

41.13 Interestingly, the Gardaí had earlier interviewed Fr McCarthy in relation to a complaint they had received about Fr Jovito* (see Chapter 19). This interview had taken place in June 1995 in or around the time Fr McCarthy was canvassing a religious order about working on the missions. The complainant had alleged that he had been assaulted by Fr Jovito in 1981 in the presbytery where Fr McCarthy was now living. This complainant claimed that he had told Fr Mc McCarthy about the assault. Fr McCarthy admitted that this was the case and that he had taken notes at the time, but that he had destroyed them as he did not wish to leave them lying around. He had recommended that the complainant against Fr Jovito get help, but the complainant was not anxious to pursue the matter.