

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

Date Report Taken: July 9, 2008

Time: Phone X In Person

REDACTED

Received By: Amy Peterson

Person Reporting: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Allegations made by:
(if not same as above)

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

Age at time of

Allegations: eight/nine

Allegations Against: Father Lawrence Murphy

Time Period: 1957/58

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

Reported: (Previously? To Whom?)

Alleged Abuse:

[REDACTED] went to St. John's School at the age of five. He stated that his first year was good and nothing remarkable took place. He had an ongoing bed wetting problem and in his first two years, the nuns were understanding and helped him clean up his bed. [REDACTED] stated that he was a good lip reader and was advanced to the second grade. While in the second grade on one occasion, he went to the bathroom. He described the bathrooms as open and there were no doors in the toilet area. He was washing his hands when he noticed another boy in the washroom, this boy was named [REDACTED] he was an older student and from Canada. He motioned for [REDACTED] to come over to him. [REDACTED] did and [REDACTED] grabbed his wrist and pulled him over. [REDACTED] put his hands on [REDACTED] penis and tried to turn him around to sit on [REDACTED] lap. [REDACTED] said he resisted and [REDACTED] said, "it is OK, Father Murphy does this to me". [REDACTED] said this was the only incident with another student.

[REDACTED] said that in third grade, he was still wetting his bed and the some of the nuns were getting frustrated with him. He stated that worrying about wetting the bed became a source of anxiety for him. One of the nuns told Murphy about his bed wetting. On one occasion during the day, Murphy instructed [REDACTED] to come with him. He took him into the cloakroom. At this time [REDACTED] showed reporter photo of this room. While in the room, Murphy said to [REDACTED] "you have been wetting the bed" and [REDACTED] said he responded by saying he was trying to stop but Murphy began unbuttoning his cloak. He then pulled his belt off of his pants and told [REDACTED] he had to punish him. [REDACTED] continued to plead and state that he would try to stop, but Murphy continued and ordered [REDACTED] to bend over onto the bench in the coatroom. [REDACTED] did so, but then Murphy said "wait, pull down your pants". [REDACTED] did so But left his underwear on, and Murphy told [REDACTED] to pull down his underwear as well. He refused and Murphy pulled down his underwear. [REDACTED] said that he was terrified and that his penis was exposed. He said Murphy began hitting him on the buttocks with the buckle part of the belt. [REDACTED] reported that he tried to stand up and move away but that Murphy forced him to continue to bend over and take a total of five hits of the belt. [REDACTED] said that Murphy was looking at him and felt that he was also looking a at his penis. After the five hits with the belt, Murphy told him to pull up his pants and to stop wetting his bed.

[REDACTED] said he pulled up his pants and that although he was in pain, scared and crying, he walked away. From that moment on he remained confused and anxious about what had happened. He tried to tell his mother at Thanksgiving about what had happened and his sister became a translator for him. His mother and older brother visited the school at the end of the holiday and asked why Murphy had beaten him and wanted to see the policies about discipline.

The only other incident that occurred with Murphy was when [REDACTED] was in Murphy's office during the end of summer camp. [REDACTED] and two other students, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and the driver were in Murphy's office. According to [REDACTED] Murphy said "you are getting heavy and I heard you have breasts". Murphy then told him to lift up his shirt and the driver commented that [REDACTED]'s breasts looked like his wife's and they all laughed at [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] reported that he also received a lot of teasing over the years from other kids about his bed wetting. He also had years of insomnia while at St. John's for fear of wetting his bed and this negatively affected his ability to learn.

History: -

[REDACTED] was one of [REDACTED] children to [REDACTED] immigrant parents. He said he was the only deaf child and that his parents couldn't speak English. He said that he was sent to St. John's at the recommendation of one of his friends mothers. He had tried to put the

emotional pain of his experiences at St. John's behind him but in the past few years, it has continued to come up through media and friends. He said he had become very sad lately about what had happened. He stated that he has many mixed feelings about St. Johns. He said that one of the unresolved issues is that during his second year of high school, his parents could no longer afford his tuition. So, he had been given the opportunity to work at [redacted] Corp. He said that his paychecks would go toward tuition. Just before graduation, he met the president of [redacted] Corp. and had the opportunity for thanking him for letting him work there and that the money he earned paid his tuition. The president said that he was under the understanding that his company agreed to pay the tuition outright and that the income was to give [redacted] extra money. [redacted] stated that he has always felt confused about the money. [redacted] was very emotional during the interview and repeated how difficult it was to talk about what happened at St. John's. He still feels a lot of shame about it but wants to try to put it past him. He is married and has two children. He has been a union brick layer for more than most of his adult life. He stated that he loves his job.

Next Steps:

[redacted] said that he felt better after talking to VAC. He said he feels that because his parents paid tuition and he was hurt at the school he would like some compensation. VAC said she would submit this report and update him about possible next steps. VAC will remain available for ongoing support.

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Intake form
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