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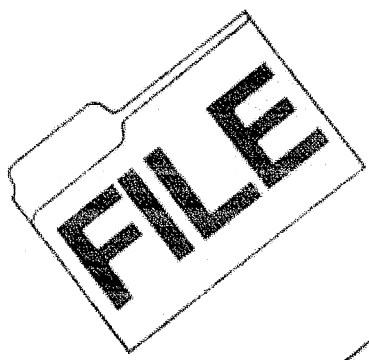
Father Hoefgren

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MESSAGE

AAAAAAA
Date: Monday, April 26, 1993 2:44 pm
Subject: Father Hoefgren

A woman from the St. Cloud area called concerning the investigation of Fr. Hoefgren prior to his leaving Cold Springs. She wouldn't give me her name but she said that we should check with local law enforcement agencies for their files because a particular agency was investigating Hoefgren while he was in Cold Springs and the Abbott knew about the investigation. She wouldn't give me the name of the Agency either. She seemed educated and knowledgeable about the law. I think she is an employee of this agency and she mentioned something about "implicating" herself by giving me the name of the agency that investigated Hoefgren. I can check into some local agencies in Stearns County for files on Hoefgren. (She said for sure it is not the Sheriff).

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**OFFENSE REPORT
STEARNS COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT.
ST. CLOUD, MN**

REC'D BY: **BOECKERS**
DAY **S M T W T F S**

Control Nbr. 84001254

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MESS. KEY: **E, C, 1** / CONTROL NUMBER (OCA): **34001234** / CONT. AGENCY NCIC INDET. (CAG): **M, N, 0, 7, 3, 0, 0, 0, 0**

**Stearns County Sheriff's Dept.
DEPOSITION
EXHIBIT # 1
10-18-93**

L NBR: **2** / DATE REPORTED (RPD): **091589** / TIME RPD (TRP): **1140** / LOCATION GRID NBR (LGN): **0131**

OFFENSE COMMITTED (PLC): **INTY, OFF, 0, 1, 3, 0, 1, 3, 0**

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HRD Codes
P - Phone
R - Radio
A - Alarm
I - In Person
V - Visual
M - Mail
Y - Other

L NBR: **1** / ISN: **1** / UOC: **9903** / UCS: **S**
UCS CODES: Pending, Exc./CLRD, U-Unfounded
J. CLRD/Arrest Jv., A. CLRD/Arrest Adult - Juv.
R - Ref. Oth. Agen., B - Assit./Advised, G - GOA/UTL, T - Other

Reported By: **KONZ, VINCE** DbA **Cold Spring Police Department**
Address: **Cold Spring, MN** Fire Nbr. _____ Phone Nbr: **855-2886**

Complainant: **CHATT, MICHAEL**
Address: **Stearns County Social Service** Fire Nbr. _____ Phone Nbr: **255-6000**

Incident Description: **Possible Sexual Abuse**

OFFICER/SQUAD ASSIGNED: **BOECKERS** SUPERVISOR APPROVED: _____
Form 8047b ADD'L REPORTS: ENTERED C.J.R.S.

3-15-84, PO Boeckers:

During the aforementioned date and time this officer received a telephone call from Vince Konz, Chief of Police of the Cold Spring Police Department. At this time Chief Konz requested this officer's assistance in the investigation of a possible sexual abuse which had occurred in the city of Cold Spring.

PERSONS NAMED IN REPORT TB: MAC

16. Name Michael Chatt	17. D.O.B.	18. Code C	19. Name Vince Konz	20. D.O.B.	21. Code R
22. Name	23. D.O.B.	24. Code V	25. Name	26. D.O.B.	27. Code
28. Name	29. D.O.B.	30. Code	31. Name	32. D.O.B.	33. Code

DISPOSITION: Unfounded Cleared by Arrest Exc. Cld. Ref. Other Agency Inactive Other

Officer's Signature: *[Signature]* Supervisor's Signature: _____ Add'l. Reports _____

Case No.

14001254

Supplementary Offense Report

STEARNS COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT.
St. Cloud, Minnesota

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Possible Sexual Abuse

Complainant

Michael Chatt

Address

Social Services

ADDITIONAL DETAILS OF OFFENSE, PROGRESS OF INVESTIGATION, ETC.

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PO Boeckers:

At 1300 hours, 3-15-84, Officer met with Chief Konz at the Cold Spring Police Department, Officer at this time was shown a statement signed by

, DOB

The statement had been taken at the Rocori High School

on 3-14-84 and indicates that was a victim of a sexual assault

which occurred on or about 6-10-83. The incident occurred at the Parish House of

the St. Boniface Catholic Church located in the city of Cold Spring. Statement

indicates that a male subject identified as Fran Hefgren performed an oral sex

act on the victim. Statement also indicates that a similar incident occurred a

couple of days later.

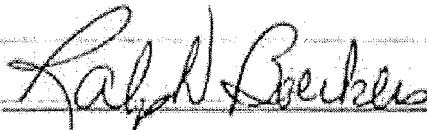
Officer at this time also received a report signed by Sgt. Joseph Dvorak

of the Cold Spring Police Department which indicates that this information was

received from Stearns County Social Service worker Michael Chatt. It was received

by their department on 3-12-84. The alleged perpetrator in this incident is a

priest at the St. Boniface parish.



Ralph Boeckers

#2593

3-16-84

TB: MAC

Case No.

1001254

Supplementary Offense Report

STEARNS COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT.
St. Cloud, Minnesota

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Possible Sexual Abuse

Complainant

Michael Chatt

Address

Social Services

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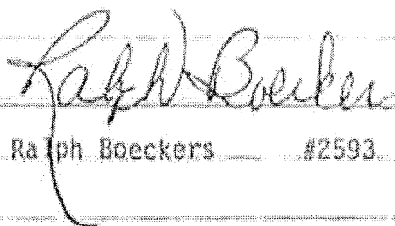
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PO Boeckers:

At 1430 hours, 3-15-84, Officer interviewed Michael Chatt at the Stearns County Social Service Building located in the city of St. Cloud. Mike at this time indicates that he is familiar with _____ and was informed about the possible sexual assault on 3-12-84 by Jack O'Regan, PHD of the Central Minnesota Health Center. After receiving this information he contacted Sgt. Joseph Dvorak of the Cold Spring Police Department and reported the incident. Mike indicates that the victim is presently residing with his foster parents _____, MN.

Mike states that the biological parents of the victim are _____

_____, MN. See Social Service case #009023.



Ralph Boeckers

#2593

3-20-84

TB: MAC

Case No.

4001254

Supplementary Offense Report

STEARNS COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT.
St. Cloud, Minnesota

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Possible Sexual Abuse

Complainant

Michael Chatt

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Social Services

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PO Boeckers:

During the AM of 3-19-84, this officer accompanied by Chief of Police Vince Konz and Michael Chatt interviewed the victim at the Rocori High School.

He at this time verbally identified himself as _____, DOB _____

_____, MN. Phone # _____ The victim presently attends Rocori High School and is at the _____.

At this time officer inquired upon the victim what was meant by a "blow job" which was a term used in the initial statement taken by Vince Konz on 3-14-84. He replied that during the incident Father Fran Hoefgen, had placed his mouth on his penis. He had recalled at this time that the first incident took place in the living room of the Perry Center.

The time was approximately 2200 hours on or about 6-10-83, during which time he was watching television and he believes the show Saturday night live was on. He had been seated on the couch and Father Hoefgen entered the room. He indicates that Father Hoefgen initially removed his clothing and knelt down in front of him and removed his cut-off denim shorts. He relates that Father Hoefgen then fondled his penis for a period of approximately one minute and then placed his penis in his mouth. According to the victim he states this caused an ejaculation. He indicates that the incident was the idea of Father Hoefgen and that he just did not know what to do. He indicates that the second incident took place a couple of days later and occurred in similar fashion at the Parish House.

Statement taken and signed.

Following the taking of a statement from the victim, Chief Vince Konz contacted the St. Boniface Parish House and learned that the suspect was not present. Chief Konz at this time left a message that Father Francis Hoefgen contact him at the _____.

Case No.

Supplementary Offense Report

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STEARNS COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT.
St. Cloud, Minnesota

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Possible Sexual Abuse

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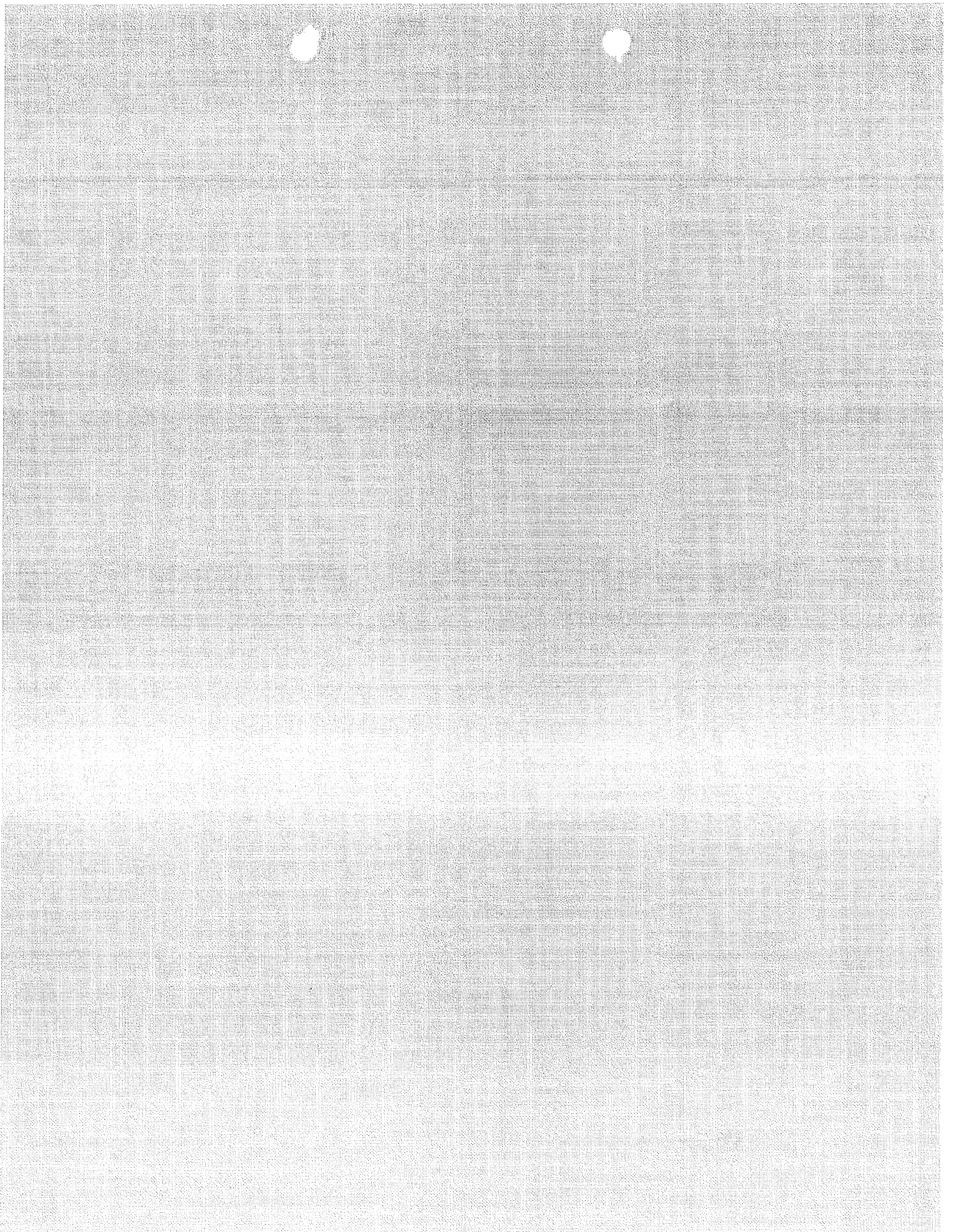
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Cold Spring Police Department when he returned. At approximately 1520 hours Chief Konz received a phone call from the suspect and arrangements were made to interview him at the law office of Willenbring, Lickteig & Dahl, 215 South 1st Street, Cold Spring, MN. At 1525 hours this officer and Chief Konz arrived at the Law Office and found that the suspect was already present. At this time the suspect fully identified himself as FRANCIS FREDERICK HOEFGEN, DOB 8-29-50, 418 Main Street, Cold Spring, MN. He indicates that he is an associate pastor of the St. Boniface parish in Cold Spring. He was advised of his rights per miranda which were read to him by this officer. The suspect at this time also had an opportunity to read them and following this he indicated that he understood them by signing the form. During the interview that followed the suspect indicated that he was familiar with a _____ for the past year and a half. He at this time acknowledged that he had been sexual with the victim during the month of June, 1983. At this time the victim was staying at his parish house, following a stay at the St. Cloud Hospital. Father Hoefgen states that he felt bad for the victim and "his emotions and my feelings got carried away and I made a mistake". He further states that there were two incidents which occurred during this month and each of them occurred in the living room of the parish center. He believes, however, that the incidents arose as a result of both he and the victim having a mutual understanding for each other.

The statement was typed by this officer and following this the suspect was given an opportunity to read it and sign both the first page and the last page and initial page 2 & 3 of the statement. He was then given a copy of the statement.

Ralph Becker
2593 3-20-84

TB: MAC



VOLUNTARY STATEMENT
Office City Hall

DATE March 14 /1984 PLACE Office City Hall TIME STARTED 9:45 M.

I, the undersigned, _____ years of age, my date and place of birth being the May day of _____ 1983 at St Cloud
I now live at _____

Before answering any questions or making any statements, Vince Lonz
Chief of Police Cold Spring

a person who identified himself as _____ duly warned and advised me, and I know and understand that I have the following rights: That I have the right to remain silent and I do not have to answer any questions or make any statements at all; that any statement I make can and will be used against me in a court or courts of law for the offense or offenses concerning which the following statement is hereinafter made; that I have the right to consult with a lawyer of my own choice before or at anytime during any questioning or statements I make; that if I cannot afford to hire a lawyer, I may request and have a lawyer appointed for me by the proper authority, before or at anytime during any questioning or statements that I make, without cost or expense to me; that I can stop answering any questions or making any statements at any time that I choose, and call for the presence of a lawyer to advise me before continuing any more questioning or making any more statements, whether or not I have already answered some questions or made some statements.

I do not want to talk to a lawyer, and I hereby knowingly and purposely waive my right to remain silent, and my right to have a lawyer present while I make the following statement to the aforesaid person, knowing that I have the right and privilege to terminate any interview at any time hereafter and have a lawyer present with me before answering any more questions or making any more statements, if I choose to do so.

I declare that the following voluntary statement is made of my own free will without promise of hope or reward, without fear or threat of physical harm, without coercion, favor or offer of favor, without leniency or offer of leniency, by any person or persons whatsoever.

Fathers Name _____ Address _____
Mothers Name _____ Address _____

Q. an incident has been brought to our attention and Father Fran Hefgren which happend during the time you were liveing with him at the parish house Would you relate in your own words what happend on the night of or about June 10th of 1983

A I was in the St cloud Hospital and things at home were not very good so I asked him if I could Move in with him. He said sure so I moved in

Q How long before the incident was it you moved in with Father Fran

A I guess about a week.

Q Did you have a room af your own at the parish house

A Yes

Q What happend on the night of or about June 10th

A I was alone I was watching TV and Fran Came in He sat down by me and statted In

Q Dud he say anything at all that you remember

~~//////DIA/CA/WP/PA/PL/LE/AB/VA/ED/VA/DA/XX/~~
A No

Q What actually happend

A He Sodomised Me I guess. Megave Me a blow job

Q Did you try to fight him off or anything to discourage him

A No I didnt know what to do

Q What happend after that

A He went to his room I took a Shower and went to bed

Q Did Father Fran ask you or try to force you to touch him in any way

A No

Q What was Father Frans reaction to the incident later

A He came into my room and gave / Me confessions absolveing me of sin

Q Did he imply by this act that the sin was yours

A Thats waht I felt

Q How long after this did you stay at the Parish house

A about three weeks more I guess

Q Were there any more incidents

A yes one more a couple days later

Q What were the circumstances that time

A. Pretty much the same I was alone again he just came in and started CONTINUED

I have read each page of this statement consisting of _____ pages, each page of which bears my signature, and corrections, if any, bear my initials, and I certify that the facts contained herein are true and correct. I further certify that I made no request for the advice or presence of a lawyer before or during any part of this statement, nor at any time before it was finished did I request that this statement be stopped. I also declare that I was not told or prompted what to say in this statement.

This statement was completed at 10:25 A M. on the 14 day of March, 1984

WITNESS: [Signature]
WITNESS: Michael Chath, Plains Co. Soc. Sec.

Signature of person giving voluntary statement

VOLUNTARY STATEMENT

DATE _____ PLACE _____ TIME STARTED _____ M.

I, the undersigned, Page two of two pages Statement of _____, am _____ years of age, my date and place of

birth being the _____ day of _____ 19____ at _____

I now live at _____

Before answering any questions or making any statements, _____

a person who identified himself as a _____ duly warned and advised me, and I know and understand that I have the following rights: That I have the right to remain silent and I do not have to answer any questions or make any statements at all; that any statement I make can and will be used against me in a court or courts of law for the offense or offenses concerning which the following statement is hereinafter made; that I have the right to consult with a lawyer of my own choice before or at anytime during any questioning or statements I make; that if I cannot afford to hire a lawyer, I may request and have a lawyer appointed for me by the proper authority, before or at anytime during any questioning or statements that I make, without cost or expense to me; that I can stop answering any questions or making any statements at any time that I choose, and call for the presence of a lawyer to advise me before continuing any more questioning or making any more statements, whether or not I have already answered some questions or made some statements.

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I declare that the following voluntary statement is made of my own free will without promise of hope or reward, without fear or threat of physical harm, without coercion, favor or offer of favor, without leniency or offer of leniency, by any person or persons whatsoever.

- Q Did you ever tell anyone else about this incident
A No
Q How did you feel about it
A I felt terrible
Q On the second occasion did Father Frab ask you to touch him in any way
A No
Q Did he try to absolve you of sin on the second occasion
A No
Q During the time you stayed at the Parish house were there ever any threats of either force or blackmail made by Father Fran
A No
Q is ther anything else you would care to add to this statement
A .No

I _____ have recieved a copy of this statement _____

I have read each page of this statement consisting of _____ page(s), each page of which bears my signature, and corrections, if any, bear my initials, and I certify that the facts contained herein are true and correct. I further certify that I made no request for the advice or presence of a lawyer before or during any part of this statement, nor at any time before it was finished did I request that this statement be stopped. I also declare that I was not told or prompted what to say in this statement.
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WITNESS: Eric Roy
WITNESS: Michael Chaff, Assoc. Serv.

Signature of person giving voluntary statement

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OFFENSE REPORT
COLD SPRING POLICE DEPARTMENT
COLD SPRING, MINNESOTA 56320

1. Name of Complaint (Mike Chatt)			2. Address Stearns County Social Services		
3. Home Phone	4. Business Phone 255-6000	5. Fire No.	6. Offense Sexual Abuse		
7. Place of Occurrence City of Cld Spring			8. Twp. or City Cold Spring		
9. Reported by: complainant		10. Address		11. Phone No.	
12. Report Received phone	13. Date 3/12/84	14. Time 1630	15. Officers Assigned Dvorak		

DETAILS OF OFFENSE:

This Officer received call from Mike Chatt that a _____ had been sexually abused in the city of Cold Spring on or around the 10th day of June, ~~1982~~ ¹⁹⁸³. Mike didn't know the extent of the sexual abuse but stated ~~xx~~ that it only did happen on one occasion according to the complainant _____ at the time of the alleged incident was 17 yrs. old and living with the perpetrator. The alleged perpetrator is one Fr. Fran who is a priest at the parish of St. Boniface in the city of Cold Spring, Mn. _____ stated to his doctor that right after the alleged incident he moved out and is now living with a _____ and _____ from Mt. Cloud, Mn. (ph # _____). This Officer had not talked to _____ and it is advised by Mike Chatt that he is suicidal.

Investigation to continue by Chief Konz.....

PERSONS NAMED IN REPORT:

16. Name	17. D.O.B.	18. Code	19. Name	20. D.O.B.	21. Code
22. Name	23. D.O.B.	24. Code	25. Name	26. D.O.B.	27. Code
28. Name	29. D.O.B.	30. Code	31. Name	32. D.O.B.	33. Code

DISPOSITION:

Unfounded _____ Cleared by Arrest _____ Exc. Clrd. _____ Ref. Other Agency _____ Inactive _____ Other _____

Officer's Signature <i>Joe Dvorak</i> Sgt. Joe Dvorak	Supervisor's Signature	Addl Report
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SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORT

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Law Enforcement
Social Service

Stearns County Social Services
700 St. Germain
Box 1107
St. Cloud, MN 56301
Telephone: 255-6000

(Branch Office)
523 Sinclair Lewis Ave.
Sauk Centre, MN 56378
Telephone: 352-6531

New Report Follow Up

Assigned Social Worker: Michael Chatt

URGENT INSTRUCTIONS: Please send this report to the above address as promptly as possible. This report is to follow an earlier phone call in cases of suspected child abuse.

DATE OF REPORT: 3 / 12 / 84 TIME: 4:25 A.M. P.M. (Circle One)
TYPE OF COMPLAINT: Neglect Abuse

REPORTER:

Name: Dr. Jack O'Regan Agency/School: Central Minnesota Mental Health Center
Address: 1321 North 13th Street Phone: 252-5010
St. Cloud, MN 56301

WITNESSES:

Name: _____ Address: _____ D.O.B. _____ Sex M
Name: _____ Address: _____ D.O.B. _____ Sex _____
Name: _____ Address: _____

PERPETRATORS:

Name: Father Francis Hoefgren Address: St. Boniface Parish House, 418 Main Street Relationship: Priest Phone: 685-3280
Cold Spring, MN 56320

Directions to Residence: _____

itions, fractures, abrasions or other injuries. Give size, number and location of injuries.

On March 12, 1984 in a therapy session at the Central Minnesota Mental Health Center with
r. O'Regan, shared that Father Francis Hoefgren had been sexual with him. Dr. O'Regan
reported the alleged abuse to me immediately after the therapy session.

The sexual contact occurred on or about June 10, 1983, about a week after came to live at
the St. Boniface Parish House. On or about June 18, 1983, went to live with

On September 6, 1983 the placement at the home was court-ordered by the Stearns
County Family Court. was adjudicated a dependent child on February 20, 1984 and legal custody
given to Social Services through 18th birthday.

Dr. O'Regan and I were in phone contact with and the family the evening of March 12,
1983 because was suicidal. shared in a phone conversation with Dr. O'Regan that Father
Francis had performed oral sex with him.

Dr. Daniel Mareck
St. Cloud Medical Group
E OF VICTIM'S DOCTOR OR HOSPITAL: St. Germain at 13th Street, St. Cloud, MN 56301

E OF VICTIM'S SCHOOL: Rocori Senior High

ER INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE AWARE OF THE NEGLECT OR ABUSE:

E: ADDRESS: PHONE:

PERSON COMPLETING REPORT: Michael Charr

ER RECORDS OR SUSPECTED INDICATORS OF FORMER NEGLECT OR ABUSE:

596 - Subd. 3 - Persons Mandated to Report.

Professional or his delegate who is engaged in the practice of the healing arts, social services, hospital adminis-
tration, psychological or psychiatric treatment, child care, education, or law enforcement who has knowledge or
reasonable cause to believe a child is being physically abused, sexually abused or neglected shall immediately report
information to the local welfare agency or police department.

4 - Immunity from Liability.

Person participating in good faith and exercising due care in the making of a report pursuant to this section shall
have immunity from any liability, civil or criminal, that otherwise might result by reason of his action.

Investigative and Legal Assistance

Mark Jaszewski
INVESTIGATOR

MEMORANDUM

To: Karen Kugler
From: Mark Jaszewski
Date: October 24, 1993
Re:

INVESTIGATION

I contacted and spoke with _____ and _____ by telephone on October 14, 1993. I was able to reach the _____ at _____ I spoke to _____ first for a short time before he handed the phone over to his wife,

_____ told me that _____ had left his parents and then moved in with the _____. Prior to that, _____ had lived with Father Fran. I asked _____ how _____ made the move into their house. _____ told me that _____ had expressed a desire to live with the _____ and they had been long time neighbors. _____ explained that _____ was not getting along with his folks. _____ also mentioned that _____ folks were not that friendly with the _____. I asked _____ how the initial beginning of _____ living with them had started. _____ said that Father Fran had asked he and his wife if they would consider being foster parents. _____ explained that _____ had stayed at Father Fran's residence for a short while before moving in with the _____. _____ stated that _____ stayed for about a year and a half at his house.

_____ had started asking his wife, _____, the questions that I was asking him at this time and, finally, said that maybe I would be better off speaking with her. _____ handed the phone over to _____ and I spoke with her.

_____ explained that it was Father Fran who called the _____ up and asked if they could receive _____ as a foster child. _____ stated that Father Fran was a very popular priest in their area. _____ went on that _____ was having problems with his family and was rebelling against them. _____ did not want to go back to them, _____ said. So it was Father Fran who suggested that the _____ should be foster parents. _____ told me that she had said to Father Fran that she was confused because if Father was trying to heal the

family, her family was not family. She said that Father Fran smoothed it over and convinced her and her husband that this was in the best interest for to stay with them.

informed me that parents do not like the mentioned that the are very conservative and very religious whereas the are Pro-Choice and Zero Population people. told me that her kids were "off-limits" to the

explained that her and her husband went through a lengthy process to become foster parents. She mentioned that their house was not set up for a foster child and they had to double up some of their children to get a open bedroom for

went on that they didn't have much problems with at first. However, felt and suspected was having problems identifying his sexuality. She could tell he was struggling with something. thought that might be homosexual and knew that this might have been a problem that was having with his conservative parents and that he might never be accepted by them. So handled the situation very delicately.

informed me that it was about this time that Father Fran all of a sudden disappeared. Something had gone on with Father Fran and he had to leave. No one seemed to know why Father Fran left. However, knew that had stayed with Father Fran and knew was having some what she defined as sexuality problems. She thought, but had no proof, that there was some relation to that and why Father Fran left.

I asked if she ever spoke to about any his problems, concerns, or difficulties he was having. said that they may have talked about sexuality in a general way but never anything specific. I asked her if she ever spoke to about Father Fran. replied no. mentioned that Father Fran was a popular priest and had helped pull the parish teenagers together. said that you don't talk about a priest in a negative way especially in this area. told me that they would ask if he was okay and feeling right. said that would say that he was doing fine. wanted to be able to express the things that he may not be able to in his own family with his parents. said that, at times, it was awkward for her to be

speaking to about such things. The believe that homosexuality is genetically based whereas the think it is evil. wanted to be a dancer and be in the theater, however those things weren't approved of in the family. So wanted to feel comfortable with her family and be able to talk about anything with them.

I asked if the had any contact with while he lived with them. She said that they had little, if any, contact with the Or any communication with him or the When it came time for the to pick up the stayed in the car and never spoke to the

did say that a few problems developed with being a part of their household. apparently stole some money from one of the sons. Also, was caught forging some checks at where he worked. However, said that was punished for the stolen checks and paid back the son.

told me that was very vulnerable at the time he lived with them. He had few friends, and isolated himself from everyone. , again, thought was having sexual identity problems and may have been involved with Father Fran. However, she didn't push the issue on ever. They never spoke specifically about Father Fran. never approached the for any help either. He was struggling but not asking for help.

told me that she believes that priest are in authority positions and have been known to abuse that authority power position. She thinks that her assumptions about Father Fran with are true and thinks that the priest took liberties that he shouldn't have taken.

Investigative and Legal Assistance

Mark Jaszewski
INVESTIGATOR

MEMORANDUM

To: Karen Kugler
From: Mark Jaszewski
Date: November 30, 1993
Re:

INVESTIGATION

I located and contacted Mike Chatt, a former Stearns County Social Worker, who had been involved with your client's case back in the early 1980's. Mike has worked as a Child Welfare Worker for Ramsey County Human Services for the last nine years. Mike's new address is His home telephone number is

When I spoke to Mike, he informed me that he was a Child Protection/Child Welfare worker for Stearns County for two years. Mike recalls and his case, however, Mike mentioned numerous times that he would need to see the file before he was sure of his comments to me.

Mike explained that was having counseling sessions with the Mental Health Clinic. During one of the therapy sessions, told his counselor that he had a sexual experience with Father Hoefgen. After the session, the therapist (Mike cannot recall who this individual was but thought it was a Jack O'Regan or something similar) called Mike to inform him about the information he had received from Mike explained that is mandated that the therapist report information involving sexual experiences with a youth to Stearns County Social Services.

Mike received this information and, in turn, contacted the Stearns County Law Enforcement and Cold Spring Police. Mike mentioned that the information given to him about the incident or incidents involving Hoefgen with happened before Mike was a social worker. Thus, even though it was past information and not current involvement between the two people, Mike felt it was necessary to contact the authorities.

I asked Mike Chatt if he had contacted the foster parents of _____, at any time during the time he had knowledge of what the therapist had told him. Chatt told me that he should have contacted the foster parents in this type of instance, however, he did not know if he did or not. Mike admitted that this occurred early in his career as a social worker. He added that the practice would be that he should have shared that information with the foster parents, but cannot recall if he did so or not.

Mike Chatt does recall that his supervisor told him to call the _____ and tell them to come in. Mike said that the _____ came in the same day. Mike explained that he informed the _____ that same day face to face at the Social Service Office what had happened with their son,

Mike recalls that while working with _____, that _____ was very uncooperative and untalkative. Mike said that he didn't talk to _____ about the sexual abuse issues and prefers that the therapist talk to the abused kids about that. Mike mentioned that he was working with _____ on adjustment at home and school and things like that. I asked Mike if he ever talked to _____ specifically about being "abused". Mike replied that he may have talked to _____ in general terms but didn't get into specifics over what had happened. However, Mike explained that he treated _____ as if he was a sexual abuse victim rather than being in a consensual/mutual relationship. Mike went on that he identified _____ as a victim and may have talked to _____ about issues that men who were sexually abused have. Again, I asked Mike if he ever mentioned directly to _____ that he had been abused rather than just being involved in a sexual relationship even though Mike himself may have identified _____ as a victim. Mike said that he could not recall, but doesn't think he addressed the labeling of _____ with _____. Mike just touched on some of the adjustments that _____ needed to make. Mike explained that the Social Welfare/Child Protection Department tell their workers that you can contaminate things by talking with kids about specifics regarding abuse incidents. So Mike did not do an interview with _____. Mike did not want to complicate _____'s recollection about what had happened.

Mike again told me that _____ was not a very cooperative client in terms of talking about things. Mike interpreted this as _____ having trust issues with males in position of authority such as what Mike was as the Stearns County Social Worker. So Mike tried to talk in general terms.

Mike told me that he was disappointed as to how the whole thing with Father Hoefgen was handled. Mike said that a sixteen year old kid, who was confused about his sexuality was taken advantage of by a person in a position of authority in a crisis situation and very vulnerable at the time. Mike felt like the Father should have had to bear some responsibility for his actions.

PERSONAL IMPRESSIONS

It is my feeling that Mike Chatt got involved with the situation with [redacted] at the time and told the authorities and [redacted] parents about it. I don't think he told the [redacted] because I don't think he knew that [redacted] was staying with the [redacted]. Then as far as speaking with [redacted], I believe Mike just skirted the issue about "sexual abuse" even though he himself identified it as abuse. Rather, Mike just dealt with issues that a person who has gone through such an event would run into. So it is quite possible that [redacted] never understood that he was abused. Also, you might argue that [redacted] was in a state of mind where he didn't listen to what someone was telling him, especially a person in a position of authority like Mike Chatt.

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As Action

MEMO TO FILE

RE: Stearns County Sheriff's Department Offense Report #84001254

DATE: October 30, 1986

After thorough review of the offense report and thorough and thoughtful considerations of the fact issues and law, I make the following conclusions:

1. Review of the criminal statutes in consideration of the facts herein would only support the filing of a criminal charge under the laws prohibiting intrafamilial sexual abuse pursuant to Minnesota Statute § 609.364 to 609.3644 (1981).
2. To reach the conclusion that the perpetrator could be charged with intrafamilial sexual abuse would require proof beyond a reasonable doubt that he was a person who jointly resided intermittently or regularly in the same dwelling as the victim.
3. Careful review of the facts reveals that the conclusion stated in paragraph 2 considerably strains any reasonable interpretation of the definition of "familial relationship" contained within Minnesota Statute § 609.364, subd. 9. I have not found any case law which would support that treatment in this case where the acts occurred in the living room of the parish house.
4. Review of other information made available to me concerning the juvenile victim, age 17 years, does not support the legal requirement that the victim was sufficiently mentally defective, mentally incapacitated, or physically helpless to support prosecution for that special circumstance pursuant to the statutes regarding criminal sexual conduct pursuant to Minnesota Statute § 609.341 to 609.345.
5. During the course of the investigation concerning this matter I was provided with a report concerning the evaluation and subsequent treatment for sexual aggressiveness concerning the perpetrator, which reveals to me that appropriate treatment was voluntarily entered into and completed. Further, I am reliably informed that due to his involvement in this matter, concerns for his further contact with young persons has been identified and dealt with in an appropriate manner.

Therefore, in consideration of all of the above factors, I am not persuaded that the interests of justice require further prosecution in this matter and no prosecution is contemplated.

cc: Louis B. Leland