



NEWFOUNDLAND CONSTABULARY

ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND

DIVISION C.I.D.

DATE December 18, 1975

SUBJECT Re: Homosexual acts and Child abuse at Mount Cashel Orphanage, Torbay Road, St. John's, Nfld.

Ref.#7855

Sir:-

I respectfully report that I was detailed by Det. Inspector C. Yetman to investigate a complaint made by Mrs Carol Earle, 360 Duckworth Street. Det. R. Pitcher assisted me with the investigation both with interviews and interrogations.

Mrs Carol Earle has two Sons at Mount Cashel Orphanage namely, Shane age 9 years and William age 11 years. Mrs Earle states that on Sunday, Dec., 7th., 1975 it was brought to her attention by a Chesley Rich, (Whom she does not know) that her Son Shane, had been beaten by a Brother at the Orphanage and as a result left bruises on his back side. He also told her that sexual passes had been made by a Brother toward her Son William. As a result of these alleged Statements made by Mr. Rich, Mrs Earle took her two boys from the Orphanage until an investigation was carried out by the Police.

During the investigation I contacted Mr. Rich by telephone for the purpose of getting together with him for an interview but he refused to come to my office and also failed to keep two appointments, for me to interview him outside of Police Headquarters. To date I have not discussed this matter with him in person. He stated by telephone that he knew what was going on at the Orphanage and said its up to the Police to do something about it. He said he was a volunteer worker at the Orphanage.

I went to the home of Mrs Earle and interviewed Shane Earle. He stated that he was beaten on the back side with a stick by Brother Burke. I examined Shane and noticed several bruise marks on his back side. The more pronounced bruises were on the right side. The bruises according to the boy occurred after a beating given him by Brother Burke on Saturday, Dec., 6th., 1975. My interview with the boy was on Dec., 9th., 1975, three days after the boy was alleged to have been beaten. Mrs Earle took Photographs of her Son's back side showing bruise marks. The boy was also examined by a Doctor who will be forwarding a report on his findings. The boy appeared to be very bright for his age and when asked if he wished to go back to the Orphanage he replied, "no", he would rather be home because he was afraid of the Brothers. A written statement was not taken from him due to his age.

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William Earle was interviewed and a written Statement taken from him. He states he has been bothered by Brother English who on several occasions has took William's hand and forced it in-side his shorts and made him feel his (Brother English) bird. He said during the past year he has been bothered by Brother Ralph whom he said visits him practically every night after he goes to bed. He tells him to turn in to the wall and then he puts his hand inside the boys pyjamas and feels his bird. Terry Brinston, age 16 years witnessed Brother Ralph doing this with the boy. This boy also referred to Brother Kenny and mentioned how Brother Kenny kisses him on the lips and asks him to bite his neck. He made special mention of an occasion with Brother Kenny when working at the swimming pool.

From information received it appeared necessary to interview the following boys. Written statements were obtained from those ten years of age and over.

Leo Gerald Rice	age 13 years
Terry Joseph Brinston	age 17 years
Johnny Williams	age 16 years
Andre Walsh	age 15 years
Derek O'Brien	age 15 years
Gregory Freshyon	age 14 years
Peter Brown	age 11 years
Robert Connors	age 17 years
Gerald Nash	age 14 years
Gregory Connors	age 13 years
B	age 12 years
J	age 10 years
P	age 9 years
Ian Pumphrey	age 9 years
John Pumphrey	age 14 years
O	age 12 years
Malcolm Baird	age 14 years
Edward Strickland	age 12 years
Frank Baird	age 11 years

Written statements were not taken from the three last named, Malcolm Baird, Edward Strickland and Frank Baird. These three are brothers and are now at home with their Mother Mrs Carol Baird, #46 Donovan Street, Mt. Pearl. The boys were taken from the Orphanage by their Mother because she was told by her Son Malcolm of Brother English who was feeling him up when he was in bed at night.

On this date Dec., 17th., 1975 I interviewed both Brothers Ralph and Brother English.

- (1) Brother Alan Ralph
Age 31 years, D.O.B. Oct., 22, 1944
Holy Cross, Patrick Street.
- (2) Edward Patrick English
Age 27 years, D.O.B. Aug., 15th., 1948
Mount St. Francis, Merrymeeting Road.

Both Brothers Ralph and English were interviewed individually and were given the Police Caution, which they stated they understood. Brother Ralph gave a written statement but Brother English did not wish me to write it down but verbally he admitted questions that I asked him.

During my interview with Brother English I made particular reference to statements given me by the following boys, namely, Andre Walsh, Johnny Williams, Leo Gerard Rice and Malcolm Baird. Brother English was questioned considerably on these statements and he admitted that what these boys have stated in their statements is true. He also admitted to having been involved with the following boys and states that he has been involved with them as they have stated in their statements. William Earle, Robert Connors, Peter Brown, J, P, Ian Pumphrey, B, Gregory Connors and O.

Brother Ralph admitted to feeling up four boys and names them in

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his Statement. Reference was made by me, to the statements given by the boys and he admitted the boys were telling the truth.

Mention was made in some of the statements taken from the boys concerning the following Brothers.

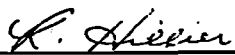
Brother Kenny
Brother Burke
Brother Short.

Brother Kenny was mentioned by some boys who was displeased with the way in which they were being kissed by him. They also stated they have made complaints to Brother Kenny about the way they have been treated by other Brothers and he would not look into the matter and instead would apparently try to cover it up by telling the boys to say nothing about it.

Brother Burke was mentioned by three boys namely, Shane Earle, Robert Connors and Gregory Connors who states they have been beaten by him with a stick which on occasions has caused blistering to their back sides.

Brother Short who is now at St. Pats use to relieve the Brothers about two years ago by filling in for them on Saturdays. Leo Gerald Rice, age 17 years, states that about two years ago Brother Short got him to masturbate him three or four times when at Mount Oashel Orphanage.

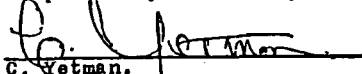
Sir: Neither Brothers, Kenny, Burke or Short has been interviewed by me concerning these incidents and at this time the investigation is discontinued, pending further instructions.



R. Hillier

Detective

Respectfully submitted,



C. Yetman,
Det. Inspector

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