

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

Date Report Taken: April 22, 2006

Time: 11:00 a.m. \_\_\_\_\_ Phone  In Person

Received By: Amy Peterson

Person Reporting:  
Phone Number:  
Address:

[REDACTED]

REDACTED

Allegations made by:  
(if not same as above)

Name:  
Address:  
Phone:

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]  
Age at time of  
Allegations: 15 through 25 years old

Allegations Against:  
Time Period:  
Where:

Father Lawrence Murphy  
1954 through 1964  
St. John's School for the Deaf  
Milwaukee WI

Reported: (Previously? To Whom?)

[REDACTED] has only previously spoken to his wife [REDACTED] about the abuse and more recently his sons learned of the abuse as well. And also, he learned from his nephew, [REDACTED] who informed him about the updated news about St. John's so somehow, he finally and trustily expressed his shamed hidden life for 52 years with [REDACTED]

Alleged Abuse:

[REDACTED] attended St. John's School from 1943 as a five year old through 1955 and eighth grade. [REDACTED] reported that while in eighth grade, when he was 15, Father Murphy called him to one of the dorm rooms. The room where a dorm supervisor resided and while there Father Murphy touched [REDACTED] ejaculated on his genitals. While he was touching [REDACTED], he would explain that he was teaching [REDACTED] about sex. He even had [REDACTED] ejaculate into a spoon and said that it was sperm and that was what could make girls pregnant. [REDACTED] stated that during the molestation, Father Murphy would say he was forgiving his sins and that he didn't have to worry. [REDACTED] stated that this occurred on many occasions. He also reported that he would see Father Murphy touching other boys in their beds. He would go from bed to bed while boys were lying in their bunk beds and touch them. [REDACTED] saw Father Murphy sit down on the boys' beds and he always brought the tissues for the boys' ejaculation, wiping their genitals in the late evening while he forcefully woke up them. Father Murphy knew that [REDACTED] saw what he had been doing to the boys. Then [REDACTED] saw Father Murphy hopping to the different boys' beds in a single evening. [REDACTED] could see Father Murphy very clear because of the window with no drapes or blinds. Suddenly out of the blue, he told [REDACTED] to keep what he saw a secret.

There was a boy scout camp called Camp Owalski that [REDACTED] attended both during winter and summer breaks. That camping site the Scout Boys for the Deaf in 1952 was founded by Father Murphy. So, [REDACTED] went there during the Winter Camp for just three days and the Summer Camp was held for one week which was seven days. At the camp, Father Murphy called [REDACTED] to his private room with the locked door and again, brought tissues that he used to wipe off the semen when he masturbated [REDACTED] and himself. Then Father Murphy went to his bedroom. Next day, again Father Murphy called other boys each evening. This camp cost money and [REDACTED] family didn't have any money so Father Murphy offered to pay for [REDACTED] to attend. The parents of [REDACTED] didn't know that the abuse was occurring and so thought it was a wonderful gesture. Murphy molested [REDACTED] at the camp on several occasions for three years which included the summer/winter camp in 1954 and also, again in the summer of 1955.

-Father Murphy would visit [REDACTED] family during summer holidays even after [REDACTED] left St. Johns when he graduated as an 8th grader. He came also when he was attending Minnesota School for the Deaf (currently Minnesota State Academy for the Deaf) in Faribault, Minnesota when he was a 9th grader. During the summer after 9th grade, when [REDACTED] finished working, he saw Father Murphy and another deaf guy. On one trip, Murphy brought another deaf guy with him to visit [REDACTED] and took them on a trip to Duluth, Minnesota where they stayed at Father Murphy's good friend's house. During this trip, Father Murphy tried again to molest [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was older after graduating from St. John's School for the Deaf and able to say no.

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After refusing Father Murphy's advances, Father Murphy sent [REDACTED] to the bus station to return home at Murphy's expense. His parents were concerned about why he had come back early and on his own. Father Murphy continued to visit families in Minnesota, [REDACTED] recalls six times.

On another occasion, in summer 1964, on a Saturday afternoon, Father Murphy was to marry [REDACTED] friend. [REDACTED] was 26 at the time. When [REDACTED] drove from St. Paul to Minneapolis where the wedding was held, on Friday afternoon for rehearsal dinner at the parents' house, he saw Father Murphy and he got very uncomfortable. That was where Father Murphy took [REDACTED] to the motel for a day and they ended up to spending the night together although he originally planned to drive back to his home after the rehearsal dinner. He wanted to avoid Murphy. Father Murphy told [REDACTED] to leave his car at the parents' house so he rode with Father Murphy to the motel. There was only a full size bed in the room. Father Murphy did masturbated [REDACTED] until he ejaculated. They slept in the same bed until the next day. They went to the wedding hall. When it was over, [REDACTED] drove home from Minneapolis.

On another occasion, in fall 1964, Father Murphy was to marry [REDACTED] best friend. [REDACTED] was the best man. The wedding was in Illinois. [REDACTED] drove up there all the way from St. Paul. On Friday afternoon [REDACTED] arrived at the groom's parents house because he was going to stay with them for the weekend. But when [REDACTED] arrived, he was informed by the groom's family that he was staying with Murphy at the motel. [REDACTED] didn't say anything to the groom because he was ashamed to say no to him and felt he had no choice. So, all of the wedding party stayed at the groom's parents for the dinner and after rehearsal at the church. After dinner, [REDACTED] followed Father Murphy to the motel. He quickly zoomed into a bed, lay down and pretended he was asleep and that he didn't feel good. Father Murphy forcibly woke him up to ride with him to find a store where he could buy the medication he needed, but the stores were closed in the late evening. They ended up returning to the motel. Murphy came into the room which only had a full-size bed in the room. Murphy attempted to molest [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] said no. Again, Father Murphy did touch him two times. However, [REDACTED] pushed Father Murphy's hand two times stubbornly. Then they slept on the same bed for that evening overnight. [REDACTED] was shaky and his heart pounded loudly. The next day, [REDACTED] wouldn't go to the shower because he was afraid that Father Murphy might enter the bathroom while he was showering. So he decided to get dressed in his tux as the best man. Then he waited for Father Murphy to finish his errands such as shower and etc. Then they went to the church. In the meantime, the groom and the bride left for their honeymoon, Father Murphy again asked [REDACTED] to spend time with him at the same motel. [REDACTED] bluntly said to him, NO! Then suddenly, [REDACTED] drove to his home to Minnesota.

History:

[REDACTED] has carried the secret of his abuse for over 52 years, telling only his wife when in 1963 [REDACTED] had been going steady for three years, before their marriage in [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] shared his nightmares with her when they fell in love [REDACTED] has had ongoing nightmares. He still wakes up frequently with nightmares. His wife has tried over the past 43 years to be of comfort, but they both report it has been difficult. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] is the same day that Murphy died, August 21. He believes that there are dates that keep the memory of what happened very painful. Especially, every time when [REDACTED] comes up, memories of the abuse automatically pop up in his mind. He has strong emotions and he NEVER enjoys his special days.

In 1974, Father Murphy left St. John's School for the Deaf due to his health reasons behind the rumors spread out that he molested the boys. So, [REDACTED] Mom had been questioning him to see if he was molested by Father Murphy. [REDACTED] continuously denied this for 28 years. [REDACTED] did not tell his parents what happened until his mother was ill. On [REDACTED] the day before his mother died, [REDACTED] told her what had happened and apologized for not telling her sooner when she had asked. There were times his mother would ask because of what had come out about Murphy's history of abuse. [REDACTED] reports that he has suffered terribly from this past. [REDACTED] also shared stories about how some of the nuns physically abused him. One sister in particular was Sister Ethel Strunk.

Next Steps:

Victim Assistance Coordinator gave [REDACTED] and his wife the contact information for the mediation system. VAC informed them about the Archdiocese's willingness to support payment for therapy cost if they would choose to pursue therapy. VAC will be available on an ongoing basis for support and to answer any questions they may have. VAC will also direct [REDACTED] to the provincial to report the physical abuse by the nuns.

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