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MEMORANDUM

TO: File

FROM: Paul E. Brodeur

RE: DIOCESE AUDIT RECORDS Victim [REDACTED] Accused Fr. Peter Walsh

DATE: July 1, 2004

6/30/04 I received notice from Atty. Ovide Lamontagne that the Diocese received a new complaint regarding Priest Abuse. The victim, [REDACTED], did not want to discuss particulars over the phone.

This date called: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
cell [REDACTED]

and advised I was responding to his complaint and needed some particulars to establish the statute of limitations etc.

[REDACTED] advised that as a child he was the outcast. He would go to school every day and he would get beat up. [REDACTED] advised that he felt the church was a safe place and dedicated numerous hours at the church. He would show up at church at 3:30PM for the 4:30PM Mass at St. Thomas Aquinas Rectory. [REDACTED] advised that during 1987 – 1988 he spent hours at the rectory playing chess with Fr. Peter WALSH. [REDACTED] advised that Fr. WALSH told him that what was taking place was OK. [REDACTED] advised at first Fr. WALSH touched him over his clothing but over the 3 or 4 months it ended up that WALSH masturbated him. [REDACTED] advised that he subsequently turned away from the church and had a troubled childhood with his parents etc.

[REDACTED] advised that in 1993 – 1994 he sustained a serious head injury and he forgot a lot that had previously happened to him. He advised that he is counseling for other reasons and recently began playing chess again. He believes it had been 15 years since he had played chess and now that he is playing chess again he is remembering the acts that took place back in 1987 – 1988. [REDACTED] inquired of the Councilor if acts back then could have been forgotten and now being remembered. Councilor felt this could very well be the case.

Advised [REDACTED] that we would review the statutes and also determine where WALSH is at this time and when he would have left NH.

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**DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER
OFFICE OF THE DELEGATE OF THE BISHOP**

**ALLEGATIONS OF SEXUAL ABUSE OF A MINOR
REPORT SUMMARY ~ CIVIL AUTHORITIES**

[REDACTED]

Complainant Name: [REDACTED] (Maiden Name): Address: c/o [REDACTED] Telephone: [REDACTED] cell. DOB: [REDACTED] E-mail: [REDACTED]
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Name of Reporter (if not Complainant): [REDACTED] Relationship: [REDACTED] Telephone: [REDACTED] Address: [REDACTED]

Name of Accused: Fr. Peter Walsh (Franciscan)

- 1. Location (City/Town) of alleged abuse: Derry**
Place of alleged abuse: St. Thomas Aquinas Rectory
Date of alleged abuse: 1987-1988
Nature of alleged abuse: complainant would not specify. He said there were isolated incidents that occurred a "few times".
Age of Complainant at time of alleged abuse: 13 or 14 y/o
- 2. Location (City/Town) of alleged abuse:**
Place of alleged abuse:
Date of alleged abuse:
Nature of alleged abuse:
Age of Complainant at time of alleged abuse:

Complainant has been informed that the Diocese of Manchester will report this allegation to law enforcement (Attorney General/ DCYF if applicable/local law enforcement) Yes X No
Specific Concerns: Complainant wanted to know if the accused is still in ministry. He was at work at the time of his call and was reticent to elaborate on the nature of the abuse. According to the parish records in the Chancery, Fr. Walsh has not been assigned in the Diocese of Manchester since at least August 1992.

Report to DCYF (if complainant under age of 18) 800-894-5533
Date of Contact: / /200 Time: :
Name of DCYF Intake Rep:

Report to Ovide Lamontagne (603-695-8516) for report to AG/law enforcement:
Date of Contact: 6/30/2004 Time: 9:00 AM

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Assistant to the Delegate Other:

MEMORANDUM

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FROM: Paul E. Brodeur

RE: Fr. PETER WALSH accused/ victim [REDACTED]

DATE: July 2, 2004

Received information from Atty. Ovide Lamontagne to contact Provincial Curia,
Very Rev., Robert CAMPAGNA, OFM
125 Thompson St., New York City, NY 10012
tel. 212-674-4388
of the Franciscan Order regarding Fr. Peter WALSH.

This date spoke with Very Rev. Fr. CAMPAGNA. Atty. Lamontagne had previously advised him that I would be calling because of the referral of [REDACTED].

Fr. CAMPAGNA gave me the assignments and information of Fr. WALSH as follows:
PETER WALSH
DOB 07/13/50

Currently in residence at the Retreat House located in Andover, MA. As of 07/06/04 WALSH will be assigned to the above address in NYC, NY. The WALSH assignments are as follows:

1985 to 1992 St. Thomas Aquinas Derry, NH
1992 to 1994 Pastor of a Parish in Troy, NY.
1994 to 2003 at the Mother House as noted above
2003 to current at the Retreat House in Andover, MA.
07/06/04 will be back at the Mother House in NYC, NY

Fr. CAMPAGNA was very forthright and advised that in 1993 WALSH had been arrested in NJ for exposing himself. WALSH received 5 yrs. probation and required to attend counseling. CAMPAGNA advised that WALSH completed the 5 yrs. counseling plus continued on his own for an additional 4 yrs. The Cardinal had taken WALSH's faculties away from him during that time period but had re-instated them after the completion of probation and counseling. But when the most recent church wide incidents came about the current Cardinal again withdrew the faculties of WALSH. During the time when WALSH was without faculties he would work in the Mother House which is called internal ministry assisting with mailings and computer work.

Fr. CAMPAGNA advised that he has been in his capacity since 1995. There were prior incidents when he needed to confront WALSH about the 1993 incident etc. Fr. CAMPAGNA advised that WALSH was accused of exposure but never of touching anyone. CAMPAGNA advised that WALSH has always been very truthful with him and admitted if he had done wrong but also denied accusations if he was not responsible. Fr. CAMPAGNA advised based upon the notification 07/01/04 from Atty. Lamontagne he called and confronted WALSH about these accusations. WALSH advised that he knew the family and the child but he emphatically denied any involvement with [REDACTED].

Fr. CAMPAGNA advised that he is available at any time and will gladly assist law enforcement as needed.

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Brodeur, Paul

From: Ovide M. Lamontagne [olamontagne@devinemillimet.com]
Sent: Friday, July 09, 2004 11:03 AM
To: Brodeur, Paul
Cc: Quinlan, Diane; Donroe, Brenda; jnaff@catholiccharitiesnh.org; Arsenault, Rev. Edward
Subject: [REDACTED] Fr. Peter Walsh

Dear Paul:

I am writing to provide you additional information about the above complaint.

I understand that Fr. Peter Walsh has been removed from public ministry since August of 1993. Although he has been in residence at the Provincial Friary in Andover, MA, Fr. Walsh is being re-assigned to the Provincial Mother House in New York within the next few weeks.

The best contact information I have for you is the legal counsel for the Province, Atty James Geoly or the Provincial Minister, Fr. Robert Campagna, OFM whose addresses and contact information are listed below:

Mr. James Geoly
Burke, Warren, MacKay & Seritella
330 N. Wabash Avenue, 22nd Floor
Chicago, IL 60611-3607

Phone: (312) 840-7080
Fax: (312) 840-7900
Email: jgeoly@burkelaw.com

Fr. Robert M. Campagna, O.F.M.
Provincial Minister
Franciscan Friars - Immaculate Conception Province
126 Thompson Street
New York, NY 10012

Phone: (212) 674-4388
Fax: (212) 533-8034

Please let me know if you have any questions or comments.

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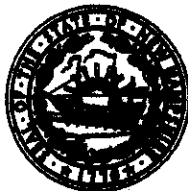
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~~PETER W. HEBB~~
ATTORNEY GENERAL

KELLY A. AYOTTE
DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL



July 9, 2004

County Attorney James M. Reams
10 Route 125 PO Box 1209
Brentwood, NH 03833 Kingston 03848-1209

Re: Reported Priest Abuse of a [REDACTED]

Dear County Attorney Reams:

I receive the newly reported complaints regarding Priest abuse. We attempt to determine if the statute of limitations applies and if further investigation is needed by the respective jurisdiction. This particular report appears to meet the statute of limitation but there is a repressed memory issue that needs to be addressed and whether your court will entertain the matter.

[REDACTED] is currently in therapy for some other reason but because of a renewed playing of chess began to recall acts that took place in 1987 - 1988. [REDACTED] reported being very involved at St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Derry, NH. He then had a serious accident in 1993 or 1994 and his memory was lost. Because of resuming playing chess he has now remembered that in 1987 - 1988 he played chess with a Father Peter Walsh and over a 3 or 4-month period of time acts began by touching over his clothing to masturbation.

I contacted the Superior of Fr. Walsh, Robert Campagna, OFM and he advised that Fr. Peter Walsh had left Derry NH in 1992 and has not returned to NH. Fr. Campagna advised of an arrest of Walsh for exposing but that he has never been accused of assault. Fr. Campagna confronted Walsh who has admitted knowing the family but denies any wrong doings. This is being forwarded to you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Paul E. Brodeur
Investigator
Criminal Justice Bureau

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Brodeur, Paul

From: Ovide M. Lamontagne [olamontagne@devinemillimet.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 01, 2004 11:15 PM
To: Brodeur, Paul
Cc: Arsenault, Rev. Edward; Quinlan, Diane; jnaff@catholiccharitiesnh.org; bdonroe@rcbm.org
Subject: [REDACTED] Fr. Walsh Report

Dear Paul:

The Franciscan provincial superior for Fr. Peter Walsh, OFM is

Very Rev. Robert M. Campagna, OFM
Provincial Curia
125 Thompson St.
New York, NY 10012
212-674-4388

Fr. Campagna that has been notified that the [REDACTED] Walsh report has been forwarded to you and that we would provide his name and address to the N.H. civil authorities.

We now understand from Fr. Campagna that Fr. Walsh, OFM currently resides at:

Franciscan Retreat Center
459 River Road
Andover, MA 01810
978-851-3391

Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Thank you,

Ovide

Brodeur, Paul

To: Ovide M. Lamontagne
Subject: RE: [REDACTED]/Fr. Walsh New Report

I will reach out for this person. Also will determine which statute of limitations apply to this incident. Do you know where Fr. Walsh is at this time? There may be a slight delay in the review of the statute in that Jim Rosenberg is leaving the office today for private practice. Will Delker is a homicide trial in Hills. SC North so will seek a review from some brave Atty.

Just an FYI on [REDACTED] Jim Rosenberg as one of his final acts wrote a second letter to the SAU re: [REDACTED].

-----Original Message-----

From: Ovide M. Lamontagne [mailto:olamontagne@devinemillmet.com]
Sent: Wednesday, June 30, 2004 12:13 PM
To: Brodeur, Paul
Cc: jnaff@catholiccharitiesnh.org; Quinlan, Diane; Arsenault, Rev. Edward; bdonroe@rcbm.org
Subject: [REDACTED]/Fr. Walsh New Report

Dear Paul:

Please find attached a new report which we received yesterday afternoon. The complainant called from work and was not comfortable at the time of his call providing information about the nature of the abuse. He was concerned about whether the accused is still in ministry.

You should know that the accused is a religious order (Franciscan) priest. Fr. Walsh is not presently assigned in the Diocese of Manchester and he has not been assigned here since at least 1992 (according to the diocesan parish files). Diane Quinlan is following up with the religious order. Joe Naff will continue his dialogue and counseling with the complainant. [REDACTED] is aware that a report is being filed with civil authorities.

Fr. Walsh is not assigned in this Diocese and has not been assigned at least since 1992 (according to the diocesan parish files).

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Ovide

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