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TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH

NOVEMBER 28, 2006

called Bob Krebs a few days after the publication of names of priests removed from ministry because of child abuse. After she explained the reason for her call Mr. Krebs advised her that she should call me. I returned the call on the morning of November 28.

had a concern about her son who used to visit Fr. Eugene Clarahan when Fr. Clarahan would visit with his brother, Neal, who lived in a trailer in the Lewes/Rehoboth area. Her son used to visit [redacted] who was a member of St. Benedict Parish in Ridgely, MD, where Fr. Clarahan had been pastor. [redacted] the mother-in-law, had a trailer in the same trailer park as Fr. Neal Clarahan. When [redacted] used to visit [redacted] she would allow him to go visit Fr. Clarahan at the mobile home. Both [redacted] have some concerns as to whether there had been abuse of the young [redacted] child. [redacted] described her son as being between the age of 6 or 8 at the time of the visits (she speculated it was about [redacted]). She also advised that the individual who has more concern or even some guilt about it is [redacted] considers herself as the one who had facilitated the contact between Fr. Clarahan and the child.

I asked [redacted] if she had approached her son. She said she had not, but that her mother-in-law, [redacted] had. However, [redacted] speculated that probably if something did happen her 18 year old son would not really admit to anything to the mother-in-law.

[redacted] asked me if I could give her some assurance that nothing happened since she knew Fr. Clarahan was a recovering alcoholic and perhaps he did his abuse when under the influence. At the time of her son's visits to the priests Fr. Clarahan had begun his recovery. I obviously could not give her that assurance and told her why. She thought that perhaps if these difficulties occurred during his time of alcoholism, perhaps with his recovery from it, activity stopped. I indicated to her that it would be foolish of me to speculate.

I then asked her if she herself intended to engage her son on the question. She said she thought about it and could. I told her that she might want to talk to our Victim Assistance Coordinator on the best approach. She in turn asked if our victim assistance coordinator might speak with the mother-in-law as well and I encouraged that, particularly since the mother-in-law feels some guilt about the possibility of some problem. **(Remember we are dealing with possibilities and we are speculating here.)**

I extended sincere regret on our part that there is some concern and some anxiety. I indicated to them we are willing to help in any way possible if the young man in question got to a point where he thought he might need to talk with someone, he should give us a call and feel free also to consult with Beth Krieger.