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Supplementary & Follow-Up Report

FOLLOW-UP REPORT - 288(a) PC

4/24/86

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DETAILS:

4/15/86

0815 Hours

I received a telephone call \_\_\_\_\_, phone \_\_\_\_\_ is the mother who is an additional victim in the sequence of events involving a parish priest by the name of Father Chris ANDERSEN.

At that \_\_\_\_\_ told me of a possible additional victim. The mother of the young boy phone number \_\_\_\_\_ where he was apparently involved while an altar boy in some illegal molest activity with Father Chris.

4/21/86

0930 Hours

I telephc \_\_\_\_\_ I explained that I had received a telephone call \_\_\_\_\_ indicating that p \_\_\_\_\_ was a Victim of a child molest by Father Chris ANDERSEN approximately 3 years ago.

\_\_\_\_\_ at that time told me that she was confronted by he \_\_\_\_\_ on or about April 12, 1983 (she's not quite sure of the date) and was told that while in Father Chris' room in the church rectory at St. Bonaventure Church, Father Chris tried to fondle his genitals.

Subsequently, I set a date to \_\_\_\_\_ to bring her so \_\_\_\_\_ to the station for an interview; that date being 4/24/86 at 1300 Hours.

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1310 Hrs.

I was summoned to the front lobby and was told \_\_\_\_\_ was there with her \_\_\_\_\_

I walked to the front lobby and greet \_\_\_\_\_ and escorted her into interview room #3 where we had the following conversation.

\_\_\_\_\_ said that she is familiar with the investigation that is presently underway concerning Father Chris, a priest at St. Bonaventure Church \_\_\_\_\_ said that she had been a member of the church for approximately 15 years and up until approximately one year ago, was very involved with several church functions.

She said approximately the first part of April of 1983, her son \_\_\_\_\_ who was 12 years old at the time, was taking altar boy lessons from Father Chris ANDERSEN. She said the reason th \_\_\_\_\_ was taking altar boy lessons was because his father had a falling out with the church and since she was heavily involved in the church and her son wanted his father to get back to being involved, he felt that becoming an altar boy, that it would draw his father back.

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She said that she would drop off at the church at about 3:00 p.m. in the afternoon after school and would pick him up at approximately 5:00 p.m. the same afternoon. She told me that most of the time she would pick up, however, on at least two occasions Father Chris brought him home.

On the last altar boy practice that participated in, which she estimated to be towards the end of April, she dropped off at the church at about 3:00 p.m. after he got out of school and was told that Father Chris would probably take him home. He told her that if Father Chris could not take him home that he would call her and have her pick him up.

She said that at approximately 5:30 that afternoon Father Chris showed up with her. She said that he stayed for a few minutes and then left. After Father Chris left, he confronted her and said something to the effect that "Mom, he's weird; I think he's queer". Then he proceeded to tell her that after altar boy practice Father Chris took him up to his room in the rectory and had him sit on the couch next to him. While sitting on the couch he said that Father Chris started to rub his leg up to his genital area. She also said that he told her that at one point Father Chris, while changing his shirt, dropped his pants to his ankles and bend over standing in front of her. She said that her husband was also told of the incident and both of them were outraged that a priest would do such an act upon their son.

She said the following day, after having been told by what had taken place between he and Father Chris that she responded to the church rectory and confronted him. She explained the circumstances as told to her and he responded by telling her to write the incident down on paper and to give it to him when she was finished.

She said that approximately two days later she gave him the written letter of the incident involving her son and Father Chris. She was informed by him that the incident would be reported to the Orange County Archdiocese.

She said that within a week after talking with Father Chris, she went to confession and talked to her son about the molest. She told him that she went to him and told him of the incident also. She said that she told Father Chris that he needed help

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and wasn't trying to ruin his reputation, but she just wanted to assist. She said Father Chris appeared to be sad and was slightly teary-eyed and she said that she was crying at the time that they were having their conversation; that it was quite an emotional scene. She said Father Chris told her that he was sorry for the emotional impact that it made. He also said that he was sorry for the emotional anguish and pain that he has caused to the family. She said that Father Chris also said something similar to the effect of "through your pain I have earned my ticket to heaven". She said Father Chris tried to suggest that he misinterpreted what he did. He never really explained what took place between he and did not come out and say that he molested.

She said that she relayed word-for-word what he had told her, telling Father Chris, stating "why did you pull his leg up on your lap?" and "tried to rub him up and down?" She said Father Chris then just put his head down and shook it and appeared to be startled. She said he then told her that he had read the letter that she had written to him and it was biased.

She said that approximately 3 or 4 months after confront: and Father Chris about the apparent molest of her son she was at a church service at St. Bonaventure and afterwards confronted Father Chris because he was still preaching. She said she contacted him outside and was angered that he was still preaching at the church after what he had done. She said that she became enraged and called him a hypocrite.

She said that she contact several times to find out why Father Chris was still at the church. She was told that the Archdiocese was contacted and that Father Chris was going to counseling and that he was okay to remain in his position. She said that at no time did anyone contact her from the Archdiocese to explain that Father Chris was involved in counseling.

She felt that she was not being told exactly everything regarding the incident and that all that could be done through the church was being done. She said that she felt frustrated because Father Chris was still preaching and she and her family would have to sit in church while he was on the pulpit and would be uncomfortable with this.