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Msgr. Grundhaus,

Here is the documentation of my conversations with **M-6=Girl 2's father** to date I also included my conversation with Fr. Don Braukmann and Roseau County Social services. Let me know if there is anything else that you would like from me or anything else that I should be doing. Right now **Girl 2's** family is still trying to get their heads around what has happened and figure out what they should do next, I will keep you up to date as things come to me.

Peace and God Bless,

Fr. Todd N Arends

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Phone Conversation with Fr. Don Braukmann on Oct 4

At about 12:30pm on October 4, 2006 I received a call from Fr. Don Braukmann while I was at the rectory for lunch. Fr. Don told me that he was calling to inform me that he had received a phone call from M-6 asking for advice. Fr. Don said that M-6 had informed him that his daughter Girl 2 had told the school counselor that she had been sexual molested by Fr. JeyaPaul during his time at Blessed Sacrament Church.

During the conversation Fr. Don informed me that he had contacted Monsiouer Grundhaus. He also told me that the school had already contacted the civil authorities. I asked Fr. Don if I should contact the family and he advised me that I should wait and let them contact me so that they could have control over the situation. Advise that I agreed with and followed.

Phone Conversation with M-6 on Oct 4

At about 1:00 pm on October 4, 2006 I received a call from M-6. M-6 struggled with starting the conversation so I told him that I had talked with Fr. Don and knew about the situation. M-6 let me know that the reason he had called Fr. Don was that they were good friends. I let him know that I understood. M-6 then asked me if I knew any of Girl 2's background and I said no. M-6 then told me that she had been molested by one of his nephews four years ago (I am not completely certain if he said four years ago or some years ago). M-6 said that they had been through a lot since then, he mentioned counseling, hospital visits and suicide attempts. He talked about how they had been through so much and wondered how much one family could go through but said they were a tough family.

I asked M-6 if there was anything that I could do. M-6 mentioned that he didn't know right now. He said at this point that he had not talked with Girl 2. M-6 did say that he believed that the Sheriff had been contacted and didn't know what could be done because of the situation (meaning the fact that Fr. JeyaPaul has returned to India). I told M-6 to contact me if there was anything at all that he and his family needed. And I informed him that I would be praying for them. M-6 then told me that it was pray that was helping them to get through everything.

First attempt to contact Roseau County Social Services on Oct 4

At about 3:10 pm I called Roseau County Social Services and asked to speak with some one in child protection, the receptionist asked who was calling and I gave her my name and was then put on hold. Several times the receptionist came back on to say that they would be right with me and after holding for about 15 minutes the receptionist took my number and said that they would return my call. As of 5:15 pm I had not received a return call and left the office

Phone Conversation with Roseau County Social Services on Oct 5

When I came into the office on the morning of October 5, 2006 at about 10:00am (after mass in Middle River) I had a not on my desk to return a call from Lynnette Blazek at Roseau County Social services. At about 10:05 am I called Roseau County Social Services and was connected with Lynnette. I told her that yesterday I had received calls from both Fr. Don Braukmann and M-6 that M-6's daughter had been

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molested by a previous priest here at Greenbush. Lynnette asked me if I had any further information and I told her that Fr. Don had called me after receiving a call from M-6. She asked if I knew anything about when or where this incident had occurred and I said that the only thing I knew was that it must have happened prior to August of 2005 since it was at that point that former priest left.

I then told her that it was my understanding that this had been reported to the counselor at school yesterday and that I assumed that the authorities had already been informed. At this point Lynnette told me that she had not heard about it but that she would check with the Marshall County Social Services because she knew that Girl 2's family lived in Marshall County and she assumed that it was in Marshall County that the molestation would have taken place. She asked again if I knew anything else and I told her that all I knew was that an allegation had been made and I just wanted to make sure that the proper authorities were informed.

Lynnette thanked me for calling and said that she would check on it.

Meeting with M-6 on Oct 5

On October 5th at about 4:20 pm I was talking with a parishioner and his son outside of the Blessed Sacrament Church when M-6 pulled up in his car he chatted with us for a couple of minutes and then I asked if I had some time to talk. I told him yes and said we could talk over in my office.

When in my office M-6 said that he needed some one to "filtered some things through." He asked if I knew about Girl 2's history and I said not much. He then went on to relate some of her history to me. He told me that when she 13 she had been molested by a nephew. He then went on to tell me that he had visited with Fr. Jeyapaul about this situation. When he visited with Fr. Jeyapaul he had told him that he felt like killing his nephew and that he didn't like the feeling because he knew that a Christian was not supposed to feel that way. He said that Jeyapaul looked nervous and was flustered during the conversation and told him that it was a natural feeling to have. M-6 then asked how in the world he (Jeyapaul could do this) I told him I didn't not know but that it seemed that Jeyapaul was steeped in sin and had dragged others into sin with him. M-6 then went on to relate that he couldn't understand how Jeyapaul could have possibly sat that and either having already molested his daughter or how he would then go on to use the information to hurt Girl 2.

M-6 visibly upset then went on to relate more of Girl 2's story to me. He said that last fall, five days before her confirmation Girl 2 came to him and his wife and said that she did not want to be confirmed. M-6 stated that she said she was not pure enough to be confirmed. M-6 thought that she was referring to being molested by his nephew and reassured her that it was not her fault and that God still loved her very much. After much convincing Girl 2 did get confirmed in October of 2005.

M-6 said that since that time Girl 2 has attempted suicide three times, once last fall (within a month of her confirmation), once last winter, and once last [redacted]. M-6 stated

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that she has gone from being a young woman who loved the Church and was thinking about becoming a nun to a young woman whom he struggles to get to Church. M-6 also stated that she used to be a great student with all kinds of prospects for college to a young woman whose grades probably won't be able to get her into any college.

I then asked M-6 if he would share with me what he knew about the assaults on his daughter. M-6 said that he knew that she had been assaulted at Blessed Sacrament Church and in Middle River and that one of these times was in the confessional but she would not share the details with him. She told him that they were too terrible for her to share. M-6 then said that he understood now why she did not want to come to Church and that she felt terrible for forcing her to come all those times and he wanted to know what to do. I told him to simply talk with her and continue to invite her to come to Church but not to force her to come to any of the other things.

I asked M-6 if I could share this information with the Diocese and he said that he had spoken with Bernadette and that she had encouraged him to speak with Msgr. Grundhaus. M-6 stated that he had not been able to get in touch with Msgr. up to that point yet. I asked M-6 again if it would be okay if I shared this information with the Diocese and he said yes. I told him that I was going to Crookston for a meeting that evening and would try and get in touch with them then. (I tried to get in touch with the Chancery on my drive down to Crookston but was not able to get through to anyone so I called both Msgr and Jennifer on Friday morning). M-6 then asked if there was any more information that I could give to him, if the diocese had any "packets" that would explain things. I said that I would check and get him any information that I could.

I then noticed the time and told M-6 that I had to leave and get to Mass. M-6 thanked me for his help and left and I went over to Mass.

Conversation with M-6 on Oct 8

On Sunday October 8th after the 11:30 Mass I told M-6 that I had the material that he had asked for. In giving it to him I explained that it was documentation explaining the process that the diocese follows for reporting and investigating incidents of abuse by a priest and said that if he had any questions he could talk to me. Then M-6 asked if we could talk. We went aside to the confessional to have the chance to talk in private.

M-6 told me that they were all still "very rattled and upset" and that he could not understand that man could do anything like this. M-6 then told me that they had met with the sheriff so that Girl 2 could give her report. And that there was a warrant put out for him and the FBI had been notified but that they only extradite for capital offenses but that if he ever set foot back on American soil he would be arrested.

M-6 then asked then if I wanted to know the details and I said that what I could use was the where things took place. He then told me that something had happened in the house at Middle River and that in the confessional in Middle River Fr. JeyPaul had rubbed up against her. He then said that the worst incident had happened at the office in Greenbush and asked if I wanted to know. I told him that it wasn't about me but about what he

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thought I need to know and he needed to say. He then went on to recount that **Girl 2** had been walking from the School over to the Church to pray one day and Fr. JeyaPaul had called her into the office. JeyaPaul then grabbed her and started feeling breasts; he then forced her down onto the couch while continuing to feel her up. After a few moments of this he exposed himself to her and forced his penis into her mouth. He then put his hands up her shirt and grabbed her breasts after doing this he stood up and told her to leave.

M-6 visibly upset said that he couldn't understand how this man could do such disgusting things to his daughter. I responded by saying that I didn't know and couldn't understand it either but that I was there to help in any way that I could. **M-6** then said that he and his wife would have to sit down with **Girl 2** and see what she wanted to do, to see if she wanted to meet with Bernadette or with myself or with some one else. I again assured him that I would help in any way that I could and told him that was praying for him. I told him that a good place to start would be to read through the information that I had given him and assured him that everything could be handled completely confidentially. He then said that he and his wife knew that there would be some "sift" because of the number of people who already knew. I again assured him that with the diocese things would be handled completely confidentially and that we would help in any way possible.

We then left the meeting to go and have lunch in the parish hall.

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