

Suit accuses two of sexual abuse

A former altar boy at St. Theresa's Church in West Roxbury has filed a lawsuit charging that a Roman Catholic priest had sexually abused him when he was between the ages of 7 and 14. [REDACTED] now 31 and a resident of Washington, also alleged that he had been sexually abused about the same time by a Boy Scout troop leader. The suit names the archbishop of Boston, but not the priest, John Cotter, who has since died, as a defendant. Also named as defendants are the Boy Scouts of America and troop leader William Reynolds of West Roxbury. Laurence E. Hardoon, an attorney for [REDACTED], said the alleged abuse by Father Cotter occurred between 1968 and 1975 on parish property, and abuse by Reynolds allegedly occurred between 1969 and 1976 during camping trips.