

**GORDON MACRAE INTERVIEW**

BB: I am Brenda Blonegin and I am from the Rockingham County Sheriff's Department and today's date is October 25, 2002. It is currently 11:00 a.m. and we are at the New Hampshire State Prison and in the room also is Detective Brooke Lemoine, who is from the Nashua Police Department and we are speaking with Gordon James Macrae, MACRAE, is that the correct spelling?

GM: Yes.

BB: And Gordon's date of birth is April 9, 1953.

GM: Huh, huh.

BB: And Gordon today as we had talked earlier about, we're hear to talk about the Diocese of Manchester and how the Diocese of Manchester actually handled some allegations that had been made against you and what I'd like to do is to start from when you were ordained, where you went to the Seminary and kind of go from there.

GM: Sure.

BB: Now you were ordained about 1978 is that?

GM: 1982.

BB: 1982.

GM: June 5, 1982.

BB: Okay. And where did you go to the Seminary?

GM: St. Mary's University of Baltimore, Maryland.

BB: Okay. And before you went into the Seminary, what was the process as far as to get you into the Seminary? Did you have to go through any psychological tests or anything of that nature?

GM: I went through a series of standard psychological tests with a gentleman now deceased by the name of Walter St. Clair.

BB: Okay.

GM: A psychiatrist in Manchester who had contracted with the Diocese of Manchester for psychological screening of priesthood candidates and that was in 1978 when I began post college.

BB: And is that a normal process? Is that a process that all priests go through?

GM: That was the normal process, yes.

BB: Okay. So you went through those tests. You were accepted into the priesthood?

GM: Yes.

BB: You went to the Seminary in?

GM: In Baltimore.

BB: In Baltimore.

GM: And the Seminary conducted it's own evaluation or prior to acceptance.

BB: Okay. Ah, now was copies of that psychological made available to the Diocese of Manchester?

GM: I'm sure.

BB: At that time?

GM: Yes.

BB: Okay. Did you, do you remember signing the leases for them to give that, because it was part of the hiring or the priesthood process.

GM: It's a long time ago, but the process was instituted by them, but I'm presuming that release was required.

BB: Okay. So when you finished with the Seminary, where did you go from there?

GM: I was ah, I finished with, well there was a graduate school seminary. I went to college at St. Anne's College from 1975 to 1978.

BB: Okay.

GM: And um, and then Baltimore, St. Mary's in Baltimore from '78 to '81. I finished in December of '81 and I had a six month internship in the Town of North Stratford, New Hampshire.

BB: Okay.

GM: And that would have been from December of '81 until June of '82.

BB: Okay. And where did you go in June of '82?

GM: In June of '82. June 5<sup>th</sup> of '82 I was ordained and I went, I returned to North Stratford for about a one month period to cover for a priest who was on vacation into July, from June into July of 1982 and then I was assigned to Miraculous Medal Parish in Hampton.

BB: Okay.

GM: From July, the beginning of July of '82 until I resigned from there in June of '83.

BB: Why did you resign from the Miraculous Medal?

GM: Because the parish had been involved in a long drawn civil suit involving four sisters.

BB: Okay.

GM: Who had been fired from, by the Diocese.

BB: Okay.

GM: And I was not happy with the Diocese handling of that situation. Um.

BB: So you requested to be transferred?

GM: When it was resolved in May of '83, I requested, I resigned from the parish.

BB: Okay.

GM: I requested transfer.

BB: So they, when they transferred, where did they transfer you to?

GM: To St. Bernard's in Keene. That was effective June 15, 1983.

- BB: Okay. Now while you were at St. Bernard's in um Keene, there was an allegation made against you out of Hampton.
- GM: Out of Hampton.
- BB: How were you, how did you become aware of that allegation?
- GM: In November of '83 I had an appointment with Dr. Henry Gurtin Ouellette. I had seen him on perhaps a monthly basis.
- BB: For how long?
- GM: About, about eight months or so. It began with the because of the lawsuit in Hampton. Not with me, but against the parish. I was facing my first assignment as a priest with pickets, TV crews.
- BB: Right.
- GM: And that sort of thing. It was a very stressful situation.
- BB: So you started seeing him because of the stresses?
- GM: Yes.
- BB: From.
- GM: I was accused of having an affair with a married woman, parishioner.
- BB: Okay.
- GM: And it was not true, but she was part of that group that was picketing and, and ah and so I went to see, I began to see him.
- BB: Okay.
- GM: Because there was a lot of stress involved and ah at the time I was dealing with the stress by drinking.
- BB: Huh, huh.
- GM: And that was basically the, the gist of our discussions. I had a standing appointment with him in November, toward the end of November of 1983. I had been in Keene for several months.
- BB: Okay.

GM: At that point. And it was during that appointment that um Dr. Ouellette told me about the allegation in Hampton.

BB: So he's the one who told you?

GM: Yes.

BB: Do you remember what he said?

GM: Yes. Well basically it's a long time ago.

BB: Right.

GM: He said that there was an allegation brought by a young man in Hampton and the allegation was that I had ah sat him on my lap and hugged and kissed him and he said that the young man thought that there may have been two or three other people that this happened to, but he wasn't sure of this and he said that the young man made this allegation to a counselor at Catholic Social Services who then reported the allegation to DCYF. DCYF contacted the Diocese. The Diocese contacted Dr. Ouellette.

BB: Okay.

GM: He's the one who conducted what he called an intervention.

BB: Okay. So it was Dr. Ouellette who first told you that an allegation had been made?

GM: Yes.

BB: When were you contacted by someone from the Diocese?

GM: In December I was contacted by Bishop Christian.

BB: Okay.

GM: Bishop Christian told me that that it had been investigated and was determined founded.

BB: Okay.

GM: I did not understand how that could be because nobody tells, nobody from DCYF ever interviewed me.

- BB: So no one from the Diocese interviewed you other than Dr. Ouellette.
- GM: Ah, and Bishop Christian.
- BB: But that was in, but prior to this finding in December.
- GM: Finding in December nobody.
- BB: The only person who had ever spoke with you regarding this was Dr. Ouellette.
- GM: Dr. Ouellette and he, he informed the Diocese that I had admitted to the substance of the allegation, but the young man did sit on my lap, that I did hug him. I did not admit that I kissed him.
- BB: Okay.
- BL: How do you know that?
- GM: Dr. Ouellette told me that.
- BL: He told you that he told the Diocese that you admitted?
- GM: The Diocese, that I admitted to hugging the boy.
- BL: Okay.
- BB: But you did not admit to kissing that boy?
- GM: No.
- BB: Okay.
- GM: And I was told by then Monsignor Christian in December that this was considered founded, but minor by DCYF. I asked him why nobody from DCYF ever interviewed me.
- BB: Did you ask him why no one from the Diocese had contacted you and interviewed you?
- GM: I wasn't even sure who in the Diocese was investigating this \_\_\_\_\_ into this. My understanding was that DCYF was, knew what the law was at the time, that the Diocese had to report this to DCYF.

BL: What did the Diocese do ah that was a I think the word sanctioned or a punishment or what did they establish since it was a founded complaint that they were going to, what did they inform you that they were going to do?

GM: Well at the time I took issue with it being a founded complaint, but and

BB: To Christian?

GM: Yes.

BB: Okay.

GM: And I informed him that that although I admitted to improper conduct I did not see it as, as coming under the category of what the state then called in 1983, um sexual abuse.

BL: Okay.

GM: With a minor and so I said, I did not admit to the, to the additional accusations of the young man, but there was also an issue that was raised at the time, but the young man involved [REDACTED] had made this accusation to a counselor at Catholic Social Services.

BB: Now who, who brought that issue up to you?

GM: Dr. Ouellette.

BB: Okay.

GM: He told me that the accusation was made to a counselor at Catholic Social Services.

BB: Huh, huh.

GM: And that the counselor at Catholic Social Services then reported it to DCYF.

BB: But Dr. Ouellette told you that the boy had also reported another?

GM: You know he told me, he told me that the boy had reported that he sat on my lap, that he hugged me or I hugged him and then added to that that I also kissed him.

BB: Okay.

GM: And that's the point that I took issue with.

BB: Okay.

GM: At the time. And there was an issue involved in the Catholic Social Service's counselor that he reported this to, but that issue didn't surface till quite a bit later so it goes chronological.

BB: Right.

GM: Um, at the time I waited to hear something about this. Ah, Monsignor Christian said that because I was not, because this had surfaced after I was already in an assignment and that no issues had surfaced in that assignment. No issues had surfaced prior to that assignment. He was willing to wait until there was, till the outcome of the investigation before he inquired anything of me.

BB: Was, and this was during the conversation in January?

GM: Yes. He did tell Monsignor Christian then did tell me not to be alone with a minor ever under any circumstances and through November, December rather of '83 and he told me that, that was about it, but I should not do youth ministry as a matter of course until this was resolved.

BB: Okay. Now, who was over you as far as ah you were an associate pastor, correct?

GM: In Keene.

BB: In Keene.

GM: Yes, there were two other priests.

BB: Who were the two priests over you?

GM: Father Gabriel Houle.

BB: Okay.

GM: Whose now deceased.

BB: Okay.

GM: And Father \_\_\_\_\_ Bomberdear, whose now deceased.



- BB: Okay. Now did, did ah Christian speak with either one of them to let them know? But did Father Christian?
- GM: Father Christian asked me to.
- BB: So he asked you to speak with them?
- GM: Whether he ascertained that I did I do not know.
- BB: Okay.
- BL: He told you to tell these guys.
- GM: He told me that
- BL: That you weren't suppose to be around kids?
- GM: He told me that I had to inform the pastor or Father Houle that I have been accused and that it's being investigated.
- BL: Okay.
- GM: And that I am not to be alone with minors, both for my protection.
- BL: Did you do that?
- GM: I did, yes.
- BB: So this was in December?
- GM: I also told Father Jerry Boucheau, who had been with me in Hampton as pastor and know you were in two different assignments then.
- BB: Where was he at the time?
- GM: Laconia.
- BB: Laconia, okay. So
- GM: I did not tell him the identity of the person.
- BB: Correct.
- GM: I just said that there's been an accusation.

BB: Okay. So Father Christian never spoke with you to your pastor as far as you can recall?

GM: As far as I know.

BB: As far as you know.

GM: They, they never indicated that he did.

BB: Okay. They just asked you to do that?

GM: Yes.

BB: Okay. Now after that what was your next contact as far as knowing that the investigation had been completed or?

GM: Okay, I knew that in December and I asked Bishop Christian how that could be because I was not interviewed by anyone from DCYF and ah.

BB: So in December you knew that it had been completed?

GM: Yes.

BB: Okay.

BL: You know what I've been meaning to ask is the time that the allegation of [REDACTED] boys allegation.

GM: Huh, huh.

BL: And the time that Ouellette had informed you of it, was there

GM: That I don't know because the allegation had been made to a social worker at Catholic Charities where I then reported it to DCYF. My understanding was that the allegation was made sometime in the end of October. Now here's what I was told happened. At least this is what I know happened. [REDACTED] was calling me in the new parish almost daily collect and after about 5 or 6 weeks of that I called his counselor at the Catholic Social Services and talked to her about this and [REDACTED] was accusing me, there was no accusation of sexual assault. What he was accusing me of was, he accused me of leaving the parish to get away from him and I left the parish because of the lawsuit that had gone on.

BB: Right.

GM: And getting resolved. He was accusing me of going through all this process of resigning and taking a transfer to get away from him.

BB: Okay.

GM: It was kind of paranoia.

BB: Right.

GM: And I talked to his counselor about this. She felt that it would be better, she said that she felt that it would be better if I stopped accepting his calls. I stopped accepting his calls when he called collect. He called me at 3, 4 more times or attempted to and I would not accept the calls. It was then that he made the allegation and that would have been around the end of October.

BB: Wasn't there one time though that you went to visit [REDACTED] at his house after you had gone to Keene?

GM: No. He claimed that much later, but no it was not.

BL: Did you at any time um let the Diocese know that this boy it sounds like now he was infatuated or whatever the relationship was or what he felt it was?

GM: This was the reason I ran to a counselor at Catholic Social Services.

BL: Okay. So other then, so was the Diocese or anyone above you know let, were notified that

GM: But this kid is calling me constantly. He's

BL: Inaudible Okay, so they had no idea that.

GM: I only told his counselor that.

BL: Okay.

GM: To this day I don't know if they know that part of it.

BB: Okay. So in December Christian told you and asked you to ah tell your associate, your other pastors.

GM: Yes.

BB: And then when was the next time that anything regarding this came up?

- GM: Okay. He told me that it was considered by DCYF to be founded because I admitted to part of the allegation.
- BB: Right.
- GM: He didn't even seem to want to get into my denial of that, that the rest of what [REDACTED] claimed didn't take place.
- BB: Okay.
- GM: Um, nothing more was said on this other than I was told that it was founded, but minor.
- BB: Okay.
- GM: I remember writing a letter to DCYF at that time asking that, protesting this, stating that I wanted a copy of the, of whatever the judgement of this they do because okay I contested whether it should have been founded.
- BB: But Father Christian just talked to you about it, but never.
- GM: I heard nothing further.
- BB: You heard nothing further on it.
- GM: No.
- BL: So you, it sounds like you were verbal about ah these charges and they would not hero what you had to say ...
- GM: At the time, to be honest with you, at the time my concern was the reason that [REDACTED] had come to me in the first place. He was making an allegation involving a teacher at Hampton Academy where he had been a student and that was, my concern was that although I think I know his situation with me was that was accurate. What he said was accurate that he did sit on my lap and I did embrace him and, but I did not kiss him.
- BL: Okay.
- GM: I was concerned that he was doing this as a matter of course. He felt betrayed or something like that, that he was making accusations. I admitted up front I felt time that my judgment in letting him do this or encouraging him to do this to sit on my lap and an embrace was very poor judgment.

- BB: But going back to your dealings with the Diocese, they after that you heard nothing more?
- GM: Nothing more from them. I did tell Monsignor, I mean then Monsignor Christian that I wrote, that I was going to write a letter to DCYF.
- BB: Okay.
- GM: And ask for a copy of his judgement and I also said that I wanted to write a letter of apology to [REDACTED]
- BB: So did.
- GM: And they, he said that DCYF should handle that.
- BB: Okay.
- GM: And I never heard from them.
- BB: And so he never, at that point he never there were no restrictions on your. There were no.
- GM: Other than the verbal requests, not request restriction that as a matter of my own personal um demeanor that I not be alone with minors.
- BB: Okay.
- BL: Was that previous set of rules or was that enforced after you had that meeting with Christian about the ah outcome of the DCYF investigation?
- GM: I don't know if it was enforced in the sense that there office was 50 miles away and we did not, I did not see them on, on a regular basis.
- BL: Did they call you?
- GM: No. For what purpose?
- BB: And they never told your pastor that look you were the one who went to them.
- GM: No. I, I told him at the time that I was discussing this with.
- BB: Okay.

GM: Gay Houle who was the pastor and in discussing this with Gay we had a kind of a general agreement that we would not allow minors above the first floor of the Rectory and that was a \_\_\_\_\_

BB: Okay.

GM: Um, and he was not fully comfortable. When I was with you I suspected that something happened or at least a suspicion or a concern had happened previously involving \_\_\_\_\_ Bombadear.

BB: Okay.

GM: But I wasn't sure of that.

BB: Right.

GM: And he said that he really wanted us to agree that we wouldn't have minors above the first floor, which was just office space.

BB: Okay.

GM: So I agreed to that at that time. Other than that there was no other prescription placed on me as long as I was seeing somebody for counseling.

BB: Okay.

GM: You know Bishop Christian did tell her then what, Monsignor Christian did tell me that DCYF was satisfied that if I continued to see Dr. Ouellette that um this wasn't going to be prosecuted further.

BB: Now, did Dr. Ouellette, was he allowed to talk to Monsignor Christian about your therapy or?

GM: I don't specifically remember signing a release for that.

BB: Okay.

GM: But again Dr. Ouellette was contracted by the Diocese, but his office, he had an office in Manchester, but he also had an office in York, Maine.

BB: So he worked for the Diocese?

GM: He worked for the Diocese.

BB: Okay.

GM: Now I'm presuming that, that because he worked for the Diocese and was contracted by them to provide counseling for priests um that they had an open agreement with them. I don't recall ever being asked to sign a release.

BB: Okay.

BL: It sounds like it was obvious that Dr. Ouellette had contact with the Bishop on a regular basis about at least your treatment because the allegation of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] became to you following him who got it from the Bishop.

GM: I would presume that, yes. That Dr. Ouellette was aware of the outcome of it. And he was also aware of my request for a copy of the.

BL: You're also aware that he um that Dr. Ouellette reported back to the Diocese that you made some kind of as loose as they may seem admissions that this, this event did happen.

GM: My assumption was that he was telling them exactly what I was saying.

BL: Okay.

GM: And I was not, I did not take issue with that, but that was my assumption.

BB: Right.

GM: He was communicating

BB: With them. Okay. Now the next time that something comes up is regarding a kid by the name of [REDACTED]

GM: Well there was never an allegation involving [REDACTED]

BB: Right. There was never an allegation.

GM: There was something

BB: There was.

GM: Yeah, there was.

BB: Tell me about that.

GM: [REDACTED] was a young man I knew and had known since around 1980 or so.

BB: Okay.

GM: He was kind of a disenfranchised person. He was a homeless kid and he ended up ah, he stayed with me for a short time in Hampton before this.

BB: At the parish?

GM: Yes.

BB: Okay.

GM: Long before this allegation came up.

BB: Okay.

GM: From there I had some communications ah with Portsmouth DCYF Office. I don't remember the name of the person or the last name of the person that I spoke to, but I think her first name was Pricilla.

BB: Okay.

GM: About him and he went from after a couple of weeks, he wasn't living with me at the parish. I take that back. He was living with a family in the parish.

BB: Okay.

GM: By the name [REDACTED] They came from [REDACTED] They had six kids. They were mostly [REDACTED] ge then. I asked them if he could stay with them for a few weeks and they agreed to that. Um, he went from there to I believe he was placed in Dover.

BB: Dover Children's Home. Okay.

GM: And because he was kind of a disenfranchised person I continued to go see him at Dover Children's Home. If he needed clothes or something like that I would, I would try and get them. Um, there were some people who are aware of that situation and were helping me. I never had physical custody of [REDACTED]

BB: Okay. So it was just you would go and pick him up and take him places.

GM: Yes.

BB: And buy him clothes.



GM: Yes.

BB: Okay.

GM: Um, if there was an issue involving a behavior or something I would probably talk with him about it.

BB: Huh, huh.

GM: I remember meeting twice with the staff at Dover Children's Home about him and ah once in his presence and once otherwise because they were having difficulties with him.

BB: Right.

GM: Um, after this incident an allegation was brought by [REDACTED] and after it was reported and investigated, etc., and I was told not to have further contact with minors um not to be alone with minors I remember that there was an issue that Bishop, then Monsignor Christian arranged with me. I'm a little vague about this because it was a long time ago. He told me that there was an allegation that I had broken that between and that I went to Dover Children's Home and took [REDACTED] out/away overnight and that was not true and it was later determined that that was not true as far as I know.

BB: But the information

GM: \_\_\_\_\_ how he got that information? He said that he received a letter from a social worker and what was true was that I had gone to Dover Children's Home and met with [REDACTED] and staff there, but I did not take him out.

BB: Okay, but the information that ah then Monsignor Christian had was that you had taken the minor and you were out overnight?

GM: Yes.

BB: So what did he say, what did he say as far as?

GM: He told me that I had to curtail all contact with [REDACTED]

BB: Okay.

GM: I told him that given [REDACTED] situation. I don't remember how old [REDACTED] was at the time. He was 15 or 16. I told him given [REDACTED] situation I may find that very difficult to do and he said it doesn't matter you have no choice. Cut off all contact.

BL: Were there any other restrictions put on you? It sound like he issued you a set of rules or at least he told you he didn't want you having contact with minors, at least while the [REDACTED] case was taking place and after that was over it seemed to be relaxed and now we have this most recent

GM: I don't know that it was relaxed insofar as they were concerned again because they were 50 miles away, they didn't have day to day supervision over me.

BB: But did they, would they again, did they again speak with your pastor or did they have you speak with the pastor?

GM: I don't know.

BB: At any time do you remember them having conversation with your pastor regarding you being restricted?

GM: I wouldn't necessarily know that.

BB: You wouldn't.

GM: No. Well

BB: Did your pastor ever say anything to you as far as him, your pastor sitting you down and saying you are restricted from these things?

GM: No.

BB: So there was never any conversation between you and your pastor as far as what you were restricted from doing or?

GM: No. Nor did I violate those restrictions. \_\_\_\_\_ placed on

BB: Right, but, but your pastor never sat down and went over.

GM: No, there was no.

BB: Any restrictions with you.

BL: Did he say to you \_\_\_\_\_ that I came up again?

GM: I'm sorry.

BL: Did he say that, that he was going to have any contact with the regular pastors at the parish about this matter or um?

GM: There was only one other priest there.

BL: Okay. Who was that?

GM: Bomberdear.

BL: Okay.

GM: And no he did not say, but we've met, the three of us met on a regular basis weekly. We all lived in the same house and \_\_\_\_\_ same house so

BL: Was he aware of the [REDACTED] ah incident?

GM: I told him. I remember telling him that there was an issue that came up, a suspicion that I had taken [REDACTED] out overnight.

BB: So you told him, but no one from the Diocese that you're aware of?

GM: I don't know.

BB: Okay.

BL: When you had your meeting with the Bishop about [REDACTED] that was a person to person meeting or was that a telephone conversation?

GM: It was a telephone conversation.

BL: Okay. Did he ask you for details on this thing or who this kid was? Why are you at this ah particular facility? How did you know this boy?

GM: He was aware of that previously because when, I had made the Diocese aware of [REDACTED] prior to the allegation from [REDACTED]

BB: So they knew he had lived with you temporarily and they knew that you, so they were aware of that?

GM: Yes.

BL: So they were aware before the relationship with [REDACTED] before the [REDACTED] allegation?

GM: Yes.

BB: So then after this took place um there was a period of time, there were no other allegations that you remember that were made?

GM: Correct. There were no other allegations.

BB: Okay. Yet you

GM: Until 1985.

BB: Right. Right until 1985, but prior to that what was made in 1985?

GM: Ah, [REDACTED] made another allegation.

BB: But that was the same incident that had taken place before.

GM: That was not known right away, but he added to it.

BB: Okay.

GM: After I was told by Monsignor Christian to sever all ties with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] um, which I did at the time, um until years later [REDACTED] when [REDACTED] was of majority age he called me and wanted to talk to me about this and we spoke about this um, about what had happened and why it happened. In 1985, I was informed by Dr. Ouellette that [REDACTED] was um dismissed from I think St. Thomas Aquinas High School in Dover.

BL: Okay.

GM: That he was caught with a weapon, a knife, or something on school grounds. That he was accusing another student of stalking him and Ouellette told me that, Dr. Ouellette told me that [REDACTED] after [REDACTED] was suspended, expelled from the school for this. He went to see a counselor and the he told the counselor that he was molested by a teacher at St. Thomas Aquinas in Dover or a teacher had made advances to him or something of that nature and that he also told the counselor that two years earlier, he made the report as if it was being made for the first time. He said that, that he didn't tell the counselor this was already investigated by DCYF. He told the counselor that he had been fondled by me in Hampton. I don't know who the counselor was. The counselor made a new report and I believe the accusation was that I fondled him in Hampton and visited him later.

BB: Okay.

GM: After I left the parish and fondled him again and that was the first time that that was made.

BB: So Dr. Ouellette told you

GM: Yes.

BB: That this allegation had been made also.

GM: Yes and contacted the Diocese about it.

BB: At any time?

GM: At any time.

BB: Okay.

BL: Where are you presuming this information, how this information brought to Dr. Ouellette who told you this information?

GM: Dr. Ouellette told me that, that he was informed of this by DCYF.

BB: So DCYF called him.

GM: Yes.

BB: As opposed to anyone from the Diocese that.

GM: That appears to be so.

BB: Okay.

GM: My sense then that his contact was directly with DCYF.

BB: Did you ever sign a release for him to release information to with regard to your therapy? With regard to you counseling to DCYF?

GM: No, nor was I ever asked to.

BB: Okay.

GM: Now I don't know whether Dr. Ouellette, what Dr. Ouellette told them. My understanding was that these communications were from DCYF to Dr. Ouellette.

BB: Okay.

- BM: And I learned from Dr. Ouellette that a Hampton Police Detective was investigating this. I never heard another word about it.
- BB: So Dr. Ouellette um, during any of this time did he ever try to discuss with you ah any sexual type of counseling sessions or your sexual preference or any of those things?
- GM: Yes.
- BB: Okay.
- GM: That was that, are you asking was that part of the content.
- BB: Right.
- GM: Of the treatment.
- BB: Right.
- GM: Therapy, yes.
- BB: Right. Okay.
- GM: Yep. Extensively I'm sure.
- BB: Do you know whether he released any of that information to the Diocese?
- GM: I do not know.
- BB: You don't know, okay, but you never again, you never signed any type of release?
- GM: I don't remember. For that, for that specific, I don't know.
- BB: Okay.
- BL: Do you know if Dr. Ouellette um offered any other kinds of treatment ah how treatment was going with you to the Diocese? It seems that our investigation showing that the flow of information between Dr. Ouellette and the Diocese regarding the progression of certain priests that were troubled or in therapy. It was pretty free flowing. Um, is there anything that you can think of that would demonstrate that there was this flow of information in your case that the Diocese as far as your treatment?
- GM: If it was free flowing I wasn't aware of it.

BL: Okay.

GM: Only looking again looking at the time. Today I would be a lot more conscious of my own rights and issues of confidentiality, etc. Um, and at the time though I don't think that that was so much of an issue for me personally. I think I simply presumed that he was communicating something to the Diocese.

BB: On a regular basis?

GM: Yes. But I don't know what. I can tell you of the existence of letters that \_\_\_\_\_ and it's a very general \_\_\_\_\_ Gordon Macrae resting very well with Dr. Ouellette. This would be something that, if so I wasn't aware of those.

BL: So you're not aware of any, any flowing communication between ah

GM: I'm not aware of it.

BL: Dr. Ouellette and the Diocese.

GM: Dr. Ouellette did not ever discuss with me what he was saying to the Diocese, okay. Now my understanding was that he was saying something and again I don't think that I or priests in general at the time were looking at a need to establish individual rights to confidentiality. He was hired by the Diocese and was represented of them. I don't think we necessarily saw ourselves as so distinct from that.

BB: Okay.

GM: Just at the time.

BB: Yep. Now after that you ended up taking a leave of absence.

GM: In, I think it was quite a bit after that.

BB: Right.

GM: That, that second [REDACTED] allegation came out with DCYF in '85.

BB: Right.

GM: In '87 in okay at the time the [REDACTED] the second [REDACTED] allegation came out, the pastor who was working with me in Keene resigned.

BB: Okay.

GM: And was reassigned. Um, the other priest retired. The older priest Bomberdear and the Diocese placed Stephen Scruton there.

BB: Okay.

GM: with me and ah also Michael Barry.

BB: Okay. So you were there with them for about two years?

GM: I was there with them for two years I guess.

BB: Okay. But there came a time that you asked for a leave of absence.

GM: Yes. That was in June of '87.

BB: Okay. Now tell me about why you asked for a leave of absence?

GM: It had nothing to do with me.

BB: Okay.

GM: Steve Scruton, the priest that I had been there with was arrested. Um, he did not tell me about the, I knew he had a history, but the only history I knew about involved allegations um of misconduct at two rest areas involving adults. Now that what was public I was aware of that both from the news media and Scruton himself had discussed that with me. By the time he was arrested though there was our relationship with Steve Scruton was not a very good one.

BB: Okay.

GM: There were a lot of

BB: Right.

GM: Pretty serious problems.

BB: Yeah.

GM: And I brought some of those problems too \_\_\_\_\_

BL: In the form of what? Letters, phone calls, personal?



GM: Phone calls.

BL: Phone calls.

GM: I was not aware of any issues involving minors against me at the parish.

BL: Right.

GM: There were a lot of issues of suspicious behavior and there were some incidents that concerned me greatly, but

BB: So because of that you decided to take a leave of absence?

GM: No.

BB: That.

GM: No. Um, Scruton after Scruton was arrested he didn't tell me that he had been arrested. He was arrested I think on would have been the day after Easter so it would have been in April of 1987. Ah, he had been arrested in a rest area nearby and about a month later ah he told me about it and the reason he told me about it was he had agreed to a guilty plea and the guilty plea was coming up and he didn't want me to see it in the newspaper so he told me about it. I had no idea who investigated the situation or what else happened.

BL: How often would you telephone the Diocese about your concern about ah?

GM: Maybe 3, 3 or 4 times.

BL: Okay. Who did you speak with?

GM: inaudible

BL: And ah you told him, it sounds like you were very specific about the types of issues that you found troubling.

GM: Some of the issues were quite serious.

BL: Involving potential misconduct ah involving issues of a sexual nature?

GM: Yes.

BL: With minors.

GM: No.

BL: No. Okay. What, I need to know specifically what were the issues that you brought to the Diocese about Father Scruton and what that they said to you in response to those issues?

GM: Well more behavioral issues.

BL: Okay.

GM: Okay, here's an example of this. I was alone with Scruton up there. The other priest, I'm sorry. The other priest had resigned after about a year with Scruton. Mike Barry, they could not get along.

BL: Okay.

GM: Um, this was a huge parish. It was over 2000 families. We had a coverage of 24 hour a day coverage of a general hospital with a trauma unit and so I had to wear a pager and I was called during the night two or three times a week. There was a school in the parish that the parish was not directly responsible for because it was a regional school, but just in terms of day to day administration that was a huge thing. There was a cemetery in the parish and I don't know if you know anything about parish politics, but a cemetery can be the biggest headache of all.

BL: Is that right.

GM: It's a huge regional Catholic cemetery that the parish was administratively responsible for. Ah, there were three nursing homes in the parish. There were two alcohol treatment centers that provided hospital coverage for and there's a college campus next door with 5000.

BB: It's very large. Very large.

GM: Enormous and I was alone because Scruton had a pattern of disappearing around 10 or 11 at night and coming back at 4 and 5 in the morning and sleeping most of the day. We had a blowup because I pointed out at a meeting with Steve Scruton that um in the following year we had, the parish had 52 weddings that we were preparing for. I was covering 50 of them and he was covering 2 and um when I pointed this out to Steve he became enraged and started smashing things and.

BB: So there were issues of that nature?

GM: So there were issues of that nature.

BB: What issues at far as him?

GM: There were some others and.

BB: Right, but I mean there was nothing as far as abusing children or anything like that?

GM: There was no allegations of him abusing children. There was a young man who hung out with Steve. That's the best word I can put on it.

BB: Right.

GM: 24/7, they were always together and um he was always there.

BL: Was he sleeping over in the Rectory?

GM: No because again we had, we had a rule of not putting minors above the first floor. Steve also insisted on. Apparently he had a previous situation when he was in Hudson, but I was not fully aware of, but he made me aware of it.

BB: So because of all of these things you asked for.

GM: Steve was, after his arrest he had an interview with the Keene Sentinel and told the Keene Sentinel that he was not going to resign, but he was going to speak with all the masses the following Wednesday. Perform Sunday rather and tell the parish to grow up and just accept him as he is and he was a human being and I called the Diocese and said if he's not gone by Sunday, I will.

BL: Was there an issue involving that?

GM: inaudible that

BL: Father Scruton had. He wanted to get rid of this material.

GM: The only way he would know that is from the file that he wrote. From the commentary I wrote that ah that that Diocese asked for a copy of and it was taken by the AG'S office.

BL: Okay.

GM: But I guess there was. Um, and it's just a minor point.

BL: Was the Diocese made aware of, of this potential pornography situation.

GM: Well they were eventually, but at the time

BL: Were they made aware of that situation?

GM: By me?

BB: Yes or anyone else.

GM: No I did not report that to the Diocese nor was I aware of the nature of the problem or the content of it.

BL: Okay.

GM: I mean obviously have or somebody has read this account in a case history that I wrote because as far as I know that's the only place where it exists. If you have read it I'll go into the, I'll discuss it, but if you've heard of it from

BB: Right.

GM: From another source then I'd rather not.

BB: Right now there's really no need to go into the whole force or anything like that. Like we said our focus is what the Diocese knew at the time.

GM: Okay.

BL: You as part of a parish where issues of that parish is involving other people and you're saying that you made contact with the Diocese to report these issues cause you felt that they needed to be addressed. My job is to try and find out exactly what you reported and what it was about and what the Diocese said to address these problems.

BB: So you didn't report the pornographic or anything at that time?

GM: No. But you've got to understand that I had resigned from my pervious assignment and this was sort of made known to me by Scruton that if I resigned from every assignment that obviously the issue is presumed to be mine.

BB: Right.

GM: But I did tell him on several occasions that I wanted out of there. Um, and because of his behavior. Here's what happened and again it doesn't involve a crime that I nor that can be identified, but I was away from the parish one night, overnight. I left maybe once a week for two days, well one day and an

overnight and when I returned I was suppose to return in the morning, but I went to visit my family in the Boston area, about a two hour drive. I made a decision to return the night before instead of staying overnight at my family's house so I returned around ten or eleven at night. Um, the garages were underneath the Rectory and you could hear the garage doors open in several places inside the Rectory so Scruton may have known in leaving the back door open that I was home. I did see his car there and I remember this vividly and I went to my office um on the first floor to look at mail and messages and I always have a stack of messages. Um, I was in the office on the phone answering a couple of messages even though it was late at night. I just remember I was on the phone when Steve Scruton came into my office and shut the door. He told me that there was a young man in his room on the second floor with and he thought the young man had a gun. Do you know about this? All right. I asked him how the young man came to be in his room on the second floor and he said that ah that the young man had followed him in and I asked him how old this person was and he thought he was 19 or 20. I asked him if he knew him and he said that they had only met a couple of times. Um, maybe, he said that he thought that the young man was crazy and he was afraid for his life. He said yeah. I asked him if he saw a gun. He said the young man was wearing an overcoat and had his hand in one pocket and had what looked like a gun, like in a gangster movies, pointed at Scruton so I asked Scruton how he got out of the room and he said that, I think he said he went through his bathroom that his living area and the Rectory are, are sort of the same room with a bathroom, a lavatory connecting on the bedroom and he said he made the excuse that he had to use the bathroom so he went through there and then down the stairs into my office because he heard my garage door open. And ah, I asked him where in the room the young man was and he um told me he was in the sitting room so I told him that I had to call the Keene Police. He didn't want to and we had an argument over this and finally he agreed that I'd call the Keene Police, but I had to ask him to stay outside if there was an intruder in the Rectory and he had a dozen conditions under which I could call the police. He wanted me to tell them that there was an intruder in the Rectory, but it was somebody known to Scruton and there may be a problem and to ask them to just sit out in the parking lot for a few minutes while we try to calm this person down or something like that. So I called them and they agreed to come and sit in the parking lot and would come into the Rectory if we called them again. Then I went to the office door and I opened the office door and the young man was in the doorway and listening and um he, he panicked and he yelled at Scruton that I thought. I though you said you were alone and um I asked the young man to take his hand out of his pocket. He did. I asked him to empty his pockets and he had a toy plastic gun in his pocket. Was just a toy. I asked the young man where he met Scruton and he said that he and Scruton had um several encounters at a park in Manchester.

BL: Sexual encounters?

GM: At least I presume he meant sexual?

BL: The boy told you this?

GM: Yes. In Scruton's presence. Now he was about 19 or 20. I asked him his age and he said he was 19 or 20.

BL: Okay.

GM: I did not know who, him. I had never seen him before. I told him, I asked him how he came to be inside the Rectory and he said he followed Scruton after his last encounter. That they had several for money and he said he followed Scruton. He had his own car and followed Scruton all the way down to Keene from Manchester. I asked him if he, Scruton was still in the room and I asked him if he, if Scruton knew he was following him and he said no and um, he then said that he confronted Steve outside, that there were people outside so Steve brought him into the Rectory to get away from, so the people outside would not hear what he was saying. That's the story I was given, but the young man begged me not to include the police in this. Um, I remember that

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GM: The young man's reason was for not wanting the police there. I assumed that they didn't want it known. He did not want it known that he was involved in prostitution.

BL: Did the Diocese ever catch wind of ah this what sounded like a pretty serious incident?

GM: They never were advised.

BB: So they were never advised of any of the things.

GM: Not by me.

BB: Okay. So, so to be honest with you we really don't want to get into all of it. We're completely getting off base.

GM: All right, but this goes into the pornography issue.

BB: Right, but, but as far as the pornography issue you never told the Diocese about it.

GM: No I asked Steve to.