

OFFICE OF SEXUAL ABUSE PREVENTION AND RESPONSE SERVICES
ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE

SEXUAL ABUSE INTAKE REPORT

Date Report Taken: July 10, 2006
Time: 2:00 pm Phone In Person

Received By: Amy Peterson

REDACTED

Person Reporting:
Phone Number:
Address:

[REDACTED]

Allegations made by:
(if not same as above)

Name:
Address:
Phone:

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]
Age at time of Allegations: four to eight years old

Allegations Against:

Rev. Lawrence Murphy

Time Period:
Where:

1970 through 1974
St. Johns School for the Deaf
St. Francis WI

Reported: (Previously? To Whom?)

Alleged Abuse:

[REDACTED] began attending St. Johns School at the age of three. Her two older brothers were already there. The family moved from Minnesota in order for the two deaf boys to attend St. Johns. [REDACTED] stated that the family was very religious and heard about St. Johns so they moved to St. Francis in order for her two older brothers to attend and so the family would be closer to the school. [REDACTED] was born in St. Francis and as stated above also attended St. Johns. She said that her family lived very close to St. Johns, only about one block away. Because they were close, Father Murphy often used the children, [REDACTED] and her brothers, to go to special events with him and represent the school. [REDACTED] showed this reporter a picture of her with Murphy from a newspaper article when she was four years old and accepting an award on behalf of St. Johns. Murphy also had the three [REDACTED] children come to the school during the summers to help around the grounds. [REDACTED] stated that she remembered Murphy telling her she was such a sweet, pretty girl. She stated that she believed Murphy favored her and her two brothers, partly because they lived so close to school. She reported that during summer breaks, she would go to St. Johns with her older brothers. While there, she would have to go to the bathroom, Murphy would take her into the bathroom and watch her go to the bathroom. She stated that she remembers him staring at her while her she was going to the bathroom. She also stated that she remembers being taken into his office and he would put her on his lap. She said when she was on his lap; he would put his hands on her outside of her clothes and rub her genital area. [REDACTED] said that she didn't understand why he did this, and never said anything because he was a priest and she looked up to him. "If he was doing this, it must be okay". She stated that it wasn't until she got much older that she realized what had happened and how much harm Murphy had caused to so many. She reported that Murphy continued to watch her go to the bathroom and put her on his lap during summer breaks until he left the school in 1974. [REDACTED] reported that there were very few people around the school during the summer and that although Murphy primarily abused boys, felt that she was victimized because she was so close to school and was at the school with her brothers during summer breaks.

History:

[REDACTED] is from a very large family. She is the younger sister of [REDACTED] who has also reported sexual abuse by Murphy. While she was telling this reporter her story, she referred to two older brothers. This reporter has interviewed one of them, [REDACTED]. She stated that when she was a child, her two older deaf brothers would ask her to perform oral sex on them. She was so young around five or six and didn't understand why they wanted her to do this. She stated during this report that much more recently, when she read the article about Murphy in spring of 2006, she and her two brothers talked to each other about the article and shared their respective stories of abuse by Murphy. [REDACTED] said that she told her brothers that she didn't hold them responsible for what they had asked her to do. She expressed to them that she

understood their behavior was because of what happened at St. Johns. She stated that [REDACTED] has been relieved to be forgiven for what he did to her at a very young age. She reported that she and her two brothers were isolated from the rest of the family because of their deafness. As adults, they have not maintained strong connections the other siblings or the parents. [REDACTED] says that she sent the article to her parents who currently live in Arizona and they never responded or wanted to talk about it. [REDACTED] says that she feels much closer to her brothers since the article came out and that she and her husband have also spoken to each other about their respective situations. [REDACTED] says that she has done fairly well emotionally, but has flashbacks from time to time and feels angry about what happened. She has three children and reports being very happily married to her husband [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] stated that she was willing to come forward with her story because both her husband and her brother had already done so and reported to her that it was a positive experience.

Next Steps:

[REDACTED] reported that she would like to move ahead to mediation, but stated that [REDACTED] had difficulty getting his mediation to move ahead. She wanted them to mediate together, mostly to save time and energy in setting up two separate mediations. Victim Assistance Coordinator will be available for support as needed.

Archbishop Timothy Dolan

Bishop Richard Sklba

Fr. Curt Frederick (Clergy)

Fr. Al Veik (Religious)

Rick Tank (Non-Cleric)

Barbara Anne Cusack

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