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THE REPORTER: "Question: Have you, Bishop Tod Brown, at any time come to any conclusions or learned from any source that there were significant problems with child molesters working in the Diocese of Orange from 1988 to 2002?"

THE WITNESS: No, I did not.

BY MR. MANLY:

Q So at no time has that come to your attention outside of your lawyers; is that correct?

A Not of the -- I have learned about the difficulties in the -- in the diocese almost exclusively by means of various suits that have been filed against the diocese by the alleged victims.

Q How many suits have been filed against the diocese?

A I am aware at the moment of the 90 suits that we settled in December of this year -- last year.

Q Okay. When did you first become aware of a lawsuit filed against the Diocese of Orange alleging sexual abuse?

A I first learned of a lawsuit when I first came to the Diocese of Orange in 1998.

Q And what suit was that?

A I believe that was the Ryan DiMaria/Harris

10:53:15 1 suit.

2 Q And you know Mr. DiMaria, sitting in the room  
3 today?

4 A No, I do not.

10:53:22 5 Q Now, this is not the first diocese you have  
6 been a bishop of; is that correct?

7 A The Diocese of Orange is the second diocese  
8 I've been the bishop of.

9 Q Okay. Were you an auxiliary before you  
10:53:35 10 became a bishop of a diocese?

11 A No, I was not an auxiliary bishop.

12 Q All right. So sometimes a -- in the Roman  
13 Catholic world, is a bishop also known as an Ordinary,  
14 with a capital O?

10:53:50 15 A In the Roman Catholic world, there are  
16 several Ordinaries. The bishop charge is referred to as  
17 the diocesan bishop.

18 Q Okay.

19 A There may be other Ordinaries in the diocese  
10:54:01 20 besides him.

21 Q Okay. The other Ordinaries would be for  
22 provincials or other heads of religious orders, correct?

23 A No. For the diocese, it would be like the  
24 vicar general or auxiliary bishops.

10:54:12 25 Q I see. Who was the auxiliary bishop or