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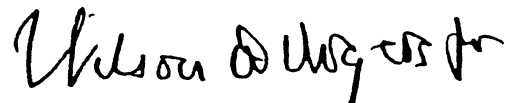
District Attorney Martha Coakley
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Dear District Attorney Coakley:

In accordance with the letter agreement which this office signed on behalf of the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Boston, a Corporation Sole with the Attorney General's Office dated March 1, 2002, enclosed please find correspondence which we have now received on behalf of [REDACTED] who has alleged that he was sexually abused by Rev. Frederick Cartier.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,



Wilson D. Rogers, Jr.

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Enclosure

cc: Kurt N. Schwartz, Esquire

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June 6, 2002

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Dear Attorney Rogers:

I wrote you previously about a claim involving [REDACTED] and my client, [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was born in 1957. His family belonged to St. Barbara's Church in Woburn, Massachusetts.

Father James Carrol was the pastor of that church. About 1969 or 1970, Father Frederick Carter joined the church staff. He oversaw the C.Y.O. and led a charismatic renewal movement there. [REDACTED] had always been active in the church; he was an altar boy at St. Barbara's; he was drawn to Father Cartier and became involved in the charismatic prayer group which Father Cartier led. Father Cartier hired [REDACTED] to do office work at the parish a few afternoons a week. They became quite close, and [REDACTED] even aspired to become a priest at Father Cartier's urging.

There were three instances of sexual abuse. The first occurred when Father Cartier invited [REDACTED] to spend the night in his living quarters after a prayer group meeting. [REDACTED] was awakened from sleep by Father Cartier's fondling of his genitals. As a sexually naive 13 year old, [REDACTED] did not know what to do; he pretended to stay asleep.

A second episode of abuse occurred several months later, again at Father Cartier's living quarters. The third, and final, episode occurred when Father Cartier took three boys camping in New Hampshire and arranged for [REDACTED] to sleep in his tent. During this incident, [REDACTED] told Father Cartier to stop and said, "You can't do this to me." Father Cartier stopped, left the tent and didn't speak to [REDACTED] the rest of the trip.

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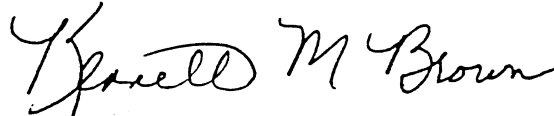
██████████ own instinct for self-preservation was strong enough that he realized he must avoid Father Cartier. He left the prayer group and went to church less often.

About a year after the last episode, Father Cartier left St. Barbara's. ██████████ believes Father Cartier left the priesthood at that time.

██████████ drifted away from the church. As he began to hear stories about other abuse victims within the church, he also realized that many problems he dealt with in his later years - drug and alcohol abuse, depression, failed marriages and even suicide attempts as a young man - were problems he shared with many other victims of such abuse.

I hope this more detailed account will be of use to you. Once you have completed your investigative efforts, I would like to discuss this matter with you, or your designee, to determine what role - if any - the church played in this tragic event and how the matter could be resolved.

Very truly yours,


Kenneth M. Brown

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