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Edward Kelley

To:Chancery Office
2121 Commonwealth Ave.
Brighton Mass.
From:Nahant Police Dept.
Nahant Mass.

Aug.15,1977

On Aug.4,1977 at 4am in the morning Officers Szczawinski and Perry of the Nahant Police Dept.were on regular patrol. We came to the intersection of cliff and Willow St. where we observed a blue sedan parked at the side of the road. We observed a person jump from the seat of the car. This individual had his pants and underwear wrapped around his ankles. He had no clothing on him from the waist down.He hurriedly began to pull up his pants. Another individual started to pick up clothes from the sidewalk.We could not see this individual because he was reaching from the car seat.He was picking up the clothes in a quick manner. We noticed this second person pick up a pair of blue pin-stripe pants.

We then pulled up next to the car and I(Off. Perry) told the driver of the car to move on.When I did this I recognized the driver as a priest . I knew him when I went to High School at St. Marys in Lynn. In the passenger side of the car was a young male. They were the only occupants of the car. The driver was perspiring heavily.

At this point the driver left. We followed them in the cruiser After discussing the matter between ourselves we put on our overhead blue lights to stop the car to ascertain exactly what was going on. The driver, though proceeding at a slow speed, would not stop. We then pulled in front of the car to cut him off.

Off. Szczawinski talked with the young male and found out he was a 19 year old from Danvers. Off. Perry talked with the driver After seeing his license and registration Off. Perry confirmed the fact that he was a priest. He was the Rev. Edward Kelley formerly stationed at St. Marys in Lynn.

Fr. Kelley was still sweating profusely. Off. perry observed that the Father was wearing a pair of blue pin stripe pants. I asked the Father to get out of the car.He was not wearing his

shoes as they were on the floor of the car. He was in his stocking feet. I then asked the father what he was doing back there and he said that the boy was going the bathroom. I then asked him what he was doing in Nahant at that hour and he said he was counseling the young man.

After a slight pause in our conversation I then the statement that;"Father, from what I see here, I have nothing but really bad thoughts about the circumstances that just occurred." Fr. Kelley made no response to that statement.

Off. Perry then observed in the back seat of the car beer cans in a cardboard box, the type used to hold together a case of beer. I also noticed an assortment of clothes strewn over the back.

We then told the Father to get into his car and leave.

An hour later Off. Perry returned to the original scene and found a broken bottle of Bacardi at the exact spot the car was parked. I tasted the droplets on the broken glass and they had the taste of alcohol.

After investigating further we discovered that Fr. Kelley was stationed at St. Columbkille Parish in Brighton.

From all the above circumstances it was the opinion of the two officers concerned that we relate this incident to the Chancery Office.

Sincerely Yours,
Officer Gerard D. Perry

Officer William Szczawinski

Nahant Police Dept.

Name **Kelley, Rev. Edward T.**

I. D. #**6824**

Date of Birth **9/22/42**

Place of Birth **Lowell**

Date of Ordination **May 29, 1968**

Place of Ordination **Holy Cross Cathedral**

Home Address **35 Fremont St Lowell**

Home Tel No. **452-1320**

Date Assigned	Office	Place Assigned	Date Detached
6/12/68	Asst.	St. Mary, Lynn	6/3/75
6/3/75	Assoc. Pastor	St. Columbkille, Brighton	6/18/85
6/18/85	Parochial Vicar	St. Francis of Assisi, Medford	6/5/93
6/5/93	Unassigned-Special		7/25/93
7/25/93	Sick Leave-Exempt		10-01-96
10-01-96	Counselor	Priests Recover Program/Our Lady's Hall, Milton	12/1/2001
12/1/2001	Unassigned		

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5/24/77 - 1:30 - 2:15

Met with Rev Edw T. Kelly 68
re attached. J.K. stated that he had
visited two homes earlier in the evening
of Aug 3 - "thank more than to
should of" - He had been visiting
homes of young people (men) who used
to serve as waiters at Camp Johnson
M.H. - (to ask for retarded program) -
(J.K. has always had charge of waiters).
He stopped at light on way home. Young
man - unknown to J.K. - jumped into
seat beside him - asked for ride to
Nabant - told story of his brother - looking
for him - perhaps in Nabant. J.K. said
ok to ride to Nabant. Stopped at one
of beaches in ~~the Nabant area~~ - G. Garner -
left car to return home - Police
came on scene. "Unfortunate set of
circumstances all around." G. Officer Perry
formally for S. May's N.S. L. pm. all looked
very bad. Got back in car - dropped young
man off - G. police report.

I indicated to J.K. that I wanted to
help - spoke of vulnerability of people to accusations
etc - the obligation to assist those with problems.
J.K. said it was entirely unfortunate circumstances
about which he was very "stupid" to allow to happen.
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He is not about to frequent Stulcent
again for a long time. Was grateful for
understanding.

Told story of harassment by young
married man - who physically attacked
him on one occasion because of
his support of his wife's mother
in opposition to marriage, originally.
"Does doctor operate (act) independently
in such cases?" he asked. "No."
replied. If he were to get a legal
injunction for his own protection, he
should initiate action & ACA would
support him. This letter runs
completely apart from case in question.

Aug 15, 1977 - 1 PM to TW

Chief Delamora called on phone
to report Rev. Ed. Kelly - ~~Connelly~~ - Anne Koster
at Columbus - Boston -
Drinking on car,
dropped - in 15 or 20 day.
picked up by Walnut Police.

1:30 PM Left for Walnut - spoke with Det. officers
as noted in attached report - also Chief
Delamora of Walnut Police.
No charges are to be filed because no act
actually witnessed - Ordinance circumstantial.

Officer King called his friend J. Thomas Phelan
at St. Thomas Michael who told him to
call Charnery. - return the call.

2:45 - Left Walnut Police to
return to Charnery.

+ Thomas Phelan

CONFIDENTIAL REPORT

TO: Rev. John B. McCormack ✓
FROM: Sr. Catherine E. Mulkerrin
RE: Allegation of [REDACTED] about Fr. Edward T. Kelley
DATE: April 27, 1993

- I. Please refer to letter received from [REDACTED] on March 16, 1993 for initial background - in prior memo. Letters were sent by CEM in response and to set up meeting time.
- II. Report of CEM's phone conversation with psychotherapist Julie Schauman with the permission of [REDACTED]. April 16, 1993, Julie Schauman described [REDACTED] as a remarkable man who has done miracles with his life, referring especially to his alcohol-free life. She thinks [REDACTED] would probably see her more frequently, except that she does not accept insurance. ([REDACTED] in his appointment said that he could not get out of work more often than once in three weeks; he has not told his employers about his counseling.)

Julie spoke of [REDACTED]'s integrity; "he is not a blamer and is willing to accept responsibility." She believes that everything that has happened is drawing him closer to God, including his most recent response from the Church.

She has two different opinions about [REDACTED]'s inability to name the priest. First, [REDACTED] was protecting him because the man was probably very loving and his experiences were therefore not terrible, especially for a boy who was emotionally very needy. Second, though, and "very deep down", if [REDACTED] were to say the name, he has the fear that he would be killed; he "trusted in a disciple of God."

[REDACTED] could not trust his own Mom and Dad. He did trust God and therefore, a disciple of God. She commented on how bright [REDACTED] is and the fact that it is only fairly recently that memories have come back, because he is free of alcohol.

- III. Evening appointment of CEM with [REDACTED] at Chancery on Wednesday, April 21, 1993.

[REDACTED] is thirty-four years old. He is currently working for an investment firm, is working on a Master's degree in English at Salem State, dates a thirty year old woman (his marriage was annulled last year, information he wants great confidentiality about). He lives with his parents and is in his fifth year of sobriety. [REDACTED] attends three to four AA meetings a week (some

with his father) and has been in counseling since January 1989. He presents very well - attractive, humorous (once his abuse descriptions were finished.), well dressed, intelligent. He wants to get a lot behind him, start living, have a family, etc.

[REDACTED] named three places where his sexual encounters with Fr. Kelley took place: St. Mary Rectory in Lynn, Camp Fatima, and St. Columbkille Rectory in Brighton. When he was fourteen, at St. Mary's, he does not remember whether both he and Fr. Kelley had alcohol or marijuana; Fr. Kelley took [REDACTED]'s pants down, groped around, but did not persist. He did that one or two other times.

[REDACTED] said that Fr. Kelley "befriended us group of boys, took us to concerts, games and had rapport as a young priest who could talk to the boys their age." [REDACTED] said there was always alcohol (beer included) and that Fr. Kelley would get out of control. When [REDACTED] was 15 or 16 (1970's) and helping at Camp Fatima, he recalls that at the end of the day there was a half a keg of beer out for a party for the workers. He slept in a cabin that accommodated twenty boys. Father Kelley forced himself into [REDACTED]'s sleeping bag - groping, -touching. [REDACTED] pretended to be in a deep sleep and eventually Fr. Kelley left. [REDACTED] -in shock- that other boys would hear.")

When [REDACTED] was seventeen, Fr. Kelley took him to New York City to see the Mets game. In the hotel room there was drinking and the sexual encounters escalated. There was oral sex. [REDACTED] says that he threw Fr. Kelley out of the bed and told him to stay away from him. At the same time he said there was some reciprocation.

[REDACTED] from this time on began to drink heavily to smooth over his despondency and to keep up a facade of being happy.

In subsequent years (crossing from minor to adult status as [REDACTED] acknowledged) he visited St. Columbkille's. The two would go to the movies or out eating and then go back to Fr. Kelley's room. They drank, listened to records. "He sodomized me once." [REDACTED] thinks there were ten or eleven of these visits, with sexual encounters and with "complicity." (Original letter - pastor prohibited visits in room.)

In the early 80's, when [REDACTED] was in his early twenties,

he told Fr. Kelley -at Camp Fatima- "I don't do that anymore."
He asked Fr. Kelley if he thought what they had done was
a sin in God's eyes, Fr. Kelley answered yes.

In 1987 or 1988 Fr. Kelley called [REDACTED], but he would not
go to see him. [REDACTED] is sure he "was replaced by another
kid at St. Columbkille's.

[REDACTED] is willing that his name be used. He wants to
protect others from the same experiences.

IV. See attached letter regarding counseling - past expenses and
arrangements for future. (CEM has copy)

CEM:tt

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REVIEW BOARD
November 3, 1994

Case # 7

Allegations:

- In 1977 the priest was found by police in a parking area with his pants down, with a 19-year old male.
- In 1986 he went into treatment for alcohol abuse.
- In 1992 he was accused of sexual conversation and sexual touching of a young boy in 1977.
- In 1993 he was accused of repeated sexual molestation of a then 15 year old boy in 1974 and subsequent years into adulthood.

Complainant:

- The first complaint regarding the 19 year old male was brought by the Police in 1977.
- The alcoholic intervention was precipitated by priests.
- The 1977 incidents with a young boy were brought by a young man in 1992 who refused to be more specific and to be in further contact. Another man joined in this allegation, but we never heard from him again. Recently the original accuser filled a civil suit.
- The 1974 allegations came in 1993 from 34 year old recovering alcoholic. He is working for an investment firm, and working towards a Masters in English.

Response:

Initial denial - Over the years in therapy, he has come to accept the fact that while he was drinking he did become sexually involved with older adolescent males. He maintains that he does not recall the incident alleged to have occurred in 1977.

Background of the Priest:

He is a 51 year old priest who acknowledged being an alcoholic. He has been sober now for eight years. The diagnosis from St. Luke's was sexual disorder, not otherwise specified, unintegrated sexuality (309.20); alcohol dependence in remission (303.90). He is intelligent, shy and lacking in confidence. He is respected by those who know him.

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Impressions:

This priest is a model of cooperation and tries very hard in therapy. He has a strong identification with the priesthood. He is faithful to his 12-step program and spiritual direction. He is grateful for the efforts made on his behalf regarding these matter.

Action to date:

He was allowed to continue in ministry until the allegation made later in 1993. He has been treated at Guest House in 1986 and assessed and treated at Saint Luke's in 1993. In February of 1993 the Delegate recommended that he enter into individual and group therapy, and continue in ministry. The Board approved, adding that he should be supervised by his pastor. In April of 1993 the Board was informed that a second review would be needed, based on new information. He is living in a group setting.

Future plans/Questions:

The priest was recently made aware that there is very little hope that he will ever be able to return to public ministry. He was devastated by this reality, but continues to cooperate, hoping that "God, who got me sober, will get me through this".

Delegate's Recommendation:

The recommendation is that there be no public ministry for this man, and that we work with him; that he continue in therapy, AA and spiritual direction; that we revisit this case in five years to determine whether any ministry might be allowed.