

## MEDIA RELEASE

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On October 1 the Archdiocese of St. John's became aware through the media that Shane Earle - a former resident of the Mount Cashel Orphanage - testified at the Hughes Inquiry in October 1989 and that he saw something in Father Raymond Lahey's home as a teenager that disturbed him.

Since hearing this report Archbishop Martin Currie of the Archdiocese of St. John's asked for a review of what officials in the Archdiocese might have known.

In the Report of the Royal Commission of Inquiry into the Response of the Newfoundland Criminal Justice System to Complaints (the Hughes Inquiry) it is written:

*"He (Shane Earle) went to Portugal Cove and spoke to Father Kevin Molloy, telling him stories of Mount Cashel that upset the priest who promised to make inquiries. " page 188*

Based on this information Archbishop Currie contacted Father Molloy and was informed by Father Molloy that he had met with Shane Earle and that the conversation between them included reference to Father Lahey.

Father Molloy informed Archbishop Currie that he passed on the information that he had learned to Archbishop Alphonsus L. Penney who was then the Archbishop of St. John's.

Archbishop Currie said that if any more information should come to light making reference to this incident, it will be made available.

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