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INTERVIEW WITH [REDACTED] (FATHER OF VICTIM)

I spoke with [REDACTED] regarding his son's disclosure of abuse. [REDACTED] confirmed that his son told him about the abuse while they were watching a news story about WIDERA being recently charged in Wisconsin.

[REDACTED] was very bothered by this and still is friends with the priest that WIDERA replaced at ST MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS- Father VOJTIK. [REDACTED] confirmed that he had spoken with Father VOJTIK about Father WIDERA. Father VOJTIK told him [REDACTED] that personnel within the ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE had warned him that WIDERA had a "problem with young boys" and "had to be watched" when WIDERA was transferred to ST ANDREW'S.

[REDACTED] was very bothered by the fact that his son had been molested and that the Archdiocese knew about WIDERA's problem and kept moving him. [REDACTED] wrote a letter to the Archdiocese and this was how they contacted [REDACTED]

I asked [REDACTED] if he thought Father VOJTIK would be open to talking to me about this. [REDACTED] Thought he would and gave me Father VOJTIK's phone number

INTERVIEW WITH FATHER JAMES VOJTIK (SERVED WITH WIDERA AT ST ANDREWS PARISH IN DELEVAN, WI)

I interviewed Father James P VOJTIK, (M/W; 10-24-1936; ST MARY'S LAKE CHURCH, 6092 Lake Church Rd, Belgium WI 53004; ph# 262-285-3040) via phone on 06-26-2002. I received the following information from Father VOJTIK:

"I arrived in '75 at ST ANDERWS- June or July. He (WIDERA) was already there. At some point the Pastor told me that he (WIDERA) was getting psychiatric help or counseling and that he (WIDERA) 'had trouble with boys.' (WIDERA) was supposed to be monitored while here (at ST ANDREWS). I supposed the Pastor was monitoring him. I didn't know.

I remember going to a Brewers game via bus with him and a group of kids. On the way home, I saw him rolling around on the floor with some of them. He was tickling them (boys) and they were tickling him. I did not think it was appropriate behavior and reported it to the Pastor (Eugene HENKE- now deceased). As far as how others viewed him, (WIDERA) was tremendously well-liked and was adept at most sports. He was indefatigable! Lots of activities and always on the go."

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I asked why WIDERA had to leave ST ANDREWS. Father VOJTIK explained:

"I was leaving ST ANDREWS for a new appointment. On the day I was leaving, two ladies, Ruth [REDACTED] and Jean [REDACTED] rushed into the Rectory after morning mass. They were very upset and very shaken by what they saw. They had attended morning mass and they witnessed Father WIDERA performing a sex act in the Sacristy with two boys. They came in and told me that they had 'seen him in the act' with a young server and saw him with a young child. The ladies were shaken up and crying.

The procedure back then was you tell the Pastor and the Pastor took care of it. This time I called the Priest Personnel Board or the Chancellery directly to report what had happened. I don't remember which but it was one of them. I left the parish that afternoon and WIDERA left the parish that next day; the Diocese moved him almost immediately! I'm not sure what happened but I think there was something that he could not serve in a priestly capacity in Milwaukee. I don't know if (WIDERA) was confronted. I believe they passed that off on the Pastor. I don't know if I told the Pastor or not. I did tell the Executive of the Priest Board, Father John WELLBAUER (no longer serving as a priest) and I think I also told Father Bob SAMPON."

I asked Father VOJTIK if he remembered what date this incident occurred on. Father VOJTIK told me that he was not sure but believes it occurred on August 22, 1976.

INTERVIEW WITH JEAN [REDACTED] (WITNESS TO INCIDENT IN 1976)

On 07-11-2002, I spoke with Mary Jean [REDACTED] known as Jean [REDACTED] in her home in [REDACTED]. I told her I wanted to know about Father WIDERA and said that I heard that she might have witnessed an incident. Jean [REDACTED] nodded and said, "We were in the church saying prayers after morning mass. We heard noises coming from the Sacristy. We had heard rumors about (WIDERA) before and we knew that something was going on. (WIDERA) sounded like he was roughing them (the altar boys who had just served mass with WIDERA) up. We could hear the two boys crying out, very matter of fact, 'No! Stop it!' We knew the boys and knew what he was doing to them in there. We went to the Rectory and told Father VOJTIK what was going on."

INTERVIEW WITH RUTH [REDACTED] (WITNESS TO INCIDENT IN 1976)

On 07-12-2002, I spoke with Ruth [REDACTED] in her home in [REDACTED] regarding the incident she witnessed in 1976. Ruth relayed the following information:

"I was a friend of the housekeeper, Agnes [REDACTED] (now deceased). She told me that Father WIDERA would have young boys come over to the Rectory and ring the doorbell. Father HENKE got very upset and would 'shoo' them away. (Agnes) would get angry with Father HENKE for this, not realizing what Father WIDERA was doing with those boys.



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One day after morning mass, I was in the church and I heard the altar boys 'squealing.' There was a lot of commotion in the Sacristy...something wrong in there. I told someone... I don't remember who I told. Within days (WIDERA) was gone from the parish."

### SUBPOENA TO ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE FOR RECORDS REGARDING SIEGFRIED WIDERA

ADA Liegel had requested WIDERA's records from the ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE. On May 13, 2002, the ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE voluntarily turned over 56 pages of documents pertaining to Siegfried WIDERA. None of those documents mentioned the 1976 incident reported directly to the Archdiocese by Father VOJTIK. ADA Liegel contacted Matthew FLYNN, the attorney retained by the ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE, to inform him that he (ADA Liegel) believed there were documents that had not been turned over. Attorney Flynn said the Archdiocese would not turn over treatment documentation or other documentation without a subpoena as the information in those documents may be privileged.

On 07-11-2002, ADA Liegel drafted a Subpoena Duces Tecum for any information, including, without exception, all information in the custody and control of the ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE whether or not such information may be considered secret or confidential pursuant to Roman Catholic Canon Law. Milwaukee County Judicial Court Commissioner Barry Slagle signed the subpoena and it was delivered to QUARLES & BRADY LLP/ Attorney Matthew FLYNN.

### MOTION FOR A PROTECTIVE ORDER TO PREVENT THE RELEASE OF WIDERA'S TREATMENT RECORDS AND OTHER RECORDS

In a letter dated 07-26-2002, Attorney David MUTH (QUARLES & BRADY) provided notice that as counsel for the ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE, he had filed a Notice of Motion and Motion for a Protective Order to prevent having to produce certain documents "on the grounds that they are protected from disclosure." The motion was to be heard at a future time and date. It did not occur, as WIDERA was not taken into custody.

### DOCUMENTS TURNED OVER UPON SUBPOENA

A packet from QUARLES & BRADY was hand delivered to the West Allis Police Department. The packet contained all the documents the ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE was willing to turn over in response to the subpoena. The packet contained the following groups of documents:

- Priest Ombudsman File- marked "Confidential"



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██████████ mother admitted that her son had told her that he did not like Father WIDERA because WIDERA had tickled him between his legs. ██████████ disclosed this to his mother in the fall of 1972. His mother thought that ██████████ must have been mistaken and if it did occur, she dismissed it as having occurred accidentally. ██████████ stated, "I didn't know him but I thought it was all right (██████████ going places with WIDERA), because he was a Priest."

OZSO DET Robert HACKBARTH, OZSO SGT Eugene TROMBLEY and Port Washington PD officer Allan KLOPP obtained a verbal confession from WIDERA regarding abuse incidents in Ozaukee and Milwaukee counties. The report states, "After talking to Father WIDERA for a considerable length of time he did admit that he had played with a number of boys privates and that he had allowed at least two or three boys to commit an act of sodomy on him. He states that this was to help them in their curiosity about sex. These acts of sodomy were committed in Ozaukee County on STH 84, on STH 57 and possibly on CTH K. The acts of playing with the boys privates occurred in these same areas and also in the City of Port Washington and Sheboygan County as well as Milwaukee County."

INTERVIEW: ALLAN KLOPP (WITNESS/ RETIRED OFFICER- WIDERA'S 1973 CONFESSION)

On 05-20-2002, I made contact with Allan KLOPP. He confirmed that he had been employed by the Port Washington Police Department and was now retired. I explained the reason I was calling and asked him what he remembered about that 1973 confession made by WIDERA.

Allan told me, "He (WIDERA) was drinking the boys urine! He would pull off on the side of the road and have the boys get out of the vehicle. He would have the boys drop their pants and urinate into his mouth! That's what I remember! I had to leave the interview 2 or 3 times because I wanted to punch his so badly! He honestly believed that this touching and molestation and urination crap caused no harm to the boys! I would lay it out for him, explain it to him. He looked me in the eyes and basically told me it was no big deal. For him this stuff was like saying, 'I breathe air' or 'I eat food.' He felt that these acts of molesting young boys were normal and natural."

Allan told me that he tried to find out what happened with WIDERA's case. The only answer he received from the Ozaukee County DA's office (in the 1970's) was that it was turned over to the Church to handle.

INTERVIEW: EUGENE TROMBLEY (WITNESS/ RETIRED SERGEANT; DOCUMENTED WIDERA'S 1973 CONFESSION)

I spoke with Eugene TROMBLEY regarding Siegfried WIDERA. Eugene TROMBLEY was unable to recall any events by WIDERA'S name alone. He told me that he would need to see the reports or his memo book to jog his memory. I will attempt to interview him, in-person, at a later date.