

CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE REPORT TO ATTORNEY GENERAL

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(CONFIDENTIAL)

Name of Victim: [REDACTED]

Child of [REDACTED]

Name of Perpetrator: Rev. Gordon MacRae  
St. Bernards Church  
173 Main Street  
Keene, N.H.

Report of the Incident

On November 23, 1983, Division of Welfare Director Richard Chevrefils received a report of suspected child sexual abuse of fifteen-year-old [REDACTED]. The alleged perpetrator was Rev. Gordon MacRae previously of Hampton, N.H. now of Keene, N.H.

Director Chevrefils assigned the investigation and report to law enforcement official to Jeannette Gagnon, Administrator of the Office of Social Services, N.H. Division of Welfare.

Incident of Sexual Abuse

The incident/act occurred in the early summer, 1983. Rev. MacRae allegedly had [REDACTED] sitting on his lap and was kissing the adolescent.

The incident of abuse was made known to the child's counselor Judy Patterson of Catholic Social Services during a counselling session. The child had been referred for counselling by Rev. MacRae for matters other than the alleged incident of sexual abuse.

Founded Abuse: Rev. MacRae has admitted the incident to his superiors.

Victim/Family: [REDACTED] are aware of the incident and that the report has been made to the Division.

The victim [REDACTED] is currently an in-patient at Hampstead Hospital in New Hampshire.

The adolescent's parents are also involved in therapy related to a number of difficult problems.

NOTE: For therapeutic purposes, the child's therapist feels he is vulnerable and requests that no information be shared with or discussed with the child regarding the referral of Rev. MacRae to the Division of Welfare.

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Treatment/Outcome: Rev. MacRae is currently in active, regular therapy with Dr. Henry Guertin-Ouellette. Dr. Ouellette feels very confident that therapy is positive and that Rev. MacRae is now self-controlled enough to give some meaningful assurance that he is not likely to engage in deviant behavior.

Rev. MacRae is aware of the report to the Division of Welfare.

Report to Legal Authority: This report is made in accordance with RSA 169-6:38. The Division's Administrator, Jeannette Gagnon and the reporter of the sexual abuse Father John Quinn of Catholic Social Services, Inc., are available to discuss this matter.

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Dated: December 27, 1983