

OFFICE OF SEXUAL ABUSE PREVENTION AND RESPONSE SERVICES
ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE
SEXUAL ABUSE INTAKE REPORT

Date Report Taken: June 11, 2007

Time: Phone X In Person

REDACTED

Received By: Amy Peterson

Person Reporting:

Phone Number:

Address:

[REDACTED]

Allegations made by:
(if not same as above)

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Date of Birth:

Age at time of

Allegations: Thirteen years old

Allegations Against: Father Lawrence Murphy

Time Period: 1965

Where: St. John's School for the Deaf in Milwaukee, WI

Reported: (Previously? To Whom?) Parents

Alleged Abuse:

[REDACTED] was eleven years old when his parents sent him to St. John's. His family lived in Chicago so [REDACTED] was a resident of the school. [REDACTED] reported that at the age of thirteen, he was called by Murphy into a dressing room closet. In the closet, told [REDACTED] to unzip his pants. Murphy touched [REDACTED] penis and continued to masturbate him. During the molestation, Murphy asked [REDACTED] "If he knew what this is?" [REDACTED] said that they heard a nun coming down the hall and that Murphy told him to "zip up" and then told him to go to bed. [REDACTED] said that this incident was the only time Murphy touched him. [REDACTED] said that while sleeping in the dorms, he would witness Murphy going to other boy's beds and touching them. He stated that other boys in the school touched him and had sex with each other on regular occurrences. [REDACTED] said that he would ask other students if Murphy did this to them and they would say yes, and it's o.k., it's not a sin. They also told him not to tell anyone. On one visit home, [REDACTED] went to confession in Chicago and confessed to Father Walsh that Murphy had touched his penis. Walsh stated that it was not okay and that he would report it. [REDACTED] went back to school and was confronted by other students saying "Did you tell on Father Murphy?" They threatened to beat him up and he denied having told anyone about what Murphy was doing.

During the next year, the memory of the incident continued to make [REDACTED] feel sick and the idea of being beaten up by other students raised his anxiety. He got sick enough for a nun at the school to phone his parents. His parents came to pick him up and on the ride home to Chicago he told his parents that Murphy had touched his penis. [REDACTED] said his father got so angry that he turned the car around to go back and confront Murphy. [REDACTED] pleaded with him not to and so they continued to go home. They did not send [REDACTED] back to St. John's School.

History:

[REDACTED] stated that the impact of the incident with Murphy had a profound impact on him. He dropped out of school and began working at the age of 15. He also left the Catholic Church. He worked for over thirty years as a water main worker. He recently retired. He stated that he had put this behind him, but in the past year, many former students and classmates from St. John's School have been talking about it at gatherings and calling him and asking him if it happened to him. He decided that he would come and report the incident and feels like he wants to again put it behind him. [REDACTED] has been married for 23 years and his wife accompanied him to make this report. She was also a student at St. John's School and remembered the students talking about Murphy molesting the boys. She also stated that as far as she knew, he never molested the girls. She also stated that families were meeting to talk about Murphy until he was finally dismissed from the school.

Next Steps:

Victim Assistance Coordinator offered support for therapy if needed and also offered to assist with contacting Eva Soeka. [REDACTED] the interpreter stated to this reporter that [REDACTED] ASL is limited and he will need assistance in order to move ahead with mediation.

- Archbishop Timothy Dolan
- Bishop Richard Sklba
- Fr. Curt Frederick (Clergy)
- Fr. Al Veik (Religious)
- Rick Tank (Non-Cleric)
- Barbara Anne Cusack
- District Attorney

Intake form
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