

OFFICE OF SEXUAL ABUSE PREVENTION AND RESPONSE SERVICES
ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE

SEXUAL ABUSE INTAKE REPORT

Date Report Taken: April 18, 2006

Time: 3:00 p.m. Phone In Person

Received By: Amy Peterson

Person Reporting: [REDACTED]
Phone Number: [REDACTED]
Address: [REDACTED]

REDACTED

Allegations made by:
(if not same as above)

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

Age at time of

Allegations: 10 years old

Allegations Against: Father Murphy

Time Period: 1969-1970

Where: St. John's School, Milwaukee Wisconsin

Reported: (Previously? To Whom?)

Alleged Abuse:

[REDACTED] was a student at St. John's School for the Deaf. When he was ten years old, during the Thanksgiving Holiday when most of the children were away or home, Father Murphy phoned [REDACTED] parents and asked if [REDACTED] could attend a banquet with him. At the banquet, a check would be presented to St. Johns by the Knights of Columbus [REDACTED] parents said yes. Murphy picked [REDACTED] up from his home. [REDACTED] put on his school uniform for the banquet. When Murphy picked him up, they drove around for a little while. While driving, Murphy put his hand on [REDACTED] thigh. [REDACTED] states that he became really uncomfortable. Murphy pulled the car over and proceeded to put his hand into [REDACTED] pants. [REDACTED] didn't know what to do. Murphy then unzipped [REDACTED] pants and touched his genitals, masturbating [REDACTED] says that he was in shock. When they arrived at the ceremony and got out of the car, [REDACTED] said Murphy told him to tuck in his shirt. They then went to the ceremony, to dinner and mass. [REDACTED] shared a photo taken at the banquet. After the banquet, Murphy took [REDACTED] for ice cream and then returned [REDACTED] home. [REDACTED] stated that Murphy touched his genitals and masturbated him on 2 other occasions. [REDACTED] never told anyone because he didn't know how to and didn't think anyone would believe him. [REDACTED] said that shortly after the sexual abuse occurred, Murphy called his older brother [REDACTED] into his office and was ranting that he never touched [REDACTED] that there were rumors but he never did anything. [REDACTED] reports that his brother was confused and didn't know what Murphy was talking about.

History: [REDACTED] is one of 10 children, 3 of whom are deaf. [REDACTED] attended St. Johns for more than ten years. [REDACTED] left St. Johns when he was a junior and never graduated. He stated that he had been falsely accused of selling drugs to students by Father Zerkel and suspended three times. On one occasion, two girls were caught smoking pot and Zerkel phoned their parents stating that [REDACTED] sold the pot to them. [REDACTED] states that he had been a leader in the school. [REDACTED] believes that Father Zerkel began targeting him after an incident involving another student and Tom Tannehill. Tom was a dorm supervisor that according to [REDACTED] sexually abused him and over 20 other students. One of the students punched Tom when he tried to molest him. Father Zerkel punished the student for striking Tom. [REDACTED] went to Father Zerkel to explain that Tom attempted to molest this student and that is why he punched him. Father Zerkel accused [REDACTED] of lying. He then went on the suspend [REDACTED] on several occasions for allegedly selling drugs, although according to [REDACTED] there was no reason to do so. Tom Tannehill moved to Indiana 1 year later and was arrested there for sexually molesting boys at another deaf school. When Father Zerkel found out, he apologized to [REDACTED]. During [REDACTED] junior year, his older brother [REDACTED] went to talk to Father Zerkel several times about why he was accusing [REDACTED] of selling drugs when it wasn't true. On one occasion, [REDACTED] according to [REDACTED] found father Zerkel with Sister Roberta in her office coming out of the infirmary in their bathrobes. [REDACTED] dropped out of St. John's in his junior year. [REDACTED] stated that Zerkel had suspended him 3 times, telling [REDACTED] parents he was expelled. Later Zerkel recanted and said [REDACTED] could return to school. [REDACTED] declined to return and moved in with his older brother. He began working. and successfully built a career in carpentry. He states that he is doing well, except that sometimes during the night he wakes up with flashbacks of Murphy molesting him. He has a 10 year old daughter and has shared custody of her with his ex-wife. [REDACTED] states he does not need therapy. He is currently on disability for a back injury suffered on the job. [REDACTED] feels that he received a good education at St. Johns, that there were good teachers, but the

administration was incompetent and the administrators Father Zerkel and Sister Roberta were very immature.

Next Steps: [REDACTED] is interested in pursuing mediation. VAC gave [REDACTED] the number to contact Eva Soika. VAC will be available for ongoing support as needed. [REDACTED] asked if VAC could attend mediation with him.

Archbishop Timothy Dolan

Bishop Richard Sklba

Fr. Curt Frederick (Clergy)

Fr. Al Veik (Religious)

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