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1300 Hours

I drove to the St. Bonaventure Church and contacted _____ He escorted me into his office and we had the following conversation.

I explain _____ that I was investigating an additional charge against Father Chris ANDERSEN. I told him that an ex-parishioner by the name _____ came to the station on April 21, 1986, with her son _____, and reported that approximately three years ago, this month, she confronted _____ regarding a molest that reportedly took place between her son _____ and Father Chris. I asked _____ if he was familiar with _____ and the circumstances surrounding that incident. _____ said that he would not make any comment at this time and was instructed by Father Chris's attorney _____ that he be contacted before any statements were made.

After this statement it was obvious to me that _____ was not willing to answer any questions regarding this incident. He said as soon as he contacted _____ that he would be happy to cooperate, however, at this time _____ was obliged not to.

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1520 Hours

I telephoned _____ I explained _____ investigation and told him that it apparently took place three years ago this April. _____ that I had earlier visited _____ in order to obtain information about this situation. I explained _____ was reluctant to talk until I contacted _____ and obtained permission.

_____ said that he had received a telephone call from _____ and that it would be okay for me to re-contact him and obtain a statement.

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1530 Hours

I re-telephoned _____ and learned from his secretary that he had just left the office. I left word to have him contact me as soon as possible.

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0950 Hours

I cont: at St. Bonaventure Church. He called me earlier at 0932 Hours, but I was not in the office at the time.

I asked him if he recalled being contacted by in April of 1983. He said he vaguely recalls the lady, but remembers the incident. I asked him to explain.

said that she came to his office at about that time to report an incident. I asked him if he recalled the incident. He said it was a report of Father CHRIS fondling son told her that she should write a written report of the incident out and return it to him.

He said that later she brought a written report of the incident to him and he in turn contacted of the Orange County Archdiocese and reported it. I asked if he recalls specifically the allegations presented to him. He said he didn't recall exactly what the report was about except that it was about some fondling of the young boy. I asked if he had a conversation with Father CHRIS about this incident. He said there was some reference to it but it was in an oblique way. I asked if Father CHRIS ever made any statements to him about the fondling situation with the boy. He said "Not really, not that I can remember".

said that the matter was turned over to the Diocese and either handled by or He indicated that Father CHRIS did have a meeting with one of the two priests. I asked him what the disposition of that meeting was. He said that Father CHRIS was told to seek counseling, which he did. I asked him where this counseling was. He declined to elaborate, saying that that was something that could be brought out in court, but he was not obliged to speak about it at this time.

At this time the phone went dead, apparently there was a power shortage in the police facility. I immediately recalled and continued the conversation.

said that to his best recall, Father CHRIS finished the counseling approximately one or two years ago, he wasn't quite sure. It was done through the Archdiocese and he would not say exactly where the counseling took place. I asked if Father CHRIS ever left the church. He said no he didn't and that he maintained his regular duties as a priest with St. Bonaventure Church during the time he was in counseling. I asked if Father CHRIS was in any kind of situation where he would

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be monitored or watched closely, particularly in his function with altar boys. _____ said "No, if you mean being under surveillance, he was not" and he lived in the quarters with himself and other priests and he was not watched. At this time I ask _____ about any reports, particularly submitted by _____, if I should contact _____ for those reports. He said "Yes, if they're available, he would have them". At this time I concluded my interview with _____

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1025 Hours

I telephoned the Archdiocese and contacted _____ I asked him if he recalled an incident that occurred approximately three years ago this April or if _____ reported an incident through Father DUFFY about a molest with Father CHRIS and her 12 year old son. _____ said he didn't recall the lady's name, however, he does remember the incident. I then ask _____ if he could explain to me what happened. He said _____ called him and to his recollection _____ told him that he had received a letter from this lady and that she wanted it reported and have Father CHRIS received some counseling and wanted the letter destroyed and didn't want the incident reported to the police. He said to _____ then sent him the letter. I ask _____ if the letter was still available. He said no, he checked the file and the letter is gone. He said he couldn't remember if he destroyed the letter or sent it back to _____

I asked him if he recalled what the letter said. He said to his recollection he recalled that it mentioned something about Father CHRIS hugging the boy and making body contact with him. He said he couldn't remember much more than that.

I then refresh _____ memory by stating what _____ told me what had happened and took place in Father CHRIS' office. I explained to him that while in Father CHRIS' office _____ indicated Father CHRIS took _____ legs and placed them on his lap and began to rub his bare legs and came close to his crotch as _____ said yes, that he recalled that part of the letter.

I then mentioned the incident about Father CHRIS driving _____ home and grabbing his legs and putting them on his lap while in the vehicle and rubbing his legs. _____ said that he didn't recall that part of the incident in the letter.

_____ told me that because of the incident and after conferring with _____ that it was determined that Father CHRIS should seek psychiatric counseling. He was sent to a private counselor and the Diocese paid \$90.00 an hour for the service. _____ said that this counseling started shortly after the incident was reported

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possibly in April or May of 1983. He said that Father CHRIS came to him in February of 1985 and said that he was finished with the counseling and that he would attempt to pay the Diocese back what monies were incurred for the psychiatric counseling. He said that at this time Father CHRIS is paying back \$10.00 of the \$90.00 per lesson to the Diocese.

I again asked him about the letter that was sent to him by [redacted] and prepared [redacted] I asked him "would that be normal routine for the Diocese or himself to destroy a letter or not keep it in a personal file". He said "No, that was not normal procedure", however, after having received information that [redacted] wanted the letter destroyed as long as Father CHRIS received psychiatric help, that her wishes were granted and the letter was either destroyed or sent back to [redacted]

At this time I concluded my interview with [redacted]. It appears that this letter was not returned to [redacted] inasmuch as he told me in the earlier phone conversation that the letter was sent to the Archdiocese, particularly [redacted] and he did not have a copy of it. It appears that no copy of the letter from [redacted] is available from any persons who had possession of it.

It should also be noted that the time frame in which Father CHRIS discontinued his counseling was approximately February of 1985. This is the same time frame that the young boys indicate that Father CHRIS started his sexual advances toward them.

Both conversations with [redacted] at [redacted] were tape recorded and are available for review.

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