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1 STATE OF CONNECTICUT : SUPERIOR COURT
2 JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF FAIRFIELD
3 AT BRIDGEPORT
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5 GEORGE L. ROSADO, JR., ET AL. :
6 Plaintiffs, :
7 -versus- : Case No.
8 BRIDGEPORT ROMAN CATHOLIC : CV 930302072S
9 DIOCESAN CORP., ET AL. :
10 Defendants. :
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16 Deposition of M-022
17 taken pursuant to Notice and the Connecticut
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20 Bridgeport, Connecticut, before June Keefer,
21 LSR, RPR, RMR, a Notary Public in and for the
22 State of Connecticut, on February 12, 1999,
23 at 10:00 a.m.
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1 MR. SWEENEY: I'd be happy to
2 stipulate as to the adequacy of the notice of
3 today's deposition. And I assume you're with the
4 Gale Reporting Service. Then I'll stipulate to
5 the adequacy of your qualifications both as a
6 notary public and as a court stenographer. And
7 I'd also be happy to stipulate, if other counsel
8 are prepared to do so, to reserve all objections
9 to questions except objections as to matters of
10 form which might be cured by a timely objection
11 and rephrasing of the question. That's to say
12 reserve them until the time of trial.
13 There is a fourth stipulation. I
14 don't know, Mr. Mahoney --
15 MR. MAHONEY: I agree with
16 everything Mr. Sweeney said, and I spoke with the
17 witness and he wants to waive reading and
18 signing.
19 MR. SWEENEY: So we will stipulate
20 among counsel to waive the requirement otherwise
21 imposed by the law that the typewritten
22 transcript be read over, signed and sworn to a
23 second time by the witness.
24 MR. MAHONEY: Can you swear the
25 witness.

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(1) Q. Would you have been alone with Father
 (2) Stubbs that night if Father Stubbs was not a
 (3) priest?
 (4) A. No.
 (5) Q. What was it about Father Stubbs being a
 (6) priest that caused you to be alone with him that
 (7) night?
 (8) A. Well, it was the student-teacher
 (9) relationship; you know, that would be in a
 (10) nutshell.
 (11) Q. After that incident occurred or that
 (12) night occurred -- you said that was in April or
 (13) May of 1970; is that correct?
 (14) A. Right.
 (15) Q. When did you first talk with anybody
 (16) about that incident?
 (17) A. Well, it was that same day. Like I
 (18) said, we had hitchhiked back to Bridgeport, and I
 (19) can't recall how we ended up at the mall, why we
 (20) didn't go home first. We lived -- we all lived
 (21) up in the north end of Bridgeport, which was
 (22) near -- we were all within walking distance of
 (23) Trumbull Shopping Park. So if I can -- I would
 (24) assume that the man or whoever gave us the ride
 (25) home to Bridgeport dropped us off near Trumbull

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(1) Shopping Park, so we -- which was a hangout for
 (2) kids at the time. We went into the mall where we
 (3) saw everybody from school and we, you know -- you
 (4) know, you walk down the mall, you see one person,
 (5) you relay the story what had happened to us the
 (6) night before, and then it just spread like
 (7) wildfire. I mean, you know, the story was
 (8) just -- it was the story, I mean.
 (9) Q. The people, the kids that you were just
 (10) describing, were these students at Notre Dame's
 (11) Boys and Girls High School?
 (12) A. Yes, they were.
 (13) Q. And in the let's say month following
 (14) that incident, how many students would you
 (15) estimate that you had talked about this evening
 (16) with?
 (17) A. Well, we didn't talk -- it was just
 (18) basically we told that story that day up at
 (19) Trumbull Shopping Park and then by Monday morning
 (20) the whole school knew about it and we were
 (21) basically the butt of a lot of jokes. You know,
 (22) as we would walk by other fellow students, you
 (23) know, basically snide remarks, did you see Father
 (24) Stubbs lately or you know. So we were the butt
 (25) of a lot of jokes.

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(1) Q. Were the jokes that the students were
 (2) making of you and your friends specifically about
 (3) Father Stubbs engaging in sexual activity with
 (4) you?
 (5) A. Yes, implied or through innuendo, you
 (6) know.
 (7) Q. Now, did you ever see Father Charles
 (8) Stubbs or speak with Father Charles Stubbs again
 (9) after that incident?
 (10) A. I did personally, yes.
 (11) Q. And when was that?
 (12) A. About a week later, I went back to Notre
 (13) Dame Girls and I went up to his office to borrow
 (14) money from him for an upcoming class trip.
 (15) Q. And did you and he talk about that
 (16) night?
 (17) A. He brought up the subject. He basically
 (18) when I came in the office, he says, you know,
 (19) gee, what happened to you guys the next day, he
 (20) said I looked for you and I couldn't find you and
 (21) I had a prior commitment and I had to leave, and
 (22) I says, well, we were walking around, we were
 (23) looking for you, we couldn't find you, and
 (24) basically something to the effect, well, we must
 (25) have missed each other in our paths, and that was

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(1) that, and he -- and like I said, I was there to
 (2) borrow money from him and he said that he was
 (3) glad that I came to him for this type of request.
 (4) Q. And did you ever speak with him again
 (5) after that?
 (6) A. No.
 (7) Q. Now, at some point after that, did you
 (8) have a discussion with your parents as to what
 (9) happened to you?
 (10) A. Almost -- yeah, the following holiday,
 (11) the following Christmas it inadvertently came
 (12) up. I never told my parents what happened. They
 (13) didn't know. It was the holidays and we had
 (14) neighbors, family around, and a neighbor of ours
 (15) was involved in the Catholic church. Her name
 (16) was Mary Carbone. She has since passed away.
 (17) She knew Father Stubbs. I believe he said a mass
 (18) at her house, too, and he had a radio show, and
 (19) so, you know, she really liked the guy and -- and
 (20) to skip ahead, she had heard things about him.
 (21) So she had said to me in a joking
 (22) manner, but I didn't take it as that, she goes,
 (23) oh, I heard Father Stubbs got funny with you.
 (24) And I says, well, how did you know? And
 (25) basically her jaw dropped and she said, well,

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(1) what do you mean? I said, well, you said you
 (2) knew that Father Stubbs got funny with me. She
 (3) said, no, I was just kidding, and then, you know,
 (4) she said, did something happen? And then I
 (5) relayed -- you know, it was -- I was duped into
 (6) admitting something -- you know, to telling the
 (7) truth of what happened, and I explained. My
 (8) parents, they couldn't believe their ears, and I
 (9) just told them the story. My parents said, why
 (10) didn't you ever tell us this? I just said, you
 (11) know, this is something you don't tell your
 (12) parents.
 (13) Q. At some point after that, did you tell a
 (14) priest of the Diocese of Bridgeport that you had
 (15) been molested by Father Stubbs?
 (16) A. In 1976, yes, I did. I told Monsignor
 (17) Hanover of St. Andrew's Parish.
 (18) Q. Now, how is it that you knew Monsignor
 (19) Hanover?
 (20) A. Well, he was the pastor of St. Andrew's
 (21) Church, which I had been a member of, like I
 (22) said, for 30 years, and I was a student at St.
 (23) Andrew's, and actually I was a neighbor. We
 (24) lived very close. We were part of the community;
 (25) you know, Catholic community.

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(1) Q. And when you went to Monsignor Hanover
 (2) on that day, did he know who you were?
 (3) A. Oh, yeah, sure.
 (4) Q. Did you have to introduce yourself to
 (5) him at all?
 (6) A. No.
 (7) Q. And tell me what did you tell Monsignor
 (8) Hanover and what did he say to you?
 (9) A. Well, the reason we were there was to
 (10) get married. Me and my wife [F-010], we went to
 (11) get married. Now, my wife was six months
 (12) pregnant, and Monsignor Hanover, being from the
 (13) old school, this did not sit well with him at all
 (14) and he was agitated to say the least, he was
 (15) upset with me, and so after the lecture, he said
 (16) he would marry us in the rectory but not the
 (17) church, and me being Italian and stubborn, I
 (18) said, well, no, I want the church. He said no.
 (19) So then I told him -- then I relayed the
 (20) message, I said, well, you know, the church owes
 (21) me, because basically what I was telling him, I
 (22) was calling in a favor, and I relayed the Father
 (23) Stubbs story to him and I told him the story and
 (24) like I said calling in a favor, and all he said
 (25) was, if this incident did happen, it was

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- (1) conversation with Monsignor Hanover you told us
- (2) about?
- (3) **A.** Okay, yeah.
- (4) **Q.** And aside from your having this
- (5) conversation you just described for us today with
- (6) Monsignor Hanover, have you ever at any time in
- (7) your life right up to the present time ever
- (8) discussed this episode between you and Father
- (9) Stubbs with any other priest?
- (10) **A.** No.
- (11) **Q.** Have you ever at any time right up to
- (12) the present time ever discussed this episode with
- (13) Monsignor Stubbs you told us about today with any
- (14) representative of the Bridgeport Diocese?
- (15) **A.** Yes.
- (16) **Q.** And who?
- (17) **A.** Michael Fettig, principal of St.
- (18) Andrew's School.
- (19) **Q.** Michael who?
- (20) **A.** Fettig.
- (21) **Q.** Could you spell his last name, please?
- (22) **A.** F-e-t-t-i-g.
- (23) **Q.** And he at some point was principal of
- (24) St. Andrew's School?
- (25) **A.** He is the current principal.

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- (1) **Q.** He is the current principal. And how
- (2) long ago did you have this discussion with
- (3) Michael Fettig?
- (4) **A.** It was last April, give or take a month.
- (5) **Q.** So that would have been during the month
- (6) of April 1998; is that correct? This is February
- (7) of '99.
- (8) **A.** Yeah. If I don't have a calendar in
- (9) front of me, I'm just going to agree with your
- (10) dates.
- (11) **Q.** I understand. And, again, I'm just
- (12) trying to get the big picture. As I understand
- (13) it, this episode that went on between you and
- (14) Father Stubbs at the Holy Ghost Fathers'
- (15) Residence Hall in Norwalk, Connecticut occurred
- (16) sometime during the spring of 1970; is that
- (17) right?
- (18) **A.** Yes.
- (19) **Q.** And you did not report this episode
- (20) between you and Father Stubbs to anyone with any
- (21) relationship to the Diocese of Bridgeport until
- (22) you spoke to Monsignor Hanover, the pastor of St.
- (23) Andrew's Church, in August 1976?
- (24) **A.** That is correct.
- (25) **Q.** And then the only other person with whom

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- (1) you discussed this Father Stubbs episode, the
- (2) only other person with any tie or relationship to
- (3) the Bridgeport Diocese was Michael Fettig, the
- (4) current principal of St. Andrew's School?
- (5) **A.** Right.
- (6) **Q.** With whom you had this discussion back
- (7) in April of 1998; is that correct?
- (8) **A.** That's correct.
- (9) **Q.** Now, do you personally know or have you
- (10) ever had any personal dealings with the Reverend
- (11) Father Raymond Pcolka, who is the subject of this
- (12) lawsuit?
- (13) **A.** I do not know the man, no.
- (14) **Q.** And what was the reason for your leaving
- (15) Notre Dame High School after three years?
- (16) **A.** I flunked out.
- (17) **Q.** But you did graduate from Central High
- (18) School in Bridgeport in June of 1972?
- (19) **A.** Yes, I did.
- (20) **MR. SWEENEY:** Thank you.
- (21) **Mr. M-022.** I have no further questions.
- (22) **REDIRECT EXAMINATION**
- (23) **BY MR. MAHONEY:**
- (24) **Q.** I just have a couple, **Mr. M-022** How
- (25) was it that you spoke with **Mr. Fettig** about this

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- (1) incident with Father Stubbs?
- (2) **A.** Believe it or not, once again I was
- (3) attempting to call in a favor because I
- (4) personally believe the diocese owes me. He was
- (5) going to -- which he eventually did -- he
- (6) expelled my son from St. Andrew's. My son was
- (7) going to go into eighth grade. And I
- (8) basically -- I told him, I said, you know, the
- (9) church owes me, you know, and I firmly believe
- (10) they owe me, and I relayed the incident to him,
- (11) and that was fine and dandy. The next day he
- (12) told me, he goes, I don't want you to hear this
- (13) from anybody else, but I called Father
- (14) Bronkiewicz -- I believe that was the name -- and
- (15) he goes, you may be hearing from him, because any
- (16) time I guess -- he mentioned about standard
- (17) operating procedures, any time somebody has made
- (18) mention of a sexual abuse, it has to be reported,
- (19) and that's what Principal Fettig did, he reported
- (20) what I had told him, and I was never contacted by
- (21) Father Bronkiewicz.
- (22) **Q.** Monsignor Bronkiewicz, yeah. I think at
- (23) that time he was the victor of clergy and
- (24) religious, which means he was the person in
- (25) charge of the priests, the personnel decisions of

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- (1) the Diocese of Bridgeport. And you said Mr.
- (2) Fettig, at that time he was the principal of St.
- (3) Andrew's School?
- (4) **A.** He was and is.
- (5) **Q.** Okay. And as principal of St. Andrew's
- (6) School, is that school associated with St.
- (7) Andrew's Parish in the City of Bridgeport?
- (8) **A.** Yes, it is.
- (9) **Q.** Is that the parochial school for the
- (10) parish church?
- (11) **A.** Yes, it is.
- (12) **Q.** And when you spoke with Mr. Fettig, did
- (13) you tell Mr. Fettig that you had been molested as
- (14) a child by Father Stubbs?
- (15) **A.** Yes.
- (16) **Q.** And did Mr. Fettig indicate to you that
- (17) he was going to contact anybody about what you
- (18) told him?
- (19) **A.** Not that day, no.
- (20) **Q.** Did Monsignor Fettig ask you to --
- (21) **A.** Mr. Fettig, lay person.
- (22) **Q.** I'm sorry. Did Mr. Fettig indicate to
- (23) you that he wanted you to put anything in
- (24) writing?
- (25) **A.** No, not at all.

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- (1) **Q.** Did Mr. Fettig indicate to you that you
- (2) should speak with anybody at the chancery or at
- (3) the diocesan offices?
- (4) **A.** Well, the next day, the way he was
- (5) telling me, he was assuming that I was going to
- (6) be contacted by this Monsignor Bronkiewicz. He
- (7) said, you should be hearing from him in regard to
- (8) this matter. Basically Mr. Fettig followed the
- (9) rules I guess that are in place now.
- (10) **Q.** You told us earlier that you never heard
- (11) from Monsignor Bronkiewicz. Did you ever hear
- (12) from anybody?
- (13) **A.** No.
- (14) **Q.** And when did this discussion occur?
- (15) **A.** Last April 1998, give or take a month.
- (16) **Q.** Okay. What was Mr. Fettig's reaction
- (17) when you told him that you had been molested as a
- (18) child by Father Stubbs?
- (19) **A.** Nothing extraordinary. Basically,
- (20) unfortunate incident, you know.
- (21) **Q.** Did you tell him when it was that you
- (22) had been molested by Father Stubbs?
- (23) **A.** Yes, I did, yes.
- (24) **Q.** Did you tell him where it was that you
- (25) had been molested by Father Stubbs?

- (1) A. I can't recall that.
- (2) Q. All right. Did you tell him anything
- (3) about the circumstances of how it was that you
- (4) were molested by Father Stubbs?
- (5) A. No, I didn't explain details, no.
- (6) Q. All right. Now, you told us also, when
- (7) Mr. Sweeney asked you some questions, that you
- (8) flunked out of Notre Dame High School. Do you
- (9) attribute that to anything in particular?
- (10) A. I never did, no, but it's gone through
- (11) my mind that it was retaliation, you know,
- (12) because I mean I only flunked two subjects. I
- (13) mean I could have went to summer school. I mean
- (14) that was my thought. I just thought they were
- (15) getting rid of me, you know.
- (16) MR. MAHONEY: I don't have any
- (17) other questions. Thank you.
- (18) MR. SWEENEY: I have nothing
- (19) further. Thank you.
- (20) (Deposition concluded: 11:06 a.m.)