

Priest faces more charges

Father Ronald Bromley now faces 20 sex-related charges and the number of alleged victims increased to seven Wednesday when another charge was laid against the Roman Catholic priest.

RCMP charged Bromley, 61, formerly of Brigus, with one count of indecent assault against a former resident of the Provincial Youth Centre in Whitbourne.

The alleged incident took place between September 1977 and June 1980 at Placentia Junction. The victim was between 14 and 17 years of age.

Bromley is scheduled to appear in provincial court in St. John's April 21 to answer to the latest charge.

He repeated the words "not guilty" 19 times when he appeared for arraignment last month at Newfoundland Supreme Court on the 19 previous charges.

The trial on those charges is scheduled for June and is expected to last three weeks.

Bromley was originally charged last fall with three counts of sexual assault against two complainants, but as the RCMP investigation continued the number of complaints and complainants increased.

Part of Bromley's pastoral duties included visiting boys at the Whitbourne institution.

The RCMP investigation is ongoing.