the dates and that’s how it calculated.

Yeah.

NH: Okay. That’s a possibility.
Huh, huh.

NH: Okay. And um, how – you were talking about oral sex that occurred in the Rectory.

Huh, huh.

NH: Did that behavior occur up until the time that he was relocated?

No. It stopped when, when he told me that I couldn’t come see him anymore. Um, it stopped. Everything stopped and I didn’t know that he was being relocated at the time. I knew something’s wrong.

NH: Huh, huh.

And I knew, I knew that

NH: How long before he was relocated did he stop contact with you?

I’d say it happened fairly quick. I’d say um, he knew he, you know, in my opinion, he knew he was in trouble and told me to stop coming to see him. I still tried. I was persistent.

NH: Huh, huh.

Um, and I had a right to be there because I delivered the paper. So you know, I would try.

NH: Huh, huh.

And, and, and whoever was in that Rectory, the lady, um, you know, whatever, um,

NH: Do you, I’m going to get back to my question cause we are going to run out of tape.

Sorry.

NH: I can put another tape in.

Huh, huh.

NH: Um, but I just have a couple quick clarification questions. Um, how long before his relocation did he try to stop contact with you?

I’d say a month to a month and a half.
NH: Okay. Um, and did the oral sex occur up until he stopped contact with you?

Again, it didn’t always occur and didn’t um, um, up until- It was occurring in the end until, until he um, had problems and he was telling me not to come no more, I guess. And then it stopped.

NH: Okay. And you said that there was one occasion when you performed oral sex on him at the Rectory.

Huh, huh.

NH: Was that closer to um, the end of your visits with him or closer to the beginning of your visits with him when that happened?

That was definitely closed to the end. Um,

NH: Closer to the end.

Um, yeah.

NH: Okay. And do you know um, could you say how long before contact stopped with him that happened? That you performed oral sex on him?

Um, I would say um, I’d say within you know within, you know, four months.

NH: Okay.

Depending.

NH: Okay.

the times

NH: And um, in the year before he was relocated, what’s your best guess about how many times he performed oral sex on you?

Um, I don’t remember it to be a lot. Um, and I don’t, best guess? I don’t remember it to be a lot – two, three, four times.

NH: Okay. All right. Ah, any question about whether or not it happened at all?

With who, me?

NH: Yeah.
No.

NH: Okay. Just uncertain about the exact number, but your best guess is two, three, or four times. Okay. I think those are all the questions I have.

Okay.

NH: I think we're finished. And it's now ah, 4:25 and ah, thank you for your patience with all my questions. If I do have occasion to ask you to come back for more questions, I hope it's okay for me to do that. But I can't think of any now. So um, we'll talk about the other names you have upstairs with So if you could help me get the tape um, and we'll go upstairs.

Okay.

NH: Thank you. Don't forget your jacket. Its hard to sit in one place for that long.

Yeah. (Inaudible)
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MEMORANDUM

TO: File – Paul L. AUBE

FROM: Detective Kathleen M. Kimball, NHSP-Major Crime Unit

RE: DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER

DATE: July 12, 2002

At approximately 1100 hours on this date, Investigator Anthony FOWLER and I met with

replaced text

regarding the Task Force investigation.

We requested a search of the to determine if there had been any contacts with AUBE during his time in that city during the early 1970’s. also advised that he would attempt to locate individuals who may have been aware of any inappropriate behavior by AUBE while at parish and who would be willing to cooperate with this investigation.

Chief TARDIF advised that his department will assist investigators in any way possible in this endeavor.

Investigation continues.

End of report.
MEMORANDUM

TO: File- Paul L. AUBE

FROM: Detective Kathleen M. Kimball, NHSP-Major Crime Unit

RE: DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER

DATE: July 23, 2002

At approximately 1505 hours on this date, I made telephone contact with

Supervisor [redacted]
Child Abuse Intake
Division of Children, Youth & Families
Telephone: 1-800-894-5533

in an attempt to determine if the Diocese of Manchester made the mandated report of allegations of child sexual abuse against PAUL AUBE in 1981 following the report made to them by [redacted] on behalf of her son, [redacted].

[Redacted] advised in advance that since the report was made against an out-of-home perpetrator, any record would only have been kept for one year. Upon checking the records anyway, she advised that there was nothing on file at this time. It cannot be determined whether the mandated report was made or not.

End of report.
MEMORANDUM

TO: File
FROM: Anthony Fowler, Inv.
      Kathy Kimball, Inv.
RE: DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER
    GENERAL FOLLOW-UP-FATHER PAUL AUBE
DATE: July 25, 2002

The following is a chronological list of general follow-up completed on this case:

VICTIMS NOT LOCATED YET: [Redacted]

VICTIMS REPRESENTED BY ATTORNEY ABRAMSON: [Redacted]
ABRAMSON RETURNS FROM VACATION-7/29/02.

MESSAGES LEFT FOR VICTIMS WHO HAVE NOT RETURNED CALLS:
[Redacted]

7/24/02-Contacted JON THOMAS-CONCORD PD. Indicated their Department does not have any contacts with AUBE.

7/25/02-CHIEF TARDIFF-BERLIN PD called. They have not found any contacts with AUBE, but are still researching.
MEMORANDUM

TO: File

FROM: Anthony Fowler, Criminal Investigator

RE: DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER

DATE: July 9, 2002

Contacted the following NH Police Departments to see if they ever had any contact with FATHER PAUL L. AUBE-DOB-4/8/41:

1) Explained the circumstances of the inquiry regarding AUBE. They will check for any police contacts with AUBE and and get back to me.

2) will check their files regarding AUBE. AUBE was and he will get any information on and other contacts.

3) CONCORD PD-DET. JON THOMAS-225-8600. Explained the circumstances of the inquiry regarding AUBE. He completed an initial check of their in-house computer and did not find any contacts with AUBE. Will check further in Records for previously recorded contacts and get back to me.

4) will check for any contacts with AUBE and get back to me.

DET. KIMBALL is checking and for any contacts with AUBE. We are scheduled to go to the on 7/11/02. We are also scheduled to respond to the on 7/12/02.

Investigation Continues........
MEMORANDUM OF INTERVIEW

PERSON INTERVIEWED: [Blacked out]

PLACE OF INTERVIEW: ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE
                     TELEPHONIC

DATE OF INTERVIEW: JULY 22, 2002

INTERVIEWED BY: Anthony Fowler, Inv.  
                 Kathy Kimball, Inv.  

RE: DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER

Above Investigators contacted [Blacked out] by telephone. [Blacked out] did not have any problem speaking to us about the DIOCESE matter.

[Blacked out] was asked if he ever contacted the DIOCESE and disclosed the abuse to them inflicted by FATHER AUBE [Blacked out] stated he never told anyone, as he was too scared. He never told his parents either. [Blacked out] related that a friend of his named [Blacked out] was aware of the abuse when they were kids, and that [Blacked out] had been a victim of AUBE also. [Blacked out] was asked if anyone has ever contacted the DIOCESE about the abuse inflicted on him, and stated no.

[Blacked out] related he is retiring from the [Blacked out] and will go to work as an auditor. Asked where the abuse took place by FATHER AUBE, and [Blacked out] stated in ROCHESTER, NH at the HOLY ROSARY between 1977-1978. [Blacked out] indicated we could contact him anytime.

Received a call from DEPUTY CHIEF BILL WILMOT of the CLAREMONT
POLICE DEPT. DEPUTY WILMOT indicated his PD did not have any contacts at all relative to FATHER PAUL AUBE.
MEMORANDUM

TO:    File

FROM:  Anthony Fowler, Inv.  
        Kathy Kimball, Inv.

RE:    DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER

DATE:  July 23, 2002

Above investigators were informed by DET. BROOKE LEMOINE of the NASHUA POLICE DEPARTMENT that all searches of PD records had negative results.
MEMORANDUM

TO: File – Paul L. AUBE
FROM: Detective Kathleen M. Kimball, NHSP-Major Crime Unit
RE: DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER
DATE: July 30, 2002

On this date at approximately 1425 hours, I made telephone contact with

Upon identifying myself and explaining the newly formed Task Force’s mission, 
advised that he had never been satisfied with the response that he received 
from the Diocese of Manchester following his informing them of his allegations against 
AUBE. He continued to tell me that he felt that AUBE had used his position of authority 
and respect to manipulate people and the results had been very destructive to those 
people. also expressed great frustration with the Diocese for never looking 
into the allegations of sexual contact between AUBE and his brother,
He stated that this seeming lack of interest in seeking out other potential victims by the 
Diocese has continued to bother him.

I then inquired if his brother, had ever disclosed his experience with AUBE to 
anyone. said that was disclosed to him during the time that was 
communicating with the Diocese about his own allegations. I asked him what disclosed.

told me that after his family moved to from, 
AUBE had been invited to attend a youth retreat as a speaker. The retreat 
was held in California some time in 1978. told that during that visit, 
AUBE was in bedroom at the family’s residence and began hugging and 
This progressed to both of them becoming naked and getting into the 
bed. also told his brother that both he and AUBE had erections and there was 
kissing of each other’s penis. At some point near the end of the incident, AUBE is 
reported to have said to “What a bad man I am.” was approximately 
fifteen to sixteen years old when this occurred.

To knowledge, has not disclosed the above information to law 
enforcement or to church authorities. I encouraged him to contact his brother and
provide him with the contact information for myself or Investigator Fowler regarding this information.

Also during the conversation with [redacted] I reviewed the documents in our possession relating to his communications with the Diocese of Manchester. This was done in an attempt to determine if there are documents in existence that may not be included in the current case file. [redacted] advised that he would go through all of his materials and copy documents to forward as necessary. I also inquired as to the date of the letter he sent to the Diocese, addressed to Bishop Leo O’Neil, and including a number of enclosures since there was no date on the copy in our file. He stated that his letter was dated January 18, 1994.

[redacted] stated that he will assist this investigation in whatever way he can.

End of report.
MEMORANDUM OF INTERVIEW

PERSON INTERVIEWED:

PLACE OF INTERVIEW: NH State Police Headquarters
10 Hazen Drive,
Concord, NH

DATE OF INTERVIEW: July 31, 2002

PERSON INTERVIEWING: Detective Kathleen M. Kimball, NHSP-Major Crime Unit

RE: PAUL L. AUBE

On this date at approximately 1055 hours, an audio taped interview was conducted with

in a conference room at State Police Headquarters. The audio taping was done with his permission.

See attached transcript for details of the interview.

End of report.
INTERVIEW OF

KK Testing, testing, one, two, three. Today is Wednesday, July 31st, 2002. It's approximately 1055 hours by my watch. I am Detective Kathleen M. Kimball of the New Hampshire State Police Major Crime Unit. And I'm in a conference room at State Police Headquarters in Concord and I'm here to speak with [redacted] regarding allegations of sexual misconduct by ah, former priest Paul Aube. And, [redacted] before we get going, can I ask, do I have your permission to record our conversation?

Yes, it's fine.

KK Thank you. And would you be able to spell your last name for me?

[redacted]

KK Okay. And what is your date of birth please?

[redacted]

KK All right. Now, um, as I said, we're here to talk about Paul Aube and, in order to, kind of learn a little bit more about what kind of relationship, for a lack of another word at this point with him, can you tell me a little bit about your background um, in your early childhood as far as where you were living and your association with the church? Catholic church?

I lived, I grew up in Berlin.

KK Okay.

[redacted] And um, I was always active in the church. I went to Catholic schools and altar boy and all that sort of stuff.

KK All right. What parish were you a member of?

Guardian Angel parish.

KK All right. And how did you come to meet Paul Aube?

[redacted] Um, through the church. You know, he was, he was actually, my [redacted] is married to Paul Aube's brother.

KK Oh.

[redacted] But I don't recall really ever knowing him prior to his being assigned to Guardian Angel parish. Um, that's where really, I met him.
Okay. Were your um, contacts with him then, basically in the church only or did you end up at family situations with him as well?

It ended up at family situations as well.

All right. How old were you, do you remember when he first came to Guardian Angel as a priest?

I'm thinking it was 72, maybe 73, somewhere, I don't know for sure, but somewhere in that vicinity.

All right. Were you already an active altar boy when he came or did you become an altar boy after he was there?

No, I've always been active, yeah.

Okay. Um, tell me about when you first met him and his demeanor and, and that type of thing towards you.

Well, he was very nice. You know he, now, now I understand all of the, you know, a lot about the whole profile but, and he, he did. He fit the profile very well and he um, he was very, very skilled at um, at manipulating people and finding the needy people and, you know, he, he hit all the right buttons.

Can you give me any examples of how he um, manipulated the people or even yourself. How did you find yourself fitting into that manipulation?

Well, one of the, one of his, his um, very successful techniques was, was using someone's faith in respect to getting what he wanted. And he would ah, he'd actually propose that he had some sixth sense to be able to read people's minds. But of course, he had all these um, private and confidential information that he got from the confessional or wherever, that gave him this ability to present himself in that way. There was a, a special gift from God.

Okay.

And that using this ability to know things that nobody else knew about you, he just made us believe that he was like this direct, you know, descendant from God.

Umm hmm.

You know, and that he had like this incredible authority and ability and he was the chosen one and all of this stuff.

And he would tell you these things.

Sure.
Uh huh.

And, and then, you know, that he could share that with us and that he could, you know, that, and if we did what he said that, you know, we would be favored and all of these things and ah, and you know, he, he would, he ah, I came from a home where my father's an alcoholic --

Hmm umm.

My mother was pretty much involved with dealing with that, on her own level. Um, you know, I pretty much self-parented and, and he knew that. And, and, he just provided all of the environment to, you know, to gain my trust and it was ah, I often wonder how he ever got any real work done. You know, he must have been so busy trying to figure out the next moves that, I don't know how he got any real work done.

Yeah. Wow. Um, did you have any brothers or sisters?

I have an older sister.

Umm hmm.

And I had a younger brother he was sixteen.

Oh, okay.

But he was much younger than I was. He was nine years younger than me.

Oh, all right. Were they in the picture with ah, Paul Aube at the time?

No. Not at all.

All right. Okay. So um, how much time would he say, would you estimate that he would spend with you. Um, was it daily or weekly or?

Well, it changed, you know. At the beginning, not much and then, and then it was often. Um, you know, and he'd let us use his car and you know, all of these sorts of things. I mean, he'd give us money and provide us, you know, beer and whatever.

Umm hmm.

Um, so it was, you know, it got to be substantial, the amount of time that we spent together. You know, he'd take us on trips to go see concerts, to do this or do that or.

So he would take you places outside of the City of Berlin?
Umm hmm. Yeah, yeah. My worst recollection of the whole thing was ah, he took me and three other boys on um, on a, I wanna say it was four weeks, it might have been six weeks trip in his motor home out to Indiana. And we hit like, maybe twenty states. And it pretty much was a rape fest. It was one after the other, I mean, same session.

KK

At the, all the boys at the same time or?

KK

Umm hmm. Well, individually --

KK

Everybody knew --

-- one after another.

KK

Right, right, right.

KK

Yeah.

KK

So you all knew what was going on. And how old do you think you were when that was occurring?

I might have been sixteen, seventeen.

KK

All right. Um, well, let's, let's back. Do you recall the first time something inappropriate happened to you?

No. No, I can't. I don't.

KK

Do you recall um, maybe the extent of the contact?

I don't understand the question.

KK

Like, how did the contact start? Do you know? Ah, can you remember. Was it hugging, kissing, um, or any other kind of touching? How did that progress?

Yeah, well, I think it started like that. And then it, you know, it got more involved as he ah, felt bolder or, or he would work his way into it. And, and um, I don't know, I'm trying to think of, I mean it wasn't, like it wasn't all at once.

KK

Umm hmm.

KK

I don't know.

KK

Do you remember what location it would, it started in? Where were you?

It might have been in the rectory. I think that's where it happened most often.
All right. And, my knowledge of rectories, there's usually like an office area or a common, public area and then a more private area where a priest's bedroom or --

Right.

-- living quarters would be.

That was upstairs, yeah.

All right. Where, if you say the rectory, do you recall, was it in his private quarters or in the um --

In his private quarters.

All right. So he would take you to where ever they were.

Right.

Um, would you be alone at that time? Just the two of you or were other boys involved?

Yes.

All right.

We'd be alone.

Okay. And um, would the contact ah, be him doing things to you or you doing things to him at his request?

It always started with him doing things to me and then he would request that I would do things to him.

Umm hmm.

Um, not all of the things I was willing to do and, and, actually at one point, I, he wanted to sodomize me and I was very upset and I was yelling and screaming and crying and we were in his quarters in the rectory.

Umm hmm.

It wasn't ah, it wasn't a very good scene.

Were you able to avoid that?

Yes.

Situation?
Yeah.

KK
Um, for that incident or ah, for --

Forever.

KK
-- forever.

I mean it was, it was never

KK
Okay. All right. All right. So you made it pretty clear to him that you were not going to do that.

Ah huh.

KK
Umm hmm. Um, how far along in the progression of events would you place that?

That was towards the end.

KK
Do you remember how, roughly how long this lasted, this contact?

After he left Berlin, we still had some contact.

KK
All right.

But it was infrequent. So, once he left Berlin, it, it really let up. I mean we, occasionally we'd get together but, that was it.

KK
Would he contact you or?

Yes.

KK
All right. By ah, by what means?

Usually phone.

KK
Umm hmm. And at what point would you say your contact stopped all together?

Probably about '76. I ah, I think he was in Rochester at the time, and I went and I confronted him.

KK
Oh, you did?

Yes.

KK
Can you tell me about that?
Yeah. I ah, I went and met with him and confronted him saying that what he was doing was wrong. And it was inappropriate. And, and, you know that ah, and, and he, he ah, he agreed. And he was, like, starting to break down and then the next thing I know, he was tryin' to have sex with me. And that's, you know, that's the last time I saw him.

KK

All right. Was that confrontation, where in Rochester?

It was in the rectory, in his quarters.

KK

Okay. Um, so he would, was breaking down, you said.

Yeah. He was clearly, I don't know, not repentant but he um, you could see that, that it bothered him or, or that, he, you know, recognized that, that what I was saying was true. And then, like a complete reversal, then it just, it's just really odd.

KK

Did he ever give you an explanation of why he had that kind of contact with you?

Well, only his bullshit. Which was, you know, that he had some special mission from God and it clearly wasn't that. Um, he did, you know, he told me things, I talked to Ed Arsenault about this too, um, he told me things that I don't, I wonder still today why he would tell me these things, is that um, he would tell me about other incidences.

KK

Like what?

Well, when he was in And I mentioned that in the letter.

KK

Yes.

Having sex with a boy in the car and the cops let him go. And he told me about that. And he'd tell me about things like that and he'd say that he'd been to a psychiatrist and the psychiatrist said that he was superior to most people because he had the ability to um, to love both men and women or something like that. That he, you know, that, it just, I wonder. I wonder about all those kinds of things. What, was he telling me that so that he, because he wanted to be caught? Was he, I don't know. It's, it's really, Ed seems to think its because he's just arrogant.

KK

Well, could be a little of both.

KK

Uh hmm
So, he told you specifically about the arrest in Nashua.

Yeah.

Um, did he ever tell you anything about the activity that caused the arrest?

No.

Uh, anything about who he was with or anything like that?

No.

All right. Um, you also mentioned in your letter um, about him being in Canada.

He was in a monastery in Magog, Canada.

Uh hmm

We went to visit there once. Um, I don’t know details about why he left, but my sense was that it got pretty hot.

And was this before he was actually assigned to the parish in Berlin?

That was before he was a priest. I think it was after that that he went to the seminary.

Alright. And the seminary was down in Jaffrey, I believe?

I don’t know where he went to seminary.

Okay. Alright so, but he told you about the Canada stuff after it was all over?

I don’t know when that came in. That wasn’t after it was over.

He was still going? Oh, well, you said, let me back up. He said, you took, he took you to the seminary.

Yeah. Yeah.

Did he take you ..

Early in our relationship.

Alright. More than once or just one time?

Just the one time. I don’t remember why. I think that was the only reason we went, was to go to the monastery for some reason. I don’t remember why.
KK Just you and he?

KK Yes.

KK Okay. Was it a day trip or an overnight?

KK Yeah. It was a day trip.

KK Alright. Was that before there was sexual contact between the two of you or after? Or during?

KK I don’t know. I can’t remember.

KK Okay. You also, well, is there anything else about this, the place in Canada that you can remember?

KK No. Just, he introduced me to a couple of monks. I don’t remember, I don’t remember much about what the place looked like.

KK Okay. All right. You also mention a boy scout camp.

KK Yeah. He was a camp counselor at a boy scout camp. And the thing that seems significant to me is that the pattern of choices that he made for employment, or to put himself in the vicinity of, or available to boys, is, I think, significant. I think it’s, it um, it shows a pattern of choices that, you know, really indicate that he had a certain appetite that he was trying to feed.

KK Okay. Do you know where the boy scout was?

KK It was Camp Carpenter.

KK And where-

KK In Manchester ... is it? Its not in Manchester. Its um, is it Londonderry? Just on the edge of Manchester?

KK Um, I’m not familiar with it, but I’m going to check into it.

KK Yeah

KK And, do you know when he was a counselor there?

KK No.

KK How did you find out about him being a counselor there?

KK He told me. I’m sure they have records about it. You know?
I can check into that.

Yeah

And um, you mentioned in your letter also that you knew he was a, a priest involved in youth ministry and is that because of um, your own experience or you have first hand knowledge of other incidences?

Well, that was his big claim to fame and that's what he um, that's what he, I don't know what word to use, that's what he professed that his calling was.

Okay. To deal with youth?

Right.

Uh hmm

And uh, and he use to do, actually, this is all starting to come together here. Um, he use to do um, ah, motivational speaking or, or, if you call it that, within the Christian kind of thing. And he use to go to these full gospel businessmen meeting. And, and, and uh, profess his, his, his line of faith.

Uh hmm

Um, and that's what was his thing, was that he was a youth minister and blah, blah, blah and all that sort of thing, which was just keeping him in contact with who he wanted to be with.

Okay. Was there a youth ministry active in Guardian Angel when you were involved?

Um huh.

Alright. Um, do you know whether, where he went when he left Berlin?

Can't remember for sure. I want to say it was Nashua. It was either Nashua or Rochester, but I don't remember which. I know he was at both of those places but I can't remember which one was first.

Alright. Do you know why he left Berlin?

No. Well, I could guess now.

Go ahead.

My guess is that it got a little hot for him. And I think that is why he left Claremont and came to Berlin. And there was, there was a family with the last
name of form Claremont that um, that he spoke of on a few occasions in that
he needed to stay away from that woman, the mother in this family.

KK  Alright.

And uh, at that time, I thought it was just a, you know, some misunderstanding.
And you know, I mean that sort of stuff happens. But I, given the knowledge that
I have now, I suspect that it was because he was involved with probably one of
the sons.

KK  Alright. Uh, was there another priest at Guardian Angel other than Father Aube
at the time?

Yes.

KK  Who was that?

I knew you were going to ask me that and I want to say Simard was his last name.

KK  Alright. Was he like, the pastor?

He was the pastor.

KK  Uh hmm

And I want to say it was Simard, but it could have been somebody else. There
might have actually been two pastors during the time that he was there. But I
can’t recall for sure.

KK  Alright. Um, let me back up a little bit. You were telling me about knowing that
these other boys became involved in sexual contact with Aube while he was
having sexual contact with you. Do you recall how that introduction of more
people was made into what was going on between the two of you?

KK  Your gonna have to ask that one again.

KK  How, how did he introduce having more people become involved in the sexual
activity? Do you remember how that happened?

You mean, like, on the, on the trip?

KK  Well, or did it occur before the trip?

There was uh, there was one incident um, in the basement of the church prior to
that.

KK  Okay. Can you tell me about that?
Well, he um, he again was um, proposing his um, his direct contact with God and how to get closer to God and that sort of thing. And, and um, there was a friend, myself and, and he had us touching each other.

KK

Alright.

While he sitting behind a counter and, and, and um, I’m fairly certain that he was touching himself too. And uh, that was the only other incident that I can remember that there was more than just me.

KK

Alright. Did you ever discuss that incident with the other boy?

Yeah. We talked about it recently too.

KK

You did. Is he willing to come forward do you know?

No.

KK

No. Alright.

He, he doesn’t want anything to do with anything. So--

KK

Okay. Well, we’ll respect that. Um, was he one of the three that went on the trip out of state?

No.

KK

No? Okay. Um, do you know whether uh, was anyone else in the church building at the time? Was there ever a fear that somebody would walk in and see this?

Not that I can think of.

KK

How would you come to be at the rectory before these kinds of contact with him? Were you invited there? Did he um,

Uh huh

KK

Was there another reason that brought you there routinely?

We were invited. I was um, there was a youth group and I was one of the leaders of the youth group and you know, those kinds of things. That, that there was, you know, parish business kind of going on.

KK

So it was under legitimate circumstances that he would be there?

Yeah.
KK So there was that one incident with the other boy while he watched. Uh, was that before the trip or after?

Before.

KK Can you tell me how the things progressed to the point where he was going to plan this trip?

I’m not sure I understand.

KK How, how did you get from, having the contact be local,

Uh hmm

KK to him all of a sudden saying let’s take this trip? Did he go to your mother and say, ask for permission to take you?

Yes, he did.

KK How did he round up all these kids, do you know?

Well, I don’t .. he just .. it was just a great opportunity you know? Here’s a bunch of teenagers who get to go out on the road for a month, you know, what a great a, what a great trip.

KK I would assume it was summer time, you weren’t in school?

It was summertime. Um, I don’t remember what month in the summer.

KK Do you remember what year? Can you place it between your school years?

I’m guessing 1973 because in ’74 I was in . So it was before that. So it must have been ’73.

KK All right. And tell me again the purpose of this trip, I mean, the, what he told your mother anyway was the purpose of the trip?

He had um, he had bought a motor home.

KK All right.

A brand of which, did not have a dealer on the east coast. And he had claimed, or, or made representations, that he was in some way connected with the manufacturer of this motor home. And that he was going to be some sort of representative in this region for the sale. And that he had bought this motor home and he was taking it back for repairs or to meet with these people in Indiana and, and this sort of stuff. And you know, we were just going along for the ride.
Alright. And, tell me about that ride if you could.

It was horrible. It was, it was a rape fest. It was just, it was awful. That's what it was really about. But nobody knew that until it was inescapable. You know, I mean there was good things that happened along the way, when there had to be. But you know, it was, it, it primarily was about him feeding his appetite.

And did things occur every day? Sexual activity occur everyday on that trip? Or-

If not, it was pretty darn close.

Alright.

If not with one or another or

And I know that it brings back some really bad memories for you I know.

Ummm

How, how did each, can you describe how you reacted? I mean, once the four of you realized what was going on.

Nobody talked about it.

Nobody talked about it. I know being in that position is very difficult, feeling powerless to do anything to change it and probably wondering how in the world you were ever gonna get home, if you were going to get home, and those kinds of thoughts go through your head. Was anybody able to kind of stand up to him and say knock it off?

No. No.

Alright. When you came home, did you tell anybody about that experience?

No.

Do you know whether any of the others did?

Not to my knowledge.

Alright. Um, do you know whether, whether any of the others have ever come forward to disclose what happened to them

Not that I know of.

to law enforcement or to the church?
Not that I know of. As far as I know I'm the only one.

KK Alright. Okay. Are the others still around? Do you have contact with them?

I don't. Well, the three people that were on the trip with me, I have no contact with at all. One is a, is a homeless alcoholic drug abuser in Manchester. Um, lives on the streets. And uh, another one I met his parents oh, maybe five, six years ago and he lives in Southern New Hampshire as well. And um, he had had a serious emotional breakdown. And I don't know what it was related to. We didn't talk in detail about it, but um-- And the other guy seems to be doing pretty good. I've seen his mother but we don't have any contact.

KK Alright. Um, did you ever talk to anybody in the church about what was happening to you either while it was occurring or until you wrote this letter.

No. The letter was the first. No. The first time that I brought it up was when I confronted Paul Aube. But, to talk to anyone else, no. The first time I advised anyone other than him that what I thought was going on was wrong, was when I wrote to the Bishop.

KK Okay. Do you recall when you wrote this letter? There's no date on the top.

There's no date? You know, I was gonna say that I was living in which would have made it like '82, '83. But this says my address is . We moved back to Berlin either '84 or '85.

KK Alright.

But that's, see, I really thought that I was living in at the time I wrote that letter.

KK So that was even before '84 or '85.

Yeah. Yeah.

KK We're just trying to see if we can make a time line here

Yeah. Sure.

KK of um, your contact with the, the Diocese. Did you ever, I think you already answered this though, did you ever tell your mom or any other adult that you trust as to what was going on?

No.
Do you think that anybody in Guardian Angel parish, any adults, was wondering what was going on? Like, did you have an adult advisor to the youth group? Other than Aube?

There were adults involved.

Uh hmm

Um, it was kind of loose though if I, if I remember right. You know, just getting chaperones to come in. We had a youth center and when it was opened, there would be adults there as well. Um, what was the question? I forgot.

Do you think any of the adults became suspicious of his behavior and that might have kind of precipitated him being moved?

I don’t know. At the time I would have said, no. I have no recollection of anyone feeling in any other manner than to think that, that um, he was a marvelous priest. He was very charismatic um, and in my impression of how he was perceived, was very favorable. Yeah.

That side of him? That personality.

Absolutely

which is what he showed everyone.

That was his game face, sure.

Uh hmm. Alright. What brought you to write your letter?

I don’t know. I think I mention an article there and I think it was something in the media just triggered, and, and you know, maturity and experience just finally brought it to the point where I felt that I could deal with it. Um, it was incredibly traumatic though.

Oh, I can only imagine. I can only imagine. And how you put that experience into a letter and can you tell me about the reaction you got from this letter?

I got a phone call from Francis Christian.

Alright.

And he said ‘Geeze. I got your letter, anything we can do for you?’

And that was it?
Pretty much. I said no thanks. I was trembling. I almost couldn’t hold the phone. And um, and that was it.

KK

Can you put into words how you were feeling about that response?

I was very naive. I felt that I had done my moral responsibility and I had just done something to stop this man from hurting other people. And that was very naive.

KK

Did you now where he was, where Paul Aube was at that time when you wrote the letter?

I probably did, yeah. Yeah.

KK

Alright. So, that one phone call from Frank Christian, is that the only contact then that you ever had with the Diocese?

That was it until recently when this Geoghan stuff blew up. I got to thinking again and I said well, gee, you know this was going on forever and forever and seems they knew about it but didn’t do anything about it and I said well, I wonder what happened to Paul Aube. So, that’s when I called the Diocese again and I said hey, I’m just checking back in. Twenty years ago I wrote you a letter and want to know what’s going on.

KK

And how was that received?

Um, like you can expect it. You know, I have to say that this is actually, since, since then, which is probably February to now. has been the most difficult period emotionally. I have to take a break.

KK

Do you want me to turn the tape off?

No, I’m okay.

KK

Alright. I can get you some water or something if you want.

No, I’m fine. I just need a minute.

KK

Take as much time as you want.

Maybe I will have a little water.

KK

Alright. We’re going to PAUSE OUR TAPE for a few minutes. It’s approximately 11:30.

KK

We’re going to CONTINUE OUR TAPE. Approximately two minutes has passed and both [redacted] and I are still the only ones in the room.
Okay. So we were talking about since February to now.

KK

Yeah and the fact that you called the Diocese again. And who did you speak to?

I was connected to Ed Arsenault.

KK

Alright.

And um, he put me in touch with um, uh, Joe Naff.

KK

Joe Naff. Okay.

Joe Naff is the person who is in charge of the counseling services for Catholic Charities.

KK

Okay.

So he’s the head guy there.

KK

Alright.

And Ed and I had a number of conversations and then, on the phone, and I spoke with Joe Naff. He came to [redacted] and actually met with me, which was pretty impressive. Um, and uh, and up to that point, I felt pretty darn good with the way that they were dealing with my renewed interest in what was going on. And then the next, was it the next day or the next week? Sometime soon after the meeting I had with Joe Naff in [redacted] I had a job in Manchester. That’s where I work for [redacted] as well for [redacted]. And I, and he had the Manchester Union Leader on his table and on the bottom part of the front page was a headline that says, ‘No Problems with Priests in New Hampshire’.

KK

And what was your reaction?

I was furious. Well, I headed back home and I called Ed Arsenault and I didn’t get directly him, I got his voice mail, and I advised him that either they set the story straight or I was going to. They called me back at 9:30 that night and I refused to take their call. I was so mad. The next day is when they had the press conference.

KK

In Manchester with

That’s when McCormack came out and said ‘geez, by the way’,

KK

Is that when they released the first list?
That's when they released the first list. And that was the day after I called them. And that was the day after the story ran that there was no problems with priests in New Hampshire. So, they misunderstood us.

Playing with words, possibly.

Yeah. Yeah. And so at that point, I had agreed to a .. They had offered me counseling and I agreed to go through Catholic Charities to do that. And I called them up and I said there's no way that I want to be involved with anyone that has any connection with the Catholic Church. There's no possible way that I'm gonna talk to anybody that their income depends on the Catholic Church or they're connected in a way emotionally, spiritually or physically with the Catholic Church. I'm gonna find my own counselor. And um, and from that point on it got better. To the point where now, I'm, I'm, I'm amazed at um, the way, the compassion

Shown to you as a victim?

Oh, yeah. It's amazing. I had no idea that it was possible.

Well, I'm glad for you.

Yeah.

I'm glad for you.

It's really good.

Yeah. Now, did you actually have a meeting with Bishop McCormack at some point?

I did. Yeah.

Can you tell me about that?

It was um,

Was it before that press conference or after?

After the press conference.

Okay.

Because I had said that I want to go face to face with this guy. You know. And was ready to let him have it. And uh, he was, I still ... I went back. The first think I told my wife when I went back, I said, we pulled up a chair. It was a round conference table and we sat side by side in the chair and he pulled up a
chair and kind of turned it up this way and faced me and he took one hand and stuck it down his pants.

KK

The waistband of his pants?

And I’m thinking, Wow! What the hell is this guy ... he’s obviously not thinking about his body language, right? So, he’s sitting there like, like some old guy watching, watching TV with a beer, you know? And um, But the conversation was, was um, was very good. He was um, he was contrite. He was um, he was compassionate. He um, um, he was very apologetic. I mean, he said all the right things. So it was .. I left there thinking alright, so I went face to face but big deal, nothing of any consequence came out of this, either way.

KK

In that conversation, did the Bishop ever talk about decisions to move Paul Aube because of his behavior?

No. It never came up. I never asked. He never offered. We pretty much just talked about victims and, and um, we talked about the firestorm of activity after his releasing you know, this, the list of names. Of course, he’s under a lot of scrutiny and he’s also named in a number of lawsuits. I was pretty pleased with his action of revealing these priests and bringing it to the foreground and willingness to work through that and I thought that that was great and I encouraged him to continue on that path. But that’s, you know, we didn’t get into any specifics.

KK

Okay. Did he ever mention how the church protected Paul Aube?

No. I, no. I sort of baited a question but he uh, or a comment, and he didn’t bite. You know, I said something to the effect that it was um, it was interesting that after all of the terrible things that Paul Aube did, what he got in response to that, was early retirement.

KK

But the Bishop didn’t react to that?

He didn’t bite.

KK

Do you have any sense or any first hand knowledge about when you believe that the Diocese knew that Paul Aube was sexually active with minors?

Well, certainly when I wrote them a letter. But, upon retrospect and having the knowledge that I have today, I think that’s why they moved him to Berlin.

KK

To Berlin?

To Berlin.

KK

And what about from Berlin to his next assignment?
That's quite likely. Because I know that he was not liked by the other priests in the rectory. There, there was great tension.

And how do you know that? Can you describe for me

He used to say so. He'd, he'd, you know, Paul Aube would say 'well, geeze, you know, we gotta stay away from this guy'. Or, he's you know, 'he doesn't like me'. Or whatever it is, you know. And I could never understand why he wouldn't like him. But I suspect that its because he knew his appetites. And because he was, he was loved by the people you know, in the congregation. They, I mean, they loved him. They thought you know, he was just marvelous.

Was there any explanation given to the parishioners when he was transferred from Berlin?

No. No. And you know what? That was one of the things that seemed to upset people the most. Was that it was that it was just no reason. The bishop's decided. This is it and that's it.

Because he, he was from that area, am I correct?

Yes. Yes. He was born and raised there.

So it would seem that to be in a home parish was a pretty plum assignment.

Well, you would think. You've got all your family with you. You got all that sort of thing. Although I don't know if its ever stopped, but at one point I think it was, as far as the Diocese is concerned or priests are concerned, if you fell out of favor, they sent you to Berlin. Cause it's a little bit remote, you know, that kind of a thing.

Sure. Sure.

But, well.

Because of the marriage connection, um, have you ever seen him since your confrontation with him in Rochester?

I've been very careful to avoid him.

Alright. Do you know if he's been back in the Berlin area?

I have seen him drive through before but not recently. Although I was quite concerned that I'd heard rumor that he was moving back.

Recently? Or
Yes. Like within the last month. Um, and his nephew, his sister’s son who recently passed way, had a house not far from my house actually. And the house is vacant and they’re not selling it and then I’d heard rumors that they’re going to have Paul Aube and his niece live there. His niece is somewhat retarded and that they were going to share the house. I was not happy about walking by his house everyday.

I can imagine.

So I checked with the Diocese and the Diocese assured me that he has no intentions of moving.

And how long ago did you check with them?

Less than a month ago.

Alright. Okay. Um, did you ever make any observations as to how he related to other kids, uh, particularly females, in your youth group?

Yeah. Um, the girls, and its funny. Remember we talked about this other boy that I had talked to recently?

Uhhmm

His wife was also someone who was part of that youth group. And they were childhood sweethearts and married and are still together. And um, when I, when I met with this man, his wife was there as well. And the three of us chatted and it was interesting that her perspective was that she felt that she was always shunned by him. And that she could never become part of this elite inner circle. And it was interesting to get her perspective on that. And you know, I was never very adept as a kid with those kind of things. So I, you know, but, you know, and she was really, when we were in discussion, she was really upset about it. And I made a joke about it. I said well, just, obviously you understand why. I mean, you’re just the wrong gender. You know, that’s all. I mean, it had nothing to do with you or who you are or your characteristics or personality. It’s just you were the wrong gender. Simple as that.

So to try to take your experience, can you put it between age groups? How, approximately how old were you when it began and approximately how old were you when it stopped?

I was fifteen or sixteen probably when it began. And I left, ’76, so maybe nineteen when it ended.

You were out of high school?
Yes. The first two years of college I did up in [redacted] the College of [redacted]. And then I moved to Manchester and went to [redacted]. So, it was after I think like, high school, it was very infrequent. But

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I think it ended with that last confrontation. I was probably ... I think it was before I left for Manchester, which would have been in '76, in the Fall of '76. I can’t be exactly sure as to the dates. But it was in that range of time.

And after Aube left Berlin, and you said that there were a couple of times when he would contact you and you would meet, would that be back in Berlin or did you go somewhere to meet him?

I would go to meet him. Most of the time.

In his new assignment?

In his new assignment.

Which was um,

Um, Nashua at one point and uh, and Rochester.

Okay. And would the activity .. where would the activities occur?

In the rectory.

Of wherever he was?

Wherever he was. Yeah.

Okay. Alright. And you said that that occurred only a couple of times?

Yes.

And it was infrequent?

Right. Often times when we did though .. when I went out of town, it was with a group or a couple of people and so there was no opportunity.

Uh hmm. Did you get that, a sense by that time, that the sexual contact was going to result when you were together? Or did you have times with him where there was no sexual contact?

Yes. We had times where there was no sexual contact.
KK Alright. And was that because other people were around or that’s just..

No. I think I can remember times where there was just the two of us and there wasn’t sexual contact.

KK Uh hmm

Um, but usually if the opportunity was there, he, he was trying.

KK Okay. And I know this is difficult, but I just would like to kind of get in my mind straight that it starts with hugging and kissing, uh, touching, over clothes or against skin?

Well, probably started over clothes. But he had this um, ... oh, one of the ways he got under the clothes was that he was um, he was talking about the psychological benefits of not having any barriers and those kinds of things, you know, and that sort of stuff and that’s how it started there.

KK Clothing is considered a barrier?

Yes.

KK Alright. So then touching both on top of clothes and against skin?

Right.

KK Um, oral sex?

Yes.

KK On each?

Yes.

KK Penetration of any kind?

No.

KK Alright. Well, oral sex is considered penetration but not anally?

Well, I guess it is. Right.

KK Okay. Any other kind of sexual contact not covered under those, that list?

No.

KK Okay. Can you tell me whether any of the activities were photographed or video taped, to your knowledge?
Not to my knowledge.

KK

Alright.

But he was a big photography and movie buff.

KK

And so you would have had that interest in common.

Uh huh

KK

Something else to talk about.

Yeah.

KK

Did he .. computers weren’t really of the age then, so did you ever see magazines involving pornography?

Never.

KK

Never. Okay. Did he ever use any kind of toys

Never

KK

or sexual implements of any kind?

No.

KK

Okay. Alright. You have mentioned, not by name of course, but at least four other boys, that you know of, that were victimized by him. Are there any others that you have first hand knowledge of other than those four?

Yes.

KK

Can you tell me how many?

No less than ten.

KK

And to your knowledge have any of them ever come forward to anybody, family, law enforcement, church?

No.

KK

As far as I know, no one.

KK

So, um, that’s a lot. That’s a lot.

Uh huh. And that’s just the people I know.
KK Uh hmm. Do you know whether …

And, and let me clarify this.

KK Go right ahead.

To say that those are people that I know by name. I was told by Paul Aube, or made aware of by Paul Aube, of others.

KK In Berlin or in other communities?

In other communities. That I didn’t know. And another thing he used to do, was if you were a special member of his inner circle, you got a special cross. And so anyone who was sporting this special cross was a victim.

KK On a chain or?

Uh huh

KK Do you still have that?

I doubt it. I doubt it.

KK And at what point in the progression of ac— contact, would he give you that cross?

I think it was after he finally had sex.

KK Meaning?

Either fondling or after you reached a certain level of, of intimacy, I guess.

KK That’s, that’s what I’m asking. At what point along the line would that be?

Yeah. I don’t think it would have been like just a casual guy that came along you know, and hung out at the rectory. I’d think you’d have to be someone that he was either grooming or had groomed, as a victim.

KK Uh hmm. And did those of you who he gave this cross to, was that worn so that others could see?

Yeah. Oh, yeah. Well at the time, you know, we didn’t perceive it as this badge or this … it was, it was an elitist thing. It was, you know, it, it gave you um, it gave you meaning. It gave you uh, um, this, this presence, this that you had achieved this certain, you know, and you had this notoriety, and you had the favor of a priest, and you know, all these things. And all these faith things as well, it just, it was
Did he make a big deal about giving the cross?

Oh, yeah. It was, it was, it was a right of passage.

To you individually or as a group...

Individually.

did he hand them out?

Individually. Yeah. Yeah. He was slick. Very intelligent man. Very capable man. Unfortunately he used his intelligence and his ability in a terrible way.

Alright. Um, I’m just checking my little list here...

Check away, that’s fine

Is there anything that you can think of to tell me that I haven’t asked about?

No. There’s nothing I can think of... um... other than going into more detail of what we’ve talked about. But I think that you have a pretty good sense for what the experience was and having... I’ve done a fair amount of reading in trying to understand what I’ve been through. And, and it’s very classic. I mean, its very classic case of this whole grooming and someone in a position of, of ah, of authority. And I think that... I’m starting...I’ve always... my whole adult life... I think I’ve pretty much hated religion now, and the church, and so some of this is colored by that I think. But, I am of the opinion that the Catholic Church and the priests in particular, are a group of people who have historically, since the Middle Ages, been above the law. They have been above reproach and they have been elite in that whole spectrum of society and that they have, over the course of time, developed a system. A good ole boys club, that has perpetuated what we’re experiencing now. And I think that it’s great that they have to reevaluate what they’re doing.

Well, that’s part of what our job is all about.

Uh hmm. And that’s why I’m here today. Because if it weren’t for my hope that something good is going to come of this, I wouldn’t be experiencing this pain that I’m going through now um, with some casual stranger.

I know, I know,

I can tell you right now.

and its, and its, I certainly appreciate all of your candidness and your honesty. This is not an easy thing to do