

6 Q. What is the first act of abuse that ever  
7 happened to you?

8 **A. Nipple-pinching.**

9 Q. Where did that happen?

10 **A. Hallway.**

11 Q. How frequently did nipple-pinching in the  
12 hallway happen to you during your four years at Regina?

13 **A. I would say maybe three times a year.**

7 Q. And please tell me about the first time that  
8 happened when you actually went to his office.

9 **A. I can't recall what the incident was. It was  
10 probably something like, you know, getting pushed in the  
11 hallway. You know, somebody's books being knocked out  
12 of their hands, something like that, very  
13 inconsequential. And when you got into his office, he  
14 would come over and sit next to you and fondle you as he  
15 looked you straight in the eyeball.**

16 Q. Were you in your freshman year the first time  
17 that happened?

18 **A. Yes.**

7 Q. And what would -- you say he would fondle  
8 you. What specifically did he do to fondle you?

9 **A. With his right hand he would -- he would grab  
10 my penis.**

11 Q. Did he grab your penis over clothing or  
12 inside of clothing?

13 **A. Over clothing.**

14 Q. Over your pants?

15 **A. Over my slacks.**

16 Q. And would he say anything to you when he did  
17 that?

18 **A. Look you straight in the eye and ask you  
19 about whatever incident you were in the office for.**

20 Q. He didn't talk about what he was doing or  
21 why?

22 **A. No.**

23 Q. He just did it?

24 **A. Absolutely.**

25 Q. How long would this fondling last?

1 **A. I don't recall. It was -- it was not long.**

2 **It was, you know, maybe five minutes, maybe ten minutes.**

3 **I never timed it.**

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13 Q. During your freshman year, how often did it  
14 happen that Lawrence Soens had you into the office and  
15 did this to you?

16 A. I can't -- I can't give you an exact number,  
17 other than to say that it happened multiple times. I  
18 can't tell you that it happened five times, six times.  
19 I'm sure it did happen five or six times, but I can't  
20 give you the number. I can't say it happened eight  
21 times. It was multiple times.

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25 Q. What about the sophomore, junior, and senior

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1 years? What experience was there with similar  
2 incidents?

3 A. Just the same.

20 Q. When you were enduring those later episodes,  
21 was it the same basic approach he did? He would move  
22 his chair alongside of you and fondled you while he  
23 spoke to you?

24 A. There is two incidents that are in that that  
25 I remember very distinctly because they were associated

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1 with events. And one -- and in one event when I was a  
2 senior, I was in the hallway. It was during lent. And  
3 he called me into his office, but we never sat down. We  
4 went into the office, and he stood there. And he asked  
5 me if I thought my classmates would mind or it would  
6 be -- he didn't use the word okay; he used another word.  
7 I can't think of the word right now, so this is a  
8 paraphrase, but -- if he were to hear their confessions.  
9 If he were to hear their confessions. And we were  
10 standing that particular time. And he grabbed my penis  
11 while asking me that question.

12 The other incident happened when I was a  
13 junior. I was elected to be a homeroom representative.  
14 He called me to his office and he told me that my grades  
15 weren't good enough to hold that office. And during  
16 that particular situation, he unzipped my fly. Those  
17 are the two incidents that I remember quite vividly.

18 Q. There were other incidents. Were they  
19 similar to that first one where he would sit alongside  
20 of you in his office? Is that --

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. These two particular incidents are vivid in  
23 your memory because they are associated with events?

24 A. That is correct.

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19 A. I'm here today -- I'm here today because this  
20 is something I've been carrying around with me since  
21 1960. I'm 61 years old. I want this to be out there.  
22 I want this to be out there. I want this to be off me  
23 and out there because, you are right, it's not my fault.  
24 I didn't contribute to this. I didn't make this happen.  
25 This is very common knowledge at Regina High School, as

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1 I'm sure you are beginning to find out. But I just want  
2 to get this off my chest. That's why I'm here.

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12 Q. And in that incident did you say he unzipped  
13 your pants? I wrote a note, and maybe I got it wrong.  
14 A. Yes.  
15 Q. What did he do to you?  
16 A. Grabbed my penis.  
17 Q. Did his hand make actual contact with your  
18 penis?  
19 A. No, because I had briefs on.  
20 Q. What did he do to you then?  
21 A. Just grabbed it.  
22 Q. While he was talking to you, he had it  
23 grabbed again?  
24 A. Exactly.

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13 Q. Do you know of any people who you think  
14 should have known Soens was molesting the genitals of  
15 boys, adults?  
16 A. Well, I would think that since you represent  
17 the diocese, I would think that you should have known.  
18 Q. Why?  
19 A. You employ the man.  
20 Q. Why should we know what Lawrence Soens was  
21 doing behind closed doors in his office?  
22 A. Well, I mean, you employ the man. You should  
23 know what's going on at the school.  
24 Q. How are we going to know what's going on  
25 behind closed doors in Lawrence Soens' office?

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1 A. Then I guess what you are saying, that he  
2 wasn't supervised.