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IN THE
IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR DUBUQUE COUNTY

STATE OF IOWA
VS
Leo Patrick Riley
Defendant

DOB: 03/30/1956
736 Bayard St
Port Charlotte, FL 33948

Before the Presiding
Judge or Magistrate
Iowa District Court
Court House, 2nd Floor
700 Central Avenue
Dubuque County,
Dubuque, Iowa 52001


Criminal No. FECR 154879

COMPLAINT

The Defendant,
is accused of the crime of


- Leo Patrick Riley
- Count I: Sexual Abuse in the Second Degree
- Count II: Sexual Abuse in the Second Degree
- Count III: Sexual Abuse in the Second Degree
- Count IV: Sexual Abuse in the Second Degree
- Count V: Sexual Abuse in the Second Degree

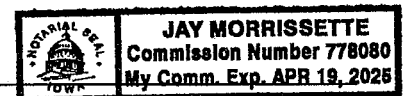
in that the Defendant did, on or about the 1980's in Dubuque County, Iowa, commit sexual abuse upon B.S.R. (09/06/1974), J.J.B. (10/02/1975), A.M.T. (11/14/1974) in violation of Section 709.3(2) of the Iowa Criminal Code (1980).


Corporal Billy Dieujuste L18

Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 24 day of

APRIL, 2024





Notary Public, State of Iowa

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STATE OF IOWA) ss.

DUBUQUE COUNTY)

AFFIDAVIT

The undersigned, being first duly sworn, states the following in support of probable cause to believe the offense charged hereon has been committed and that the Defendant has committed it:

On 5/15/23, Archdiocese of Dubuque HR Director Lynn Marie Osterhaus contacted the Dubuque County Emergency Communications Center and requested to speak with an officer reference an alleged cold assault. Ofc Brehm spoke with Osterhaus who reported the following on behalf of B.S.R. 9/6/74 of Madison, WI.

B.S.R. attended Resurrection School and served as an Altar Boy during his time there. While serving as an altar boy in the mid-80s, B.S.R. believed that he was sexually assaulted by Father Leo Patrick Riley 3/30/56.

This initial report was assigned to Cpl Hoff for additional follow-up.

It was learned that Riley was ordained in 1982 and was assigned to approximately 17 different parishes in the Archdiocese of Dubuque until 2002. He served as the Associate Pastor at Resurrection Parish from approximately 1984 to 1986. In 2002, Riley requested transfer to the Diocese of Venice. Obtained letters showed that on 9/1/02, Riley was appointed Parochial Vicar of St Charles Borromeo Parish in Port Charlotte, FL.

It was learned that back in May 2015, J.J.B. 10/2/75 of Clarendon Hills, IL had also come forward publicly and alleged that he was sexually assaulted by Riley while serving as an altar boy at Resurrection Parish in the mid-80s.

It was also learned that during the mid-80s, Mass at Resurrection Parish was held in the school gym. There was a narrow hallway which ran between the gym and a room where the sacristy was located. The assaults were alleged to have occurred in the sacristy.

On 5/30/23, Cpl. Hoff was contacted by K.J.L. 10/2/75 via phone. He stated that he also served as an Altar Boy at Resurrection Parish during the mid-80s and was sexually assaulted by Riley.

On 6/13/23, an interview was conducted with J.J.B. He reported the following.

J.J.B. advised that in 2012, he was being treated for a damaged pelvic floor. As a part of the screening process, he was asked about past sexual trauma. J.J.B. indicated that during the weeks after this appointment, memories of the sexual abuse began to return to him.

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J.J.B. informed Cpl. Hoff that he has been in communication with A.M.T. 11/14/74 of Dubuque, IA and that A.M.T. is also alleging to have been sexually assaulted by Riley while serving as an Altar Boy at Resurrection Parish.

J.J.B. recalled that Riley would force the altar boys to perform oral sex or sodomize each other while in the sacristy. He stated that Riley would release one of the altar boys and would keep the other altar boy in the sacristy with him. Riley would then force the altar boy to perform oral sex on him or would sodomize him. J.J.B. recalled times where he was forced to perform oral sex on Riley. He recalled another time where Riley sodomized him with a candle.

J.J.B. recalled bleeding from his rectum and losing control of his bowels on various occasions during the time that the assaults were occurring.

On 6/15/23, an interview was conducted with K.J.L. He stated that back in October 2022, J.J.B. reached out to him and inquired into whether or not he had any recollections of being abused while at Resurrection Parish. K.J.L. informed J.J.B. that he didn't have any specific memories from that time but indicated that he had a "gut feeling" that he knew something about the abuse.

He stated that back in late 2022, he came back to Dubuque and attended mass at Resurrection Parish with his mother. While he was there, he walked down the hallway where the sacristy used to be located. While he was walking down the hallway, he had a "visceral reaction" to being there.

K.J.L. began to see a counselor in October 2022 and thru the use of EMDR treatment, numerous memories of the abuse returned to him.

K.J.L. recalled lying on the floor while being urinated on by Riley.

On 6/22/23, an interview was conducted with A.M.T. He reported the following.

A.M.T. reported that around a decade ago, he began to start having recollections of the abuse. He suffered from vivid traumatic dreams. Shortly after he began having these dreams, J.J.B. came forward with his allegations against Riley.

A.M.T. recalled being forced to drink large quantities of wine while in the sacristy with Riley. He stated that an altar boy would be forced to "warm up" the other altar boy by performing oral sex on them or by sodomizing them.

A.M.T. recalled being sodomized by Riley while in the sacristy with J.J.B. He also witnessed B.S.R. being naked and afraid while in the sacristy.

A.M.T. stated that at the time the assaults were occurring, he disclosed to his mother that Riley was sexually assaulting the boys in the school; although he did not say that he was a victim at this time.

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On 3/6/24, an interview was conducted with B.S.R.

B.S.R. recalled a day where he was assigned to serve 7:30 am mass but he was terrified to get out of the car and go into the building.

B.S.R. also recalled an incident where he was naked on all fours while in the sacristy. He recalled a "pain in his anus."

B.S.R. also reported that he was treated for a damaged pelvic floor as an adult.

J.J.B.'s mother, L.A.B. 7/1/49 of Asbury, IA, was interviewed. She recalled at least two incidents from this timeframe where she noted that J.J.B. had reddish/orange staining on the inside of his underwear. She also recalled having to go to Resurrection School to pick up J.J.B. because he was wandering the hallways in a daze. He was unable to walk straight and had to use the walls to support himself.

A.M.T.'s mother, M.E.T. 4/6/49 of Dubuque, IA, was interviewed. She stated that she volunteered at Resurrection Parish during this time period. While she was cleaning the church with the young boys from the school, the boys pushed another boy into a closet. This boy looked very scared. When she asked the boys what was going on, they made comments similar to "Gotta watch out and be careful not to be alone with the priest in there" and "The priest will push you into the closet and do things to you."

M.E.T. spoke with the principal, Sister Benjamin, about what the boys were saying about the priest. M.E.T. advised that a couple of weeks later, Riley was transferred to another parish. Her husband M.G.T. 4/5/47 was present during this interview and he confirmed that back in the mid-80s, his wife had talked with Sister Benjamin about her concerns about a priest at Resurrection.

B.S.R.'s father, W.S.R. 6/25/43 of Asbury, IA, was interviewed. He talked about how B.S.R.'s demeanor shifted during the mid-80s. B.S.R. began to dislike going to school. He talked about one incident where B.S.R. appeared very scared and refused to get out of his vehicle to head into school.

B.R.T. 5/6/76 of Waterloo, IA was interviewed. B.R.T. is A.M.T. brother. He did not witness any sexual abuse, but he reported that Riley consistently smelled like alcohol, and he had a bad temper. He reported witnessing Riley physically assault the other altar boys.

S.P.R. 4/12/73 of Asbury, IA was interviewed. He stated that he was an altar boy at Resurrection Parish, and he recalled that Riley would allow the altar boys to drink as much wine as they wanted while in the sacristy with him. He denied ever being assaulted by Riley.

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Sister Carmen C Hernandez 5/1/51 was interviewed. Hernandez taught 5th & 6th Grade at Resurrection School during the mid-80s. She recalled that J.J.B. suffered from ongoing migraines during his time in her class.

On 4/23/24, Riley was interviewed at his residence in 736 Bayard St, Port Charlotte, Fl. During this interview, Riley confirmed that he had moved to Florida in Summer of 2002, and he has lived here since. Riley denied any and all inappropriate contact with any of the altar boys at Resurrection Parish or any other parishes he has been assigned to. Riley claimed that these allegations were most likely a "cash grab." Riley denied ever being disciplined by the Archdiocese of Dubuque.

At the time that the alleged abuse occurred, the Statute of Limitations was ten years after the victim turned 18 years old. Based off this information, J.J.B.'s statute of limitations was set to expire on 10/2/03. A.M.T.'s was set to expire 11/14/02. B.S.R.'s was set to expire 9/6/02. K.J.L.'s statute of limitations expired on 2/2/02. Due to the fact that Riley moved from Iowa to Florida on 7/9/02, the Statute of Limitations for A.M.T., J.J.B., and B.S.R. were tolled. As of 4/24/24, none of the victims have filed a civil lawsuit against the Archdiocese of Dubuque.

Riley is being charged with two counts of sexual abuse in the second degree for J.J.B., two counts of sexual abuse in the second degree for A.M.T., and one count of sexual abuse in the second degree for B.S.R.



Corporal Billy Dieujuste L18

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24 day of APRIL, 2024.





Notary Public, State of Iowa

The foregoing Complaint with attached affidavit having been filed before the undersigned, it appears from said Complaint and Affidavit that there is probable cause to believe an offense has been committed and that the Defendant committed the offense.

Dated this 24th day of April, 2024

BY THE COURT:



Judge Magistrate / Iowa District Court