

12:22:38 1 had -- no. Bishop McFarland told me that Monsignor  
2 Harris had been accused by various people of abuse and  
3 that there was a pending lawsuit. In the case of Father  
4 Lenahan, he told me about one -- one event.

12:22:54 5 Q Did he tell you that Father Lenahan had  
6 admitted abusing the girl in question?

7 A I think he -- Bishop McFarland told me that  
8 he had -- I'm not quite positive of --

9 (Interruption in proceedings at 12:23 p.m.)

12:23:11 10 THE WITNESS: I'm not positive as I sit here now.  
11 I think he told me about involvement of Father Lenahan  
12 with a -- a teenage girl, and I don't recall whether --  
13 what the admission question was. I do know there was  
14 some kind of legal settlement in that case, though.

12:23:30 15 BY MR. MANLY:

16 Q He said "involvement." What does that mean?

17 A I'm not quite sure. I presume it was some  
18 kind of sexual involvement.

19 Q Now, I take it once you learned that Father  
12:23:41 20 Lenahan had been sexually involved with a young girl,  
21 you kicked him out of the diocese.

22 A I did not kick Father Lenahan out of the  
23 diocese because the matter had been dealt with by my  
24 predecessor some years before, and I was not going to  
12:23:58 25 return to the past, but rather move on into the future.

12:24:01 1 Q Well, I -- certainly, you would think it  
2 would be inappropriate for him to be in any sort of  
3 position of leadership, given that he had engaged in sex  
4 with a minor. Agree?

12:24:12 5 A I simply accepted the decisions that Bishop  
6 McFarland had made in regard to Father Lenahan.

7 Q Did you ever come to -- did it ever come to  
8 your attention at any time that Father Lenahan was  
9 holding positions of leadership in a diocese when it was  
10 known to you and Bishop McFarland that he was a  
11 molester?

12 A Bishop McFarland had appointed him to a  
13 certain position of the diocese. He was in those  
14 positions when I arrived here, and I did not change the  
15 status.

12:24:39 16 Q So you never appointed Father Lenahan to any  
17 position of leadership; is that accurate?

18 A I'm not quite sure. He was a consultor  
19 and -- appointed by Bishop McFarland. And I think when  
12:24:54 20 his term was -- I think when his term was finished, that  
21 I reappointed him.

22 Q Okay. Now, I take it as a part of the  
23 transition, you wanted to become familiar with the  
24 priests of the diocese?

12:25:15 25 A I'm very intent on becoming aware of the