

MEMORANDUM

TO: File – GORDON MACRAE
FROM: DET BROOKE LEMOINE *BL*
RE: DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER – Follow-up
DATE: 18 Oct, 2002

On the above listed date at approximately 0930hrs, this Detective made contact via the telephone with

ATTORNEY RICHARD SMITH

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Attorney. SMITH is identified [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is the President of the Board of Directors for that organization serving from the early 1980's through the early 1990's. Attorney SMITH, who confirmed his status with that organization in 1988, was made aware of the investigation-taking place and it's direct link with Father GORDON MACRAE. Mr. SMITH who indicated he was very much aware of MACRAE, was questioned for several minutes regarding his organizations dealing with MACRAE and he communicated the following information from the best of his recollection.

That GORDON MACRAE came to work for the Monadnock Region Substance Abuse Services in 1987 and became the Director. He spent approximately one year employed there being released almost immediately following the Boards receipt that he was alleged to have sexually abused children in the past. This information was communicated to him by the Keene Police (Det James McLaughlin) Attorney SMITH told me that MACRAE when applying for the position of Director purported himself as a Catholic Priest in high standing with an extensive background in substance abuse work. Attorney SMITH was asked and indicated that he does not believe that his organization ever called the Diocese of Manchester to verify or background MACRAE stating that his obvious vocation as a Roman Catholic Priest compelled with his resume proved sufficient that he was of superior character. Attorney SMITH indicated that he did not receive any communication with the Diocese during MACRAE' employment or after his termination.

Attorney SMITH indicated that in hindsight he should have looked into MACRAE' background more, and communicated with his Diocese. Attorney SMITH indicated that had he received any information from the Diocese relative to MACRAE and allegations that he abused minors in the past he would have not hired him. Attorney SMITH indicated that MACRAE'S position involved one on one counseling with adolescents who where substance dependant.

Attorney SMITH told me that he remembers MACRAE did breach the operating procedures of the Clinic by seeing adolescent clients outside of the Center. Attorney SMITH indicated that he remembers that MACRAE usually was seen in the company of 13-14 year old boys in downtown Keene NH. SMITH reports that there was one particular boy that he remembers was with MACRAE a lot of the time and would go to his apartment. That MACRAE would take him to the movies, Mall etc.

Attorney SMITH indicated that Robert ROONEY who was his Vice President of the Substance Abuse Services might have additional information that would be helpful. Attorney SMITH was thanked for his time and contact ended.

At 1100hrs, this Detective made contact via the telephone with :

ROBERT ROONEY



Mr ROONEY was advised of the current investigation being conducted and informed that his name was provided from his colleague RICHARD SMITH. Mr ROONEY confirmed his then status as Vice President of the Monadnock Family Substance Abuse Services serving from 1984-1990. Mr. ROONEY now is employed as the Director of Human Resources at Timken & Co Keene, NH. Mr. ROONEY was questioned relative to his knowledge, involvement in the hiring of Father GORDON MACRAE and his ultimate termination one year later. Mr. ROONEY stated the following to the best of his recollection:

Mr ROONEY indicated that Father MACRAE was hired as Director of Substance Abuse Services in 1987 shortly after the previous Director was let go advising that he did not work out. Mr ROONEY indicated that he remembers MACRAE having interest in the position previously. Mr ROONEY indicated that MACRAE told him that he took a leave of absence from the regular Priest work because of his interest in substance abuse work. Mr ROONEY advised that MACRAE appeared to be a Priest in good standing and had a reputation of working well especially with children. Mr ROONEY indicated that he remembers MACRAE indicating that he was once a police officer who was wounded (shot) in the line of duty. MACRAE reportedly told this story and other police related tales to confirmation classes at the churches in Keene. Mr. ROONEY stated that MACRAE looked so good on paper/resume that it was not considered necessary to call his Diocese to background his character. Mr ROONEY told me that MACRAE informed him that he was required to report to his Diocese weekly to let them know what he was doing etc.

Mr ROONEY indicated that he remembers that MACRAE would frequently be in the company of adolescents both on and off duty. MACRAE reportedly met clients/patients of the substance abuse clinic at the Colony Mall in Keene NH something which was felt by the organization to be improper. Mr. ROONEY was asked if MACRAE would counsel adolescents privately one on one at the clinic? Mr ROONEY indicated that he would. Finally Mr ROONEY was asked and confirmed that his organization would not

have hired GORDON MACRAE if they had received any information about a past allegation that he sexually assaulted a minor child. Mr ROONEY advised that he received no correspondence communication before during or after GORDON MACRAE' termination.

Mr Rooney was thanked for his time and contact ended.