

# Church figures charged with sexual misconduct

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SEATTLE — A former youth pastor at one church and a youth coordinator at a second church have been charged with sexual misconduct in connection with church activities involving young people.

King County prosecutors said the victims were engaged in church-sponsored activities at St. John Vianney Catholic Church in Bothell and Kent Covenant Church when some of the offenses took place. Authorities said Tuesday there is no connection between the two cases.

James Richard Funnell, 35, has been employed the past four years as youth coordinator at the Catholic church. He was accused of engaging in sexual activity with a 13-year-old boy in the church's recreation room in 1985.

Funnell, of Bothell, has been placed on administrative leave. He was charged with a single count of second-degree statutory rape.

Douglas Michael Boudinot, 39, was employed as youth pastor at Kent Covenant Church between 1985 and

early this year. He was accused of falsely claiming to be a paramedic and giving rectal and vaginal examinations to teen-age girls.

Boudinot, of Renton, who has left his church post, was charged with three counts of communicating with minors for immoral purposes. Prosecutors contend the activities involved girls age 16 to 18 from 1985 to 1987.

Funnell has pleaded innocent and faces a pretrial hearing June 15. Boudinot is to be arraigned June 7. Both remain free on their personal recognizance.

The Rev. Theodore I. Marmo, pastor of the Catholic church, told parishioners over the weekend that he learned of sexual abuse allegations at the church a month ago and, following the policy of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Seattle, reported them to the state's Child Protective Services agency.

In a letter sent to all parishioners, Marmo urged parents to talk to their children about child abuse and to report information about abuse to county investigators.