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1 a little bit more detail with that.
2 A. Yes, sir.
3 Q. You were called into his office.
4 A. Basically, sent to the office.
5 Q. Sent to the office. And who sent you to the
6 office?
7 A. One of the sisters. I believe her name was
8 Sister Mary Corinna or Cortina. Very old. One of the
9 oldest sisters there. And I had good cause to get sent
10 into the office. I was goofing around. If Father Soens
11 had grabbed me by the collar and slapped me across the
12 face and said, "Young man, you need to knock this off,"
13 you know, I would have understood that. We wouldn't be
14 sitting here talking about this. That's not what
15 happened.
16 And it was real, real confusing, real scary.
17 I just didn't -- I'm not sure I even understand it now.
18 I mean, like I say, if the man had slapped me up or
19 punched me out and, you know, told me to behave myself,
20 I understand that. I mean, that's not right and,
21 certainly, by today's standards, that's child abuse or
22 whatever. It wasn't like that.
23 And, like I say, I'm not sure I even still
24 really understand it. I mean, as an adult, as a father,
25 I understand it, but I don't understand it that

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2 Q. Please tell me, if you would, about the first
3 time that Soens abused you.
4 A. On numerous occasions Father Soens would come
5 up to you in the hall, put his arm around you, pinch
6 your nipple, twist it. We called it purpling. This was
7 pretty common practice. It happened to a lot of people.
8 The incident -- I'm going to call it the
9 primary incident or the thing that I thought was way,
10 way out of line, I was sent to the office one time to
11 see the principal. I had been acting up. Nothing
12 major. Not fighting or drinking or anything like that,
13 but kind of school boy stuff.
14 And when I went in his office, he told me to
15 come around the desk. He grabbed me by the front of my
16 pants, put his hand like you were to reach out and grab
17 somebody by the belt buckle and pull them to you, and
18 started fondling me.

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25 Q. I'm going to back up a little bit and go into

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1 some -- you know, I followed what's been going on in the
2 papers and that, and I hear people say, "Oh, this was
3 some sort of discipline." That's not discipline.
4 Who -- I don't know whoever dreamed that up or looked at
5 something like this and thought it was disciplinary, or
6 I don't know what school they went to to learn those
7 techniques. But I -- it's real upsetting.

EXHIBIT 2

22 Did he have your testicles grabbed?
23 **A. Yes.**
24 Q. Was your penis involved in the grabbing?
25 **A. His fingers would have been behind my**

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1 testicles, so...
2 Q. Okay.
3 How long did he have you grabbed in that
4 fashion?
5 **A. A minute and a half, two minutes. Finally, I**
6 **pulled away from him.**
7 Q. What was he saying to you when he had you
8 grabbed?
9 **A. Honestly, I don't even recall. I really**
10 **don't. I'm not going to make up a story. You know,**
11 **I -- it was as if he was admonishing me for misbehaving.**
12 **I remember that. To tell you the verbiage, I can't.**
13 **It's a long time ago. Honestly, I remember thinking**
14 **that he kind of thought this was sort of amusing,**
15 **almost, is the impression that I got.**
16 Q. What about him gave you that impression; any
17 facial gestures?
18 **A. Facial gestures. Kind of like --**
19 Q. Smirking?
20 **A. -- smirking. Not laughing, not smiling, but**
21 **as if he thought that this was somewhat kind of amusing.**
22 Q. I take it it wasn't amusing to you.
23 **A. It was not amusing to me.**
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15 Q. Did you talk with any of the other students
16 in the school about what happened to you with Soens?
17 **A. Not specifically. I mean, it was well-known**
18 **in the school. Not these incidents in the office, but**
19 **the kind of flitting through the locker rooms after**
20 **basketball practice or that, you know, kind of -- you**
21 **don't have to come through the locker rooms. There was**
22 **two entrances. You don't have to come through where all**
23 **the guys are dressing and showering. You can go to the**
24 **coach's office without doing that. He would come**
25 **through and he would be putting his arm around you and**

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1 pinching your nipples and stuff. Nice behavior.

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You couldn't be in the school for -- you would have to be blind and just not paying attention to be there two weeks and not -- as a student and not know what was going on. And I don't know how teachers and coaches and janitors and these kinds of people didn't know what was going on. They had to. I mean, it was -- it was just common knowledge among ninth-graders.

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Q. Anyone else who, because of whatever reason, you say, you know, this particular person, you know, unless they had their eyes closed shut, must have known what he was doing?

A. Must have known at least about the purpling incidents.

Q. I understand that. I think people did know about that.

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You've got the one incident that you say was the grabbing of your testicles, correct?

A. Correct.

Q. And then several incidents of the twisting of the nipples, maybe purpling.

A. That's what we called it at the time.

Q. Do you have any idea, that you can put a number on, how many times that happened to you?

A. 10, 15 times. It wasn't just once or twice. It wasn't, like, every day for two years.

6 What was Father Soens'
7 reputation when you were a student?

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15 But he also had a reputation among the students, and I
16 know I'm going to use the term that we used at the time,
17 that he was a queer.

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19 A. I'm not real comfortable with using that term
20 for people. I know it's not politically correct or
21 anything. At that time that was his reputation among
22 the kids. I mean, you found this out on the school bus
23 going to school when you were ninth grade, watch out for
24 him.

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19 Did you feel that
20 he was trying to sexually arouse you?

21 A. Yeah. I mean, why else would you do that?

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