

Note: John is our redaction for the name of James's brother.



The following was typed on June 26, 2003 by Monsignor William Lynn. It is a summary of a notes (contained on attached document) made during a telephone conversation with [redacted] John [redacted] on June 20, 2002. This was prepared at the request of James Bock for use by the Archdiocesan Review Board.

[redacted] John [redacted] called Monsignor William Lynn on June 20, 2002. [redacted] John [redacted] is the brother of [redacted] James [redacted] who made allegations of sexual abuse in 1992 against Father Edward Avery. Monsignor Lynn was Dean of Men for [redacted] John [redacted] when he was a student at Saint Charles Seminary.

[redacted] John [redacted] said that he is now an Assessment and Testing Coordinator for the City of Philadelphia. He knew his brother had spoken with Monsignor Lynn earlier and he wanted to corroborate a couple of situations in which Father Avery was involved and he was present.

[redacted] John [redacted] said that when he was 14 or 15 years old, he was at Avery's house in Wildwood. He said there had been drinking going on during the day. Avery was driving a van with five or six kids in it. They all had been drinking. The door of the van was open and the gas station attendant saw them. He stated that later that night, they were all in the loft. He said that Avery was jumping on each kid. He stated that Avery was "tickling me...felt like he was going to grab me."

[redacted] John [redacted] said Avery jumped on the bed of [redacted] Friend 1 [redacted], a friend of his brother, [redacted] James [redacted] Friend 1 [redacted] rolled off the bed and back into window and cut his hand. He said Avery went to sleep. In the morning, after they all got up, they took kid to the emergency room to have his hand looked at.

The second situation happened when he was 17. He said that he and a friend, [redacted] Friend 2 [redacted] went to the rectory at Saint Agatha/ Saint James Parish. [redacted] Friend 2 [redacted] was also 17. He said that Father Avery gave them a beer and then gave them scotch to wash down the beer.

[redacted] John [redacted] also mentioned that three weeks ago, his mother ran into Avery as he was a disc jockey at a dance. He was concerned because his brother claims to be abused after a dance some years ago.

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