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STATE OF CONNECTICUT : SUPERIOR COURT
JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF FAIRFIELD
AT BRIDGEPORT

ORIGINAL

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GEORGE L. ROSADO, JR., ET AL., :
Plaintiffs, :

-versus- : CV93 0302072S

BRIDGEPORT ROMAN CATHOLIC
DIOCESAN CORP., ET AL., :
Defendants. :

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SANDRA FORSBERG, :
Plaintiff, :

-versus- : CV94 0316417S

BRIDGEPORT ROMAN CATHOLIC
DIOCESAN CORP., ET AL., :
Defendants. :

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Videotaped deposition of MARY
FORSBERG, taken pursuant to Notice, at the
law offices of Tremont & Sheldon, 64 Lyon
Terrace, Bridgeport, Connecticut, before
Gerald Gale, C.S.R., Registered Merit
Reporter and a Notary Public in and for
the State of Connecticut, on October 7,
1998, at 10:15 a.m.

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1 a while.

2 Q. And did your daughter -- can you tell
3 us whether or not your daughter did actually go
4 on that trip with Father Pcolka and Jennie Lee?

5 A. Jennie Lee and her brother Georgie.

6 Q. Georgie?

7 A. Georgie.

8 Q. Okay.

9 A. It's coming to me, I am sorry. And
10 another brother.

11 Q. All right.

12 A. But I don't remember his name.

13 Q. All right. And where did they go on
14 a trip to?

15 A. Up in New Hampshire.

16 Q. Did Father Pcolka go on that trip,
17 too?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Okay. Now, while -- how long was
20 that trip to be for?

21 A. A weekend.

22 Q. And do you recall what grade your
23 daughter Sandra was in at St. Cyril's School?

24 A. I believe she was in the eighth
25 grade.

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1 Q. Okay.

2 A. Jennie Lee was in the eighth grade
3 with her.

4 Q. All right. And during the course of
5 that weekend that your daughter Sandra was on
6 the trip with Father Pcolka, did you receive
7 any phone calls from your daughter?

8 A. Yes.

9 MR. SWEENEY: Again, objection,
10 Counsel, as to the form. It suggests the
11 answer. I think it's a leading question.

12 Q. Can you tell us whether or not you
13 received a phone call from your daughter?

14 A. Yes, I did.

15 Q. All right. And during the course of
16 that phone call, what, if anything, did your
17 daughter tell you?

18 A. She wanted to come home. She was
19 crying. She was very upset. She made a phone
20 call in the town.

21 Q. You say she made a phone call in the
22 town. What do you mean by that?

23 A. She left the cottage and Father
24 Pcolka told the girls to go to town and do some
25 activities for a little while and don't come

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1 back, go downtown and do whatever they wanted
2 to do. And that's when she called me.

3 Q. And did she -- you say she was -- can
4 you tell us whether or not she was upset during
5 this --

6 A. She was very upset. She was crying,
7 she wanted to come home, and I told her it's
8 only one more day, that my car wouldn't make
9 it. I said she would have to stick it out.

10 Q. Did she tell you why she was upset?

11 A. No.

12 Q. And after that phone call, can you
13 tell us whether or not -- did your daughter
14 come back the next day?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. And how did your daughter get home
17 the next day?

18 A. I -- I believe Jennie Lee's mother
19 drove her to my home.

20 Q. Okay.

21 A. Because they all were dropped off at
22 Jennie Lee's mother's house.

23 Q. All right.

24 A. Because they had the station wagon.

25 Q. Had you ever -- do you recall whether

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1 or not you ever saw Father Pcolka?

2 A. Oh, yes.

3 Q. Where would you -- where did you see
4 Father Pcolka?

5 A. I met him over at Jennie Lee's house
6 because I wanted to make sure that everything
7 was all right for Sandy to go.

8 Q. Was this just before they went on the
9 trip?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Okay. And what did Father Pcolka say
12 to you, if anything?

13 A. Just said that she would be okay
14 and it was an honor for her -- for Sandy to
15 go. And the other -- and Jennie Lee's mother
16 said that they had gone before and they asked
17 Sandy to go. And I said seeing that Jennie Lee
18 vouched for it, I let her go.

19 Q. And this would have been when Sandy
20 was about in the eighth grade?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Was this -- where was she attending
23 school at that point?

24 A. St. Cyril's.

25 Q. Do you know whether or not Father

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1 Pcolka was associated with St. Cyril's at all
2 at that time?

3 A. No, I do not, no.

4 Q. Okay. Now, when Sandy came home from
5 that trip to New Hampshire, how did she look to
6 you?

7 A. She was very upset and I just told
8 her to take a bath and we'll talk about it
9 tomorrow, because she was very upset. I told
10 her everything would be all right, we'll talk
11 about it tomorrow. I didn't wanted her to talk
12 about it then. I just said everything will be
13 all right, we'll talk about it tomorrow.

14 Q. And did she go along with that?

15 A. No.

16 Q. What do you mean?

17 A. She made a couple of phone calls. I
18 don't know who she made them to, but she made a
19 couple of phone calls.

20 Q. Did you have that conversation with
21 her the next day?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. And --

24 A. In fact, I kept her home from school.

25 Q. And what did she tell you in that

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1 conversation?

2 A. She told me that there was a very bad
3 situation that was going on in the house. That
4 she opened the door and Father Pcolka and the
5 two boys were in the -- I believe they call it
6 where the pool room is, where they play pool,
7 and they were all undressed. And Sandy opened
8 the door and she saw that Father Pcolka had a
9 paddle and he had paddled the boy on the
10 behind, and he told Sandy to go in the kitchen
11 and go get super ready.

12 Q. Did she tell you if she saw anything
13 else?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Without making you uncomfortable and
16 without going into any details --

17 A. The boy was down on his knees and the
18 priest had his pants down.

19 Q. And was there some type of sexual
20 activity going --

21 MR. SWEENEY: Again, objection,
22 Counsel, as to form.

23 MR. MAHONEY: Mr. Sweeney, I'm
24 just trying to make it as --

25 MR. SWEENEY: Counsel, you know

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1 the --

2 MR. MAHONEY: Mr. Sweeney, if I
3 could just finish.

4 MR. SWEENEY: Sure.

5 MR. MAHONEY: I'm trying to make
6 it as comfortable as possible for Mrs. Forsberg
7 and I am trying to do it in a way, Mr. Sweeney,
8 that will not make her any more uncomfortable
9 than she has to be, so --

10 MR. SWEENEY: I was --

11 MR. MAHONEY: Mr. Sweeney, if I
12 can finish. Without making her uncomfortable,
13 I'm trying to do it in that way. If you are
14 requesting me to have her give out specific
15 details without -- when she's uncomfortable
16 doing that, if that's what your objection is,
17 Mr. Sweeney, on behalf of the Diocese, please
18 make that objection, but I'm trying to make it
19 as comfortable as possible for her.

20 MR. SWEENEY: Mr. Mahoney, let
21 me just state this for the record. We all have
22 rules under which we must proceed, and one of
23 the rules is that since you are presenting
24 Mrs. Forsberg as a witness for your clients,
25 that you are not permitted to ask leading

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1 questions which suggest the answers sought.

2 The pending question is a
3 leading question in my judgment and I object to
4 it as such. You are certainly free to pursue
5 questions, but I must make an objection, and
6 then of course the court will rule upon the
7 appropriate time. So my objection stands.

8 Q. Do you remember the question,
9 Mrs. Forsberg?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Okay. Can you answer it?

12 A. Well, like I said before, when Sandy
13 opened up the door, Father Pcolka told her to
14 get out, this was no place for her to be, and
15 one of the boys was crying. And like I said,
16 the other boy was on his hands and knees and he
17 had a paddle and he was hitting him on the
18 behind.

19 Q. Can you tell us whether or not Sandra
20 told you about any --

21 A. There was other occasions, as well.

22 Q. Okay.

23 A. Upstairs in the bedroom.

24 Q. Can you tell us just generally,
25 without going into any detail you're not

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1 comfortable with, what were -- what did those
2 occasions involve?

3 A. They were in bed upstairs in the
4 second floor.

5 Q. Who was in bed?

6 A. Father Pcolka and only one -- one of
7 the boys that time.

8 Q. Was there any type of -- anything
9 going on between them?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. And just generally, without going
12 into any specifics you're not comfortable with,
13 what type of things did she tell you she saw
14 going on?

15 A. She saw both of them undressed.

16 Q. And were they -- did she tell you
17 whether she saw them in any time of
18 inappropriate behavior together?

19 A. Yes. The little boy -- he told the
20 little boy to leave the room, he was crying too
21 hard, and he told him to leave the room, and it
22 was just the older boy there.

23 Q. All right.

24 A. And he told Sandy, he says, "I
25 thought I told not to open up the door." She

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1 said she came upstairs to tell him that supper
2 was ready.

3 Q. Did she tell you anything else,
4 Mrs. Forsberg, about what she saw?

5 A. She said it happened more than once
6 while she was there.

7 Q. Okay. And how did Sandy appear to
8 you when she was telling you this?

9 A. She was hysterical. She also said
10 Father Pcolka said that she was not to repeat
11 anything, that it was personal, and that the
12 devil would get after her.

13 Q. And what was your reaction to this?

14 A. I was very, very emotionally upset
15 about it. I called Jennie Lee's mother.

16 Q. And why were you upset about it?

17 A. Because of what she said to me,
18 everything that happened. It was more than two
19 occasions, evidently, you know, while she was
20 there, and that's why she called me on the
21 phone. She wanted to get out of the house.

22 Q. And you say you called Jennie Lee's
23 mother. Why did you call Jennie Lee's mother?

24 A. Because that -- she's the one that
25 gave Sandy permission -- she gave -- she told

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1 me that everything would be okay, that Sandy
2 would be all right to go.

3 If I had known anything like
4 this, I would never have let her go. And it's
5 also that Jennie Lee also was touched.

6 Q. All right. And these boys that your
7 daughter told you she saw in bed with Father
8 Pcolka, did she tell you who these boys were?

9 A. Georgie and I don't remember the
10 other boy's name. It will come to me. But one
11 was older than the other one.

12 Q. They were both brothers, though?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Okay. And were they related to
15 Jennie Lee?

16 A. It was her brothers, I believe.

17 Q. Okay. What did you next do after you
18 stopped speaking with Jennie Lee's mother?
19 What did you next do about this?

20 A. Well, I couldn't do anything about it
21 because they told me that they've known Father
22 Pcolka for a long time and that he was getting
23 cigarettes for them and he was getting booze
24 for them and that he was good for the
25 neighborhood, and that she didn't believe

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1 anything that I told her because the children
2 didn't tell her right away.

3 Q. And who told you this, was this
4 Jennie Lee's mother?

5 A. Jennie Lee's mother told me to leave
6 it alone. She also said her husband didn't
7 know anything about it either.

8 Q. Did you leave it alone?

9 A. No.

10 Q. What did you do?

11 A. I pursued it and I got help.

12 Q. And how did you do that? What did
13 you do?

14 A. I saw the priest over to St. Charles
15 and he advised me to go over to Jewett Street
16 to the charity -- over to the Catholic Charity
17 on Jewett Street. And I spoke to the man there
18 and he advised me to get some help for Sandy.

19 Q. Let me just ask you a few questions
20 about all that. You say you went to the priest
21 at St. Charles. Why did you go to that
22 particular priest at St. Charles?

23 A. Because I used to talk to him all the
24 time because one of my daughters was due to
25 have a baby and I was trying to make

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