

June 16, 1967

Rev. Siegfried F. Widera  
[REDACTED]  
South Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Dear Father:

This letter is to inform you that you are herewith appointed curate at St. John de Nepomuc Parish, Milwaukee, effective Friday, July 14, 1967. You will kindly report on that date to the pastor, Father Joseph J. Wanser.

(Under separate cover you have received a signed copy of the Faculties of the Archdiocese.)

May I again assure you that you are always most welcome to discuss any of your problems with me.

With the warmest of personal regards and wishing you God's choicest blessings in your priestly work, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend William E. Cousins  
Archbishop of Milwaukee

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Archdiocese of Milwaukee

The Chancery

2000 WEST WISCONSIN AVENUE

MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN 53233

September 11, 1968

The Reverend Siegfried Widera  
St. Mary Help of Christians Parish

West Allis, Wisconsin 53214

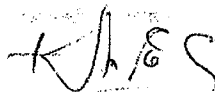
Dear Father Widera:

Religious instruction on the high school level becomes increasingly important. I am happy to inform you that you have been recommended to serve as part-time instructor of religion at St. John Cathedral High School, Milwaukee. I concur with the recommendations made, because they were founded in a recognition of your interest and competence, and officially appoint you to that task.

You are asked to report to Sister Mary Ignatius, the Principal, at your early convenience for a further delineation of your new duties.

With the warmest of personal regards, I am

Fraternally yours in Christ,



Most Reverend William E. Cousins  
Archbishop of Milwaukee

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May 16, 1972

Reverend Siegfried F. Widera ✓  
St. Mary Help of Christians Parish  
[REDACTED]  
West Allis, Wisconsin 53214

Dear Father Widera:

Following the recommendation of the Personnel Board regarding your assignment, I herewith transfer you from your present position as Associate Pastor at St. Mary Help of Christians parish, West Allis, and appoint you Associate Pastor at St. Mary parish, Port Washington, effective June 13, 1972.

With the warmest of personal regards and wishing you God's choicest blessings, I am

Faternally Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend William E. Cousins  
Archbishop of Milwaukee

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September 23, 1972

The Reverend Siegfried F. Widera  
St. Mary Parish

Port Washington, Wisconsin 53074

Dear Father Widera:

At the recommendation of Father John Endejan, Archdiocesan Director of our Catholic Youth Organization, and having the approval of Father Rolland Glass, Pastor of St. Mary Parish, Port Washington, I hereby appoint you to act as District CYO Director in Ozaukee County, CYO District Eleven. This appointment is effective immediately.

You may contact Father Endejan at the CYO Office for further information as to what your duties will be.

With warm personal regards and with appreciation for your willingness to serve in this capacity, I am

Faternally yours in Christ,

Most Reverend William E. Cousins  
Archbishop of Milwaukee

CC: Father John Endejan  
Father Rolland Glass  
Personnel Board

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March 22, 1977

✓ Rev. Siegfried Widera  
St. Pius V Church

[REDACTED]  
Buena Park, CA 90620

Dear Father Widera:

His Excellency, Bishop William R. Johnson has directed  
me to confirm your appointment as

ASSOCIATE PASTOR

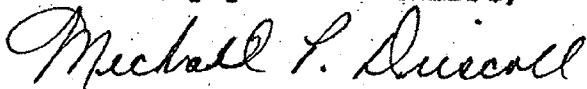
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ST. JUSTIN MARTYR CHURCH  
ANAHEIM

This appointment will become effective on Monday,  
April 11, 1977.

Praying God's every blessing upon you and your work  
I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Reverend Michael P. Driscoll  
Chancellor-Secretary to the Bishop

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cc: Rev. James Pierse  
Most Rev. William E. Cousins

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February 2, 1977

Rev. Siegfried Widera  
St. Pius V Rectory  
[REDACTED]  
Buena Park, California 90621

Dear Siegfried:

It was good to meet with you in Los Angeles and to learn that you have already received a priestly assignment in the priestly diocese of Orange. Upon my return, I had occasion to speak both with the Archbishop and Fr. Sampon. The Archbishop explained that the term "in hospitality" is used to indicate that a priest may serve in residence in a diocese for an indefinite period of time.

I discussed with Fr. Sampon the matter of your Blue Cross-Blue Shield, your pension fund and your back salary for the four(4) months recently expired. He will be contacting you in the near future, and I'm sure will resolve these matters with you. This probably would have been much better if you had stopped to see him when you last were in Milwaukee; but, I'm sure that these matters can be negotiated properly at this time.

While our conversation that noon did not center upon the necessity of receiving psychological assistance while on the Coast, yet I'm sure that you are pursuing this matter. I met one of the priests of your diocese at the Convention I was attending. Without revealing too much data, I did ask him to pay you a visit and to help you feel at home in this diocese. Perhaps he could recommend a good psychologist, or I'm sure that [REDACTED] back here could make such a reference. Let's face it, Sig-a change in geography isn't going to change the person. But, perhaps a change in professional care could be of great assistance to you.

So, do keep in touch and be assured of my prayers. We all are greatly concerned for you and we wish to be of every supportive aid so that the past will never again become the present.

Fraternally yours,

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cc: Rev. Robert Sampon

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January 25, 1977

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His Excellency  
The Most Reverend William R. Johnson  
440 South Batavia Street  
Orange, California 92668

Dear Bishop Johnson,

Your Chancellor, Father Driscoll, has informed me that Father Siegfried Widera of this Archdiocese has been assigned "in hospitality" to St. Pius V Parish in Buena Park, California. He has also informed me of our mutual understanding and that Father Widera will remain a member of the Archdiocese and as such be carried in our health and medical insurance program.

Permit me to express my sincere thanks to you and those involved for this consideration of a priest who has done good work and whose absence from the Diocese is predicated upon the local situation discussed in earlier letters.

I fully expect that upon the recommendation of those professionally helping him at the present time he will be reassigned in our Archdiocese.

With the warmest of personal regards, I am

Fraternally and gratefully yours in Christ,

Most Reverend William E. Cousins  
Archbishop of Milwaukee

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January 10, 1977

Rev. Siegfried F. Widera  
St. Pius V

[REDACTED]  
Buena Park, California 90621

Dear Father Widera:

His Excellency, Bishop William R. Johnson, has directed me to confirm your appointment in

HOSPITALITY AT  
ST. PIUS V  
BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA

This appointment carries with it the faculties of an Associate Pastor and will become effective on Wednesday, January 12, 1977.

Praying for God's every blessing upon you and your work, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Reverend Michael P. Driscoll  
Chancellor-Secretary to the Bishop

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cc: Most Rev. William E. Cousins  
Archbishop of Milwaukee

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October 29, 1976

The Reverend Siegfried F. Widera ✓  
[REDACTED]

Costa Mesa, California 92626

Dear Siegfried,

This letter is written to you to follow our telephone conversation Wednesday morning. This relates to the recommendation of the Personnel Board at its meeting of October 26th. After I spoke with you, I called the Archbishop, who is aware of this direction and supports its intent.

The Personnel Board recommends a choice. First, that you pursue significant counseling to assist you in coming in touch with yourself about the action that has brought about a hasty exit from your last two assignments. Specifically, the House of Affirmation was suggested at the Board meeting and such information was given to you via the phone. Subsequent to such therapy, you would be considered for an appointment within the Archdiocese. The alternative would be for you to be released to the services of another diocese; with the permission of the Archbishop, you would request to minister elsewhere. Should you select the second alternative, the Board would ask periodic reports about your status.

You are confronted toward a decision by the Board, in what we hope is very positive toward dealing with your present situation. You may well decide to seek consultation from others like [REDACTED] your brother or others, but basically you will need to decide.

Your present status with the Archdiocese is delicate. Subsequently, your salary, insurance, and all other benefits need to be clarified. We suggest that you contact Father Sampon to finalize your present situation. Be assured that help is available to assist you through all of this. On the other hand, you may need to look to helping out in a priestly way during this duration, to get some method of financial income. The Chancellor, Father Sampon, would be able to direct you relating to faculties and benefits. His address is P. O. Box 2018, 345 North 95th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53201.

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We do ask that underneath all of what is stated, that you are assured of our interest in you. You are a generous and loving man, who has served as a priest for almost ten years. At the same time, there is something within you that you need to give adequate attention to, so that you can take away the suspicion and mistrust within yourself that forces you to run away. The Personnel Board is interested in being informed at the earliest possible time of your direction in all of this.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

**C**  
Reverend John J. Waldbauer,  
Executive Secretary  
Priests' Personnel Board

CC: Reverend Robert G. Sampon ✓

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[REDACTED]  
CONSULTING PSYCHOLOGIST

OFFICE HOURS BY APPOINTMENT

July 13, 1973

[REDACTED]  
MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN 53211

TELEPHONE [REDACTED]

AREA CODE [REDACTED]

Mr. Charles Polidori  
Attorney at Law  
2922 West Forest Home Avenue  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53215

Subject: Reverend Siegfried Frank Widera

Dear Mr. Polidori:

This letter is being submitted on behalf of the above named 32 year old priest of the Milwaukee Archdiocese who was arrested on July 2, 1973, at 3:30 a.m. in the company of four minor males. Father Widera reports that the arrest took place on North Spring near Grand Avenue in Port Washington, Wisconsin. When it was alleged that Father Widera had had sexual contact with one of the minor males a charge of sexual perversion was made against him by District Attorney La Pointe of Ozaukee County and it is my understanding that the case is to come to trial on July 16, 1973, at 8:30 a.m. It is also my understanding that bail was posted for Father Widera by Father Rolland T. Glass, the pastor of St. Mary Church in Port Washington, the parish to which Father Widera had been assigned.

Archbishop Cousins, concerned about the stresses and strains that the event had subjected Father Widera to, referred him to me in a telephone conversation on July 3, 1973. Hoping to be of some service to Father Widera, to you his attorney, and to the court, Father was seen a total of seven times between July 3, 1973, and July 12, 1973. In addition to the beginnings of psychotherapy, extensive diagnostic evaluations were conducted and it is with these that the rest of the report shall concern itself.

Father Widera was first seen on the afternoon of July 3, 1973. Upon investigation he was a very anxious and upset very fair skinned male of 32 with a pronounced German accent. On that date and hence forward he has proved to be extremely cooperative and has been making a real and pronounced effort to cooperate with me in all areas pursued. From that date to this it would appear that the anxiety has abated somewhat but the residual depression and the very understandable fear of the court appearance and the disgrace to himself and to the Archdiocese of Milwaukee endure.

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Father provided the following history.

He was born in Germany on the 20th of December, 1940, which would be approximately the year that World War II started. He relates that his father, an engineer, removed his children to the country where they could sometimes see and hear the bombers overhead but Father can recall only an occasional instance when they were in fact forced to the bomb shelter. He can remember playing in the burned out and bombed out buildings, recalling that at the time they were more understood as toys than as tragedies of war.

Father Widera's father, [REDACTED], is seemingly a very talented mechanical engineer. At the end of World War II he was invited to the United States by a large Milwaukee industrial firm because of his knowledge of the drop forge business. Father relates that his father was the designer of the largest drop forge hammers in the world. Mr. Widera spent a year in the United States deciding whether or not he wished to immigrate and at the end of approximately a year sent to Germany for the rest of his family who travelled to the United States in first class passage on the Queen Mary. Unfortunately for young Siegfried, who was then ten and about to enter the fourth grade, the trip is remembered more in terms of seasickness than luxury.

The family settled in South Milwaukee where Father recalls that the day after their arrival, wearing lederhosen, he and his brothers and sisters were enrolled in parochial school. Considering modern day concern over jet lag and culture shock it is interesting to note that the Widera children spoke not a word of English when they were dropped into the Sacred Heart Grade School in St. Francis, Wisconsin. Father Widera relates that the language came to him with facility.

Upon his graduation from grade school in June of 1955 he entered the St. Francis Minor Seminary the following September. He was further graduated from De Sales College in June of 1963 and from the St. Francis School of Pastoral Ministry in June of 1967. It was at that time that he was ordained to the priesthood.

He recounts that during high school he was active in sports and that during his college days he was a member (appropriately enough) of the German Society. He seems to have gone through school with about a B average in both high school and college. His interest in sports has continued after ordination and he still recounts his favorite recreations as golf, tennis, swimming, boating and ice skating.

The family relationships are described in prosaic terms. His father, as indicated above, is an engineer and Father Widera sees

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the two of them as sharing certain "mannerisms". Father thinks that his dad "gets along with those he works". On the other hand he sees his father as being somewhat impatient. The father and son share some athletic interests in terms of fishing and golf and Mr. Widera is described by his son as being a benign and loving individual who is still somewhat ridden through with the stereotyped German rigidity. Father relates that Mr. Widera has been extremely upset and shaken over his son's arrest and plans to accompany him to Court for his moral support at the appointed time.

His mother, [REDACTED], is also living and in good health. At age 63 she is three years younger than her husband and both of them are cradle Catholics. She is seen by her son as a pleasant individual who is "able to get along real well with her friends". On the other hand, while her husband is impatient, she "jumps to conclusions--does not take that extra second to think". She spends her time working about the house, visiting with the neighbors, and attending various social activities.

Father Widera is the third oldest of four children. The father and mother's brightness have certainly been passed on to the children. In addition to Father Widera there is a 35 year old brother who received a doctorate in mathematics from the University of Wisconsin and another brother who received a bachelor of arts degree from Ferris University in Grand Rapids, Michigan. This brother is currently employed as a salesman. The youngest of the children is a 30 year old sister who received a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and is currently employed as an administrator of financial aids at the University of Illinois-Circle Campus in Chicago. All of the brothers and sisters seem to be making routine adjustments to the world about them and there is no indication that they are suffering from any more than the normal amount of stress in coping with the world about them.

This is Father Widera's third appointment since his ordination and he reports that all three of the pastors under whom he has served are cast somewhat in the age range and rigid temperament of his father.

Sometime was spent examining the history of Father Widera's inability to rid himself of the German overtones in his speech patterns. He relates that his brothers and sisters for the most part have made a better adjustment to deleting the German cast in their speech patterns and that while he was a student in the Seminary the Rector suggested that he attend the Marquette University School of Speech Pathology department to see if the teutonic overtones could be remedied. Inasmuch as the family has always continued to speak German at home it would appear that the design was ill-fated. While Father Widera speaks the English language with about as much verbal fluency and basic literacy as any other individual of his training and education, it is interesting to note that when reduced to the written and spelled word

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he is in considerably more difficulty. As a case in point he lists his age as 22 rather than 32, relates that he and his father are alike "in mannerism" rather than stating in colloquial English "in mannerisms" or "in manners". It might be best said that his written use of the language is not illiterate but clumsy. He reports that in the verbal communication area he finds it extremely difficult to preach sermons extemporaneously and will sometimes tape record the Sunday homily on one of the two tape recorders that he owns in order to clarify his conceptualizations.

This led me to speculate on the fact that although Father Widera was basically literate in two languages I wondered if he was conceptually literate in either. For this reason three intelligence tests were administered. The results, I think, are worth considering:

1. On a thirty minute test of mental ability which has been used on millions of Americans since World War I and which is currently used on seminarians applying to study for the priesthood in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee Father Widera is awarded an I.Q. of 108. This places him in the average range of intelligence and it is interesting to note that the thirty minute time limit left him seventeen answers short of the 75 items. Had he had enough time to complete the test and to plow his way through the semantics, the I.Q. instead of 108 would have been 125.
2. Because of this a roughly equivalent test was administered to Father which relieved him of the time limit. On this particular test he earned an I.Q. of 133 which represents a 25 point discrepancy from the first test. This becomes a little tricky in terms of the I.Q. equivalencies but assuming that they are at least roughly equivalent the increase from his projected 125 to the earned 133 is not significant.
3. It was at this point that he was administered a Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale which is an individual intelligence test requiring a one-to-one relationship between the psychologist and Father Widera. The test was administered by Mrs. [REDACTED] who is a psychologist in the Milwaukee area. I chose not to administer the test myself in order to get an independent opinion about Father Widera's intellectual functioning. The most salient finding of the individual intelligence test is that if one were to project Father Widera's working knowledge of English vocabulary he would find himself dealing with an individual whose I.Q. was less than the national average. When he is dealing with very simple verbal concepts such as basic information in simple terms or a basic comprehension of the culture in simple terms he performs very well. When he is forced to use the English language to abstract or when he is forced to define words in terms acceptable to dictionary usage he finds himself very severely damaged. As a result of this his verbal I.Q. on a carefully administered intelligence test is 111.

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Like many people who were born to be verbal in one language or the other his performance score does not equal that of the verbal. This is especially accentuated because of an inability on his part to master material requiring new learning which is a function of the anxiety. As a result of this the full scale I.Q. on the individual intelligence test came out to 106. This in contrast to the 133 where he is completely free from pressure or the 108 where he is under a close time limit.

This led to additional investigation in terms of Father Widera's personality. The personality testing that was done on Father Widera is essentially within normal limits. It is not indicative of anyone who is experiencing extreme mental difficulties or emotional upheavals and there does not appear to be an even remote possibility that Father Widera is going to encounter what is commonly referred to as "mental illness". What the test is indicative of is an individual who handles his personality problems by essentially refusing to admit their existence and repressing into his unconscious whatever unpleasant vestiges of them remain. This is brought up because it ties in well with the confusion in intellectual functioning. When interviewed carefully Father Widera freely admitted that he found it extremely difficult to relate to other adults on an equal basis. One is reminded of the little boy in lederhosen, speaking no English. Inasmuch as he is unable to think comfortably (as opposed to clearly) in the English language there appears to have been a regression phenomenon back to the earlier days when he was relating well to his own peer group. Inasmuch as he stopped relating with his own peer group on the day he was dropped into the fourth grade of grammar school it is not awfully surprising to find out that he is now more comfortable with minor males than he is with either adult males or females. At some level there was an arresting of his psychosocial development at this level and this is the point to which Father Widera regresses when he is seeking companionship that is emotionally satisfying to him. If, in fact, the allegations against Father were true it would not be surprising inasmuch as the man would then express his sexuality in the area in which he was most comfortable as a social being. As unfortunate as it might be, he would find himself regressed to the level that he was when he came to the United States.

I would find Father Widera an extremely good risk for psychotherapeutic intervention and he has already profitted and understood greatly from initial therapy sessions that we have held. I would not see him at the present time as a constant threat to the young people of the community nor would I see him as in any way representing a liability to himself or to the community in any other sphere.

If the Court sees fit to place Father Widera on probation it is his plan and mine to continue with the psychotherapy that we have

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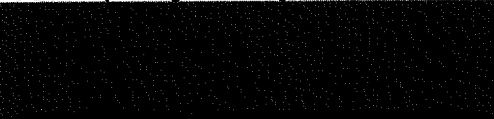
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started so that he will in the future be able to relate to an adult population in a more adult fashion than he has been able to previously.

I hope this information will be of use to you in your defense of Father Widera; if there is any additional information I can provide please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours/very truly,



Consulting Psychologist



cc: The Most Reverend William E. Cousins D.D.  
Archbishop of Milwaukee

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SIEG WIDERA

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6/29/76

Archbishop called - [REDACTED], a therapist in Elkhorn, had called in to [REDACTED] - [REDACTED] is a counselor and now advocate for Mrs. [REDACTED],

[REDACTED] She reported to [REDACTED] that her son had been sexually molested by Fr. Widera while on a weekend fishing outing - Son is [REDACTED] age 13, an altar boy at parish. Archbishop suggested I call Widera first, then [REDACTED] assuring complainants that W. will be removed from parish and will receive in-patient treatment, if necessary.

Called Widera - gone - his day off - left message with Henke to call me. Tried to call his parental home - [REDACTED] - but an unpublished number - no. info. available.

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Contacted Widera in P.M. - appointment tomorrow.

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At Swan - 10:30 A.M. - Widera admitted that he made "a slip". He took boy fishing alone about 3 weeks ago. He had heard nothing about the incident. He does not know therapist. He has been seeing [REDACTED] for past 3 years. He is "on probation" with the law - ends in August. He was apparently shook by this discovery and sought advice what to do. I informed him that he probably would be transferred and would need in-patient treatment. I would try to keep the lid on the thing, so no police record would be made. He went to his sister's at [REDACTED] --parent's number [REDACTED] and informed her of his problem. I can call her to inform him to call me back. Parents will not be informed.

Immediately called [REDACTED] at Lakeland Counseling Center, Elkhorn, [REDACTED], 2 miles east of Elkhorn ([REDACTED] - [REDACTED] also works there - [REDACTED] was guided by him). Made app't to meet [REDACTED] Mrs. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on Thursday, July 8 at 2 P.M. at Elkhorn. [REDACTED] said Mrs. [REDACTED] didn't know what to do after she pulled this info. out of the boy. Son must have manifested some trauma after the experience. She called [REDACTED] He feels that boy needs some help to re-establish spiritual values and attitudes toward Church and priests. Mrs. [REDACTED] had not gone to police. She is [REDACTED] and apparently feared reprisals from Church if she would go to police. She does not want priests from parish to counsel the boy. [REDACTED] feels that alcohol may be Widera's basic problem. He will contact Mrs. [REDACTED] and convince her not to act with police, if Church removes W. from parish, and gets him help, as well as counsels the boy.

Widera called back - gave him above info. He asked what he should do. I suggested no further action at this time, but he should prepare to be re-assigned - which is probably the Archbishop's recommendation. Will call Widera immediately after Thurs. meeting - he will meet me in Elkhorn.

Called and left above information with Ralph F. for the Archbishop.

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██████████ called - had received note from Fr.W. saying that he would not be in for appointment because he would be going to St.Vincent Hospital, etc.

- ██████████ did not know what had happened but was greatly concerned that if Fr.W. leaves state during this probationary period, he could be picked up and immediately sent to prison without any further court trial. ██████████ is the de facto probationary officer. Has seen Widera weekly for past 3 years. ██████████ feels that if Fr.Widers must be sent to hospitalization, it must be within State (at least during next 60 days)- ██████████ doubts value of in-patient treatment however. If ██████████ will not approach police, ██████████ suggests that Fr.W. remain in Delalvan - at least temporarily. He suggests that I offer services of the Archdiocese for a one shot evaluation of the boy (to determine if there be any traumatic damages (usually in these cases, there is not). ██████████ at first was disturbed that his patient was being sent out of State without consultation with ██████████ I explained that nothing was finalized yet - and in view of his probationary situation, he probably would not be sent. (If necessary, ██████████ would suggest Milw. Sanitarium). I also explained that I was following Archbishop's agenda = contact, Widera, then ██████████ then mother, etc.

██████████ asked me to report back to him after Conferance with ██████████ mother, etc. Discussed briefly with him the ██████████ situation. ██████████ feels if Widera goes, this above relationship will deteriorate. ██████████ feels that Widera is non-communicative, and willing to agree to anything and self-destructive (not suicidal, however). ██████████ feels that "one slip" in 3 years is not too bad a track record.

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██████████ called - Probation officer is actually a member of his parish - attends W's Mass regularly. If W. is moved out of the State, P. officer will ask "Why?" Also, if W. is moved before probation period is over, P.O. will find out the reason. ██████████ does not know the legal consequences if P.O. finds out post hoc what happened pre-hoc - doesn't know what attorney to call.

Went to Lakeland Counseling Center at Elkhorn - met ██████████ Mrs. ██████████ and ██████████ - heard ██████████ story - mature lad of 10 years - incident happened in lake while swimming - also next day in sacristy before Mass.

- Mrs. ██████████ was not seeking hospitalization - only that Fr.W. be moved from parish - she doesn't want to see him
- otherwise she will take her children out of School
- she understands that Fr.W. is sick but was greatly disillusioned by his conduct - she agreed to bring ██████████ to ██████████ for an evaluation to see if any traumatic effects. No cost to her. I tried to help the boy sort through his feelings. I indicated that

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I had spoken to [REDACTED] re:counseling for Fr. W. (I did not reveal that Fr.W. had been seeing him for 3 yrs. already)

Then called Fr. W. to come to Elkhorn restaurant.

- told him to re-schedule his appointments with [REDACTED]
- find himself a Spiritual director
- anticipate moving from Delavan after his probation is over
- not to tell Fr. Henke at this time
- stay away from Mrs. [REDACTED] and son
- also stay away from another boy he is seen with frequently

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Reported to Archbishop. He agreed that Fr. W. should continue with [REDACTED] - should not be moved out of State for hospitalization - will move Fr.W. after probation period is over (I shall find out when from [REDACTED]). He said I can call Paul Noelke Co. attorneys to see if Probation Dept. has recourse if it post factum learns of a violation that happened pre factum - or call [REDACTED]. He agreed Archdiocese would pay for evaluation of boy. He thought "cover-up" removing Fr.W. in Fall because of shortage of priests (only 2 men necessary in winter at St. Andrew's) would be very feasible. He indicated that Fr. Vojtik would be leaving also. Perhaps Fr. Ron Kotecki could go there after he returns from Mexico

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Called [REDACTED] - gave him above report - he does not know exact day of probation termination: but presumes it to be mid-August - he is concerned that Widera get a good spot without pressures as next assignment - wishes me to influence Personnel Board at that time - [REDACTED] will call Personnel Board, too, if necessary.

- He will call Mrs. [REDACTED] and make an appointment for [REDACTED] etc.

7/26

[REDACTED] called - Mrs. [REDACTED] had heard from no-one I told him I had contacted [REDACTED] and Archbishop - Widera will probably not be moved till after Labor Day because of replacement problems - he should give this info. to Mrs. [REDACTED]

I called [REDACTED] office - on vacation till the 10th - his secretary has been trying to reach Mrs. [REDACTED] to make an appointment with her and boy - she will continue to try to reach her to set up the appointment.

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- ██████████ called - he had seen Mrs. ██████████ and son-
- a) no permanent damage to son - spent 3 hrs. with mother.
  - b) Waldbauer called - Henke had called him and wanted Widera removed - he had learned about incident from other people - then he asked Mrs. ██████████ about it. Waldbauer agreed to get supply help for the parish.
  - c) Called ██████████ - Parole terminated Aug. 16th, he learned from lawyer.
  - d) Called Henke and Widera - they agreed that W. would go "on vacation" (California!) as soon as Waldbauer would find supply help. Then he would be transferred. W. should tell people only that he's going on vacation.
  - e) Called Waldbauer - he will hunt - has not alerted Board to this case - in agreement with above arrangements.

8/23

Told Archbishop of the above developments.

9/27

Approached Esser about above - the Personnel Board has heard nothing from anyone - Archbishop has not spoken to Personnel Board about this matter

- however, Paul knew that Widera's father had been to Delavan and moved out Siegfried's belongings
- Paul would have problem in conscience to re-assign Siegfried - When? and should they really - in view of Widera's record???

██████████ called - Widera calls him every week to 10 days from Calif. - he is living with his brother - dad is very incensed (disowning Sieg?) about matter - ██████████ said Siegfried said that maybe he should stay in California and get himself a job (outside ministry). ██████████ wondered if this should be the direction of counsel. I reluctantly agreed - esp. in view of Esser's above comments. ██████████ will call Esser and discuss this with him. I explained that if he sought ministry out there I would feel obliged to send reports to the diocese in which he works.

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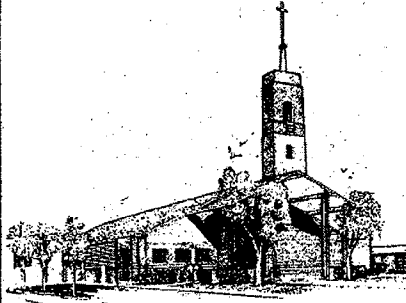
Waldbauer gave me address of Widera in Calif. - called ██████████

- but he has not heard from Widera recently - Widera was in to see Personnel Board recently.

1/11/77

Met Widera for lunch in L.A. He will work in Orange diocese

- showed me letter of app't. - confused with expression "in hospitality". He was concerned about 4 mo. back pay, Blue Cross, Pension Fund
- Said that I would confer with Sampon when I return - cf letter 1/7



# St. Pius V Church

BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA

MARCH 27TH, 1977

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

## "PLEASE TELL ME THINGS ABOUT BEING A PRIEST"

Dear Padre,

Please tell me things about being a priest. We used to have Father Murphy here . . . But the bishop changed him, and now the new priest is grouchy at us servers, and I'm afraid to ask him. . . .

Sincerely yours,  
Tommy

Dear Tommy,

I'm not sure what it is that you would like to know. But let me say a little about the priesthood and about the seminary where young men prepare for becoming priests.

The priest is, first of all, a Christian like all the other people in the Church. He believes that he and all of us followers of Jesus must try to love and serve other people, just like Jesus did, and must try to make the world a better place to live.

Most people serve others by getting married and living for their children and for each other. They also help other people, too, by the jobs that they have and by lots of acts of charity, but their families are their first responsibility. But the priest wants to serve other people in a special way. He wants to help people love God better by preaching to them on Sunday. He wants to bring them the sacraments — Penance, Holy Communion, the Sacrament of the Sick — when they are in the hospital or sick at home. He wants to offer Mass, so that all the other Christians can come near the altar in church and can worship God their Father together and receive Jesus in Holy Communion together. These are some of the ways that a priest tries to make the world better. He helps other Christians grow in faith and hope and love, so that they, too, will keep trying to make the world better. The priest does not marry and raise a family of his own, but he helps all the dads and moms and kids become better in their families.

Boys and young men who think they would like to become priests go to a seminary. In the high-school seminary, they study English and science and math and all the other subjects. They play sports like kids do everywhere. But each day they also have time for prayer and for taking part in Mass and communion. There are priest-counselors there, and the seminarians talk things over with them. As time goes on, some of the boys decide that the priesthood is not what they really want, and they go back home. Others, on the contrary, become more convinced than ever that being a priest is exactly what they want to be. Of course, the final decision to be a priest is not made until the person is about 24 or 25 years old.

If you have any other questions you are not sure of, Tommy, just write again and ask about them. I am glad to answer you.

The Padre  
Father John Farnik, C.S.S.R.

REVEREND JAMES PIERSE, Pastor  
REV. DENIS LYONS, Asst.  
REV. DANIEL HOPCUS, Asst.  
REV. ARTHUR FERNANDO  
REV. SIEGFRIED WIDERA  
REV. SIARD A. HAIGLI, O. Praem.

### RECTORY

7691 Orangethorpe Avenue  
Phone 522-2193

SCHOOL: Phone 522-5313

C.C.D.: Phone 522-3971

### MASS SCHEDULE

ANTICIPATORY MASS: Saturday 5:15  
and 7:00 p.m.

SUNDAYS: 7:15, 8:30, 9:45, 11:00 a.m.,  
12:15 and 6:30 p.m.  
Spanish Mass: 1:30 p.m.

WEEKDAYS: 6:30, 8:00 a.m.; 5:15 p.m.

ANTICIPATORY MASSES FOR HOLY  
DAYS: 5:15 and 7:00 p.m.

HOLY DAYS: 7:15, 8:30 a.m. and 12:15,  
5:30 and 7:30 p.m.

### CONFESSIONS

SATURDAYS: 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. and  
7:45 to 8:45 p.m.

### NOVENA TO OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

WEDNESDAYS: 7:15 p.m.

### BAPTISMS

By Appointment Only

### MARRIAGES

Rectory must be notified three months  
in advance.

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**Sixty-eight years of daily MASS**

— Lawrence WELK

The man whose name is synonymous with "champagne music" has spent a lifetime in close proximity to sacrificial wine.

Lawrence Welk, the nation's most popular bandleader, has attended Mass daily since he was five years old. He is now 73.

"I get so much good out of it," he declared. "I believe in the Golden Rule and I believe in the Ten Commandments. I believe in God and the guidelines that He has given us."

Welk was reared in a Catholic family in a North Dakota community that was 90 percent Catholic. That upbringing, he says, enabled him to cope with the reverses he encountered early in his career.

The worst occurred in the early 1930s in South Dakota. The members of his five-piece band approached him with an announcement. They were better than he was, they said, better speakers, better musicians. He was a hindrance. So they were going on without him, under a different name.

Welk had to choose between returning home in disgrace to a father who had opposed his son's musical career, or going ahead on his own.

"I knew myself and I had faith that I could handle hard times and hard knocks," he said. "So just a few days after having lost my band, I made my decision to stick with it."

The rest, as they say, is history.

**BEFORE AND SINCE**, however, Welk has never let any personal inconvenience except illness stand between him and the nearest Catholic church.

"There have been countless times when going to church meant going through all sorts of storms in order to go to Mass, but I never let anything stop me," he said.

"Numberless times through the years as we traveled throughout the country I would re-route the bus and go out of the way to get to a church. Those added miles must be in the thousands, but going to church was as natural and as important to me as breathing."

He added, "Many times I would call for a breakfast stop, and while everyone else was eating his breakfast, I would go to Mass. I felt better when I did that."

## \* ... NEWS ...

Dear Members of the Parish Family,

It is with extreme reluctance and a deep sense of parochial and personal loss that I share with you the communication that Father Siegfried Wildera has been transferred from St. Pius. His appointment to St. Justin will be effective on April 11, 1977.

He has been with us only a few short months but during that brief time, he has endeared himself to all of us. We have grown to know and love him as a wonderful man of God who possess-

ed those admirable qualities of which we were in special need — leadership in the fields of youth direction, adult education, marriage encounter, charismatic prayer, athletic appreciation, and daily homilies. Always open, available and affable, we will miss his spontaneous warmth, carefree manner and joyful laughter.

Next Sunday a farewell reception will be held in his honor in St. Pius V auditorium to bid him 'God-speed' y Vaya con Dios. Each of us will have the opportunity to thank him for all that he has done for us and meant to us — for just being someone special to whom we could all relate — our own dear Father Sieg.

Devotedly in Christ,  
Rev. James Pierse

**LENTEN SCHEDULE**

**DAILY MASSES** are at 6:30, 8:00 a.m. and 5:15 p.m. (Except on Wednesdays when evening Mass is at 7:30 p.m.)

**CONFESSIONS:** Thursday, March 31st, 4:30 to 5:30 and 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 6th, a Special Penitential Service after 7:30 p.m. Mass.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** are Fridays at 2:15 for students and 7:30 p.m. for adults.

**OPERATION RICE-BOWL**

**AMERICAN CATHOLIC OVERSEAS AID APPEAL** collection is being taken up **TODAY** at all the Masses. Special envelopes are in the pews. Please be generous.

**FLOWERS** — You may help beautify the church and altars for Holy Week and Easter by contributing to the special flower collection which will be taken up next Sunday.

**OUR SUNDAY VISITOR**, a national Catholic newspaper, is available at the entrances of the church. This week's paper is a special issue on Catholic Youth and Education.

**RECYCLE LIFE — DONATE BLOOD**

Monday March 28, from 2:45 to 7:30 p.m.

Knights of Columbus Hall

8410 Kass Drive, Buena Park

Your cooperation will insure a successful blood donor campaign among St. Pius parishioners. Please designate your donation for St. Pius V Blood Bank.

**SCHOOL NEWS**

Friday, April 1st — End of 3rd quarter. Mass at 10:45 a.m. Stations of the Cross at 2:15 p.m.

**50/50 RAFFLE:** Our lucky winner for March 16th drawing was Doris Lang of Buena Park. Ticket No. 491 won for her \$691.00. Congratulations! Remember the April tickets are available after some of the Masses or call 828-1097; 523-5507.

**YOUTH NEWS**

**Saints and Sinners:** Sunday, March 27th — serving Coffee and Donuts. Monthly business meeting at 8:30 a.m.

Thursday, April 14 at 7:00 p.m. — Youth Mass — All the youth of this parish are cordially invited to attend and bring a friend. Fr. Widera will be the celebrant. For information call Jon Martinez, 523-1131. May we of the Saints and Sinners take this most Holy time of the year to remind all of you of the sacrifice that Jesus made for all of us.

**Young Singles:** Sunday, March 27th — L.A. Zoo, meet at the church. The Un-Game Experience at 7:30 p.m. Coffee and Donut Room. Come and join us.

Saturday, April 2nd — District Dance.

Sunday, April 3rd — Volleyball, Cypress College.

Sunday, April 10th — Easter Sunrise Services. For information call Joel, 535-7413 or Carol, 522-3049.

**THE CHRISTIAN SERVICE PROGRAM** has a clothes closet with clothes available at no cost to parishioners in need. For information call 523-5166 or 521-7872.

**ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS:** Sunday, April 3rd, 8:30 a.m. Mass is our Communion Sunday. Meet in front of the church. There will be a special collection for Easter flowers at all the Masses.

Monday, April 4th, will be our monthly meeting in the hall.

**MEN'S RETREAT** for St. Pius V at Serra Retreat House, Malibu, April 15th. For information or reservations call Hank Ficke, 527-1447, Nick Cotugno, 522-4542, or Marcellino Cipres, 926-7636.

**ADULT EDUCATION COURSE** conducted by Fr. Widera, will meet on Thursday, March 31, 8:00 p.m., in the Coffee and Donut Room. The topic will continue to be The Mass — The Easter Mystery (and befitting the season: a study of the Shroud).

**A CLASS FOR PROSPECTIVE CONVERTS** this WEEK will meet on Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m. in the Conference Room. (A make up class is held on Saturday mornings at 11:00.) All interested persons are cordially invited to attend. Please call the rectory, 522-2193, for further information.

**ST. PIUS V. SOCIAL CLUB** sponsors BINGO every Friday evening, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m., in the parish hall. GRAND PRIZE \$250.00 Cash.

**ST. PIUS V CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP** meet every Sunday (except the 4th Sunday) in the library at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For information call 828-8440 or (213) 926-6365.

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER MASS** this Sunday, March 27, at 12:15.

**NEW DIOCESAN RADIO PROGRAMS** — KYMS FM 106.3 on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. Mass and at 10:30 a.m. Catholic Dimensions. Each week there will be stimulating discussion about activities in the new Diocese of Orange.

**CATHOLIC TELEVISION**

Presented by the Diocese of Orange — UHF Channel 40.

"The Word Made Flesh," Catholic Scripture Study, Saturdays at 2:00 p.m.

"Ven Espirito Santo," Spanish language sharing program dealing with the renewal and special teachings by host Fr. Alejandro Burciaga, Saturdays at 6:30 p.m.

"Its A Brand New Day," Catholic sharing and teaching program, Sundays at 6:00 p.m.; Fridays at 2:30 p.m.; and Saturdays at 1:30 p.m.

**THE ORANGE CAMPUS** of Loyola Marymount University is sponsoring a series of lectures by Fr. John Wright, S.J., "Recent Developments in Roman Catholic Theology." The series will be held on Friday, April 1 at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, April 2 at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., and Sunday, April 3 at 9:30 a.m. Donation: \$3.00 per lecture, \$10.00 for the series. For information and pre-registration, call 633-8495, ext. 7763.

**BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

3rd Announcement: Kenneth Haynes and Kerry Ann Lynch.

1st Announcement: Ray Carmody and Denise Capezzuto; Ron Chirumbolo and Paula Nelson.

**YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:**

The repose of the soul of Andrew DiNobile; the recovery of the sick of the parish, especially John Horoszko, Jean Krier, Henry Hawrylew, Edna Collins, Dean Ristow, Mary Kastner, George Gonzales, Victor Medeiros, Frank Montegro, Veronica Reck, Pat Underwood, Anna Marie Shepard, Kathleen Callahan, Betty Filadelfia, Bonny Gillen, Betty Wigton, and Clare Melton.

**JEST KIDDING**

A priest had been called in to deliver the oration at a funeral. The departed was a complete stranger. After the service had started, the clergyman realized that the name given him might be applied to male or female. The details given him about the deceased gave him no clue as to the sex. He was getting more concerned by the minute. He proceeded as diplomatically as possible but he finally arrived at the point where he just had to know.

At the propitious moment, the choir began to sing. He heaved a sigh of relief and bent over and whispered to a nearby mourner, "Brother or Sister?"

The weeping mourner answered hoarsely, "Cousin."

December 20, 1976

His Excellency  
The Most Reverend William R. Johnson  
440 South Batavia Street  
Orange, California 92668

ATTENTION: Father Michael Driscoll

Dear Father Driscoll,

A few days ago I talked by phone to Bishop Johnson about a possible pastoral assignment for Father Siegfried Widera of this Archdiocese. The conversation was very general and the Bishop suggested that perhaps something could be done on a temporary basis. My reason for approaching Bishop Johnson is founded in the fact that Father Widera's brother and family live in Costa Mesa, California. In the course of our conversation the Bishop informed me that he would be absent for a while and asked that I discuss the matter further with you.

I talked to Father Widera this morning and informed him that I was writing to you at the Bishop's request. I learned that he is leaving to visit his brother and will arrive in California on or about January 5th. Under the circumstances I recommended that upon his arrival he immediately get in touch with you or with the Bishop and that in the meantime I would have written to you and to His Excellency.

Father Widera was ordained in 1967 and has done good work for the Diocese in the places to which he was assigned. In his earlier years there was a moral problem having to do with a boy in school. This seemed adequately confronted through treatment and an intense desire upon Father's part to avoid any repetition of a previous offense.

More recently, however, there has been a repetition, and according to our State Laws further psychiatric treatment is mandated with the strong recommendation that no immediate assignment be made in the environs of the Archdiocese.

Father Widera has cooperated in every way and is presently under treatment. His doctor is somewhat in favor of his leaving the scene but expects that there will be continuing treatment. This has already been arranged and a doctor in California will take over at this point. From all the professional information I can gather there would seem no great risk in allowing this man to return to pastoral work, but there are legal complications at present writing. Incidentally, these legal technicalities would permit Father's going to another State as long as treatment is continued.

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December 20, 1976

His Excellency  
The Most Reverend William R. Johnson

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ATTENTION: Father Michael Driscoll

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I would not expect Bishop Johnson or yourself to act in this matter without first of all interviewing Father Widera and satisfying yourself that charity will not add to existing personnel problems. If the man could be assigned on a temporary basis or if he could be given some part-time work that would give him the support of living in residence with other priests, half of the problem would be licked. This must be left to the Bishop's discretion and this discretion should not be exercised until pertinent and important questions have been answered. I hope this can be accomplished in a personal interview sometime in January.

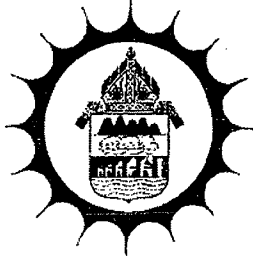
There is no thought of incardination involved, and I am quite willing to accept the man back into the Archdiocese whenever circumstances would indicate. Though I anticipate no recurrence of this past aberration, I would certainly want to be informed if the slightest suspicion were to develop. I would like to show fraternal charity to a fellow priest but I cannot be virtuous at the expense of a fellow Bishop.

With the warmest of personal regards and with every good wish for the Holiday Season, I am

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Most Reverend William E. Cousins  
Archbishop of Milwaukee

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**DIOCESE OF ORANGE**

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October 27, 1981

Most Reverend Rembert G. Weakland, O.S.B.  
Archbishop of Milwaukee  
345 North 95th Street  
Post Office Box 2018  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53201

RE: REVEREND SIEGFRIED WIDERA

Your Excellency:

Reverend Siegfried Widera has served within the Diocese of Orange in California since January 12, 1977. Father Widera came to the Diocese for medical reasons and His Excellency, The Most Reverend William E. Cousins, former Archbishop of Milwaukee, wrote His Excellency, The Most Reverend William R. Johnson, Bishop of Orange, regarding the possibility of extending the Hospitality of the Diocese of Orange to Father Widera while he was on leave from the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

Father Widera has served here since that time in an exemplary fashion. He was first assigned to St. Pius V Parish in Buena Park and was transferred four months later due to the fact that the parish was given over to the Irish Augustinian Fathers. Father Widera was then assigned as Associate Pastor at St. Justin Martyr Parish in Anaheim and served there from April 11, 1977 through July 6, 1981. He proved to be extremely popular with all the people and a very hard worker in the parish. Father Widera also works with the Naim Conference and serves as Spiritual Moderator for all conferences within the Diocese. On July 6, 1981, Father Widera was assigned as Associate Pastor to St. Edward's Parish in Dana Point. This assignment came at this time due to the diocesan policy of rotating Associate Pastors approximately every four years.

Father Widera has requested incardination into the Diocese of Orange. All the priests of the Diocese think very highly of him and those who have worked with him these past five years have recommended his incardination in very high and positive terms. On October 23, 1981, Father Widera's request for incardination was presented to His Excellency and his Board of Consultors. Once again and unanimously a decision was given in favor of incardinating Father Widera into the Diocese of Orange.

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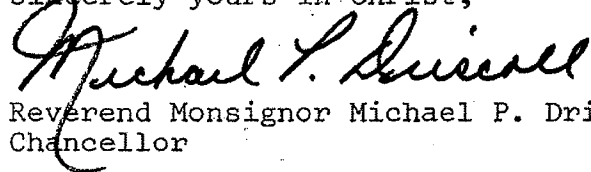
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Some time ago Father Widera wrote to Reverend Joseph A. Janicki, JCL, Vice-Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee regarding submitting his request for incardination into the Diocese of Orange. At this time, in behalf of His Excellency and the Diocese of Orange, I, too, would like to seek your permission to allow Father Siegfried Widera to be excardinated from the Archdiocese of Milwaukee in order that he may be incardinated into the Diocese of Orange. We would consider the date of Father Widera's excardination to be the same as the date of his incardination into the Diocese of Orange.

I wish to thank Your Excellency for consideration of this request. I pray that God will continue to bless you and your ministry with the people of God in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

With every best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Reverend Monsignor Michael P. Driscoll  
Chancellor

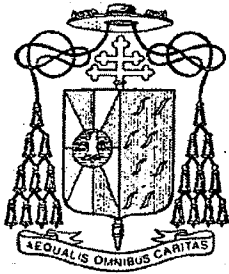
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cc: Rev. Joseph A. Janicki, JCL

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Father Sampon,

The Archbishop would ask you to kindly fashion  
a letter which would be canonically correct for  
the transfer of Father Widera (incardination)  
to the Diocese of Orange...



# REMBERTUS GEORGIUS

Miseratione Divina et Apostolicae Sedis Gratia

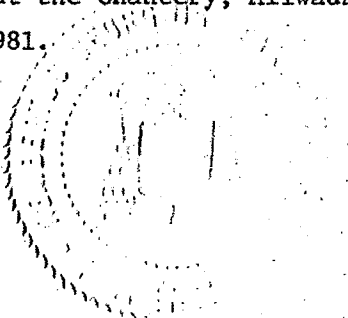
Archiepiscopus Milvauchiensis

The Reverend Siegfried Widera  
Priest of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee

## GREETINGS IN THE LORD

In accordance with your request based on good reasons and having been informed by His Excellency the Most Reverend William R. Johnson, Bishop of Orange, that he is willing to incardinate you, I hereby excommunicate you from this Archdiocese perpetually and absolutely and declare you excommunicated according to canon 112 of the Code of Canon Law, transferring for all time whatever jurisdiction and authority I have over you to the same Bishop Johnson and his successors in the Diocese of Orange, with the condition that this letter becomes effective only when you are duly ascribed to the Diocese of Orange.

Given at the Chancery, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, this the 23rd day of November, 1981.



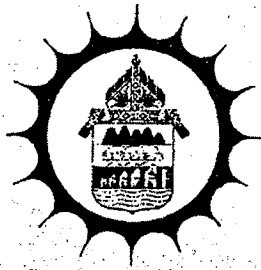
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Archbishop of Milwaukee

Robert G. Sampon

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Chancellor

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**DIOCESE OF ORANGE**  
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Reverend Siegfried Widera  
St. Edward Church

[REDACTED]  
Dana Point, California 92629

Reverend and dear Father:

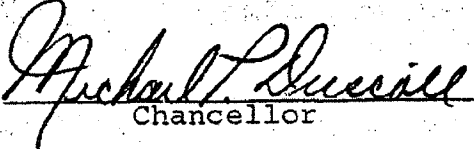
In view of the needs of our Diocese and in accord with the provisions of Canon Law especially regarding your title of Ordination and officially advised that you have received a decree of excommunication from THE ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE with assurance of your good character, your course of studies and your good example and in view of your oath which I have received (personally or before a delegated priest) by which you declare and affirm that you wish to be permanently attached to the service of Our Diocese of Orange in California, in response to your petition, we by this present document incardinate and declare you incardinated in Our Diocese of Orange in California.

Given in Orange, California

on NOVEMBER 23, 1981

With our Seal and the co-signature  
of Our Chancellor.

  
Bishop of Orange, California

  
Chancellor

Seal

ADOM023348



St. Michael's Priest Fund  
P.O. Box 2018  
Milwaukee, Wis. 53201

July 21, 1978

Dear Father:

We hope that you will give the enclosed financial report of the St. Michael's Priest Fund for 1977-78 a few moments of your time. Although much smaller than in previous years, we still realized a profit from our investments after expenses.

We never want the dollars and cents to obscure the more important issue of this report, - namely our priests. Since the Fund started in 1901, thousands of our brother-priests have been helped: the Fund will be there when YOU need it.

Upon the suggestion of the Personnel Board and strong recommendation of the Archbishop, the Directors voted to involve the Fund more in the financial end of the psychological rehabilitation of priest-members both at residential treatment centers or on an out-patient basis. With the prior approval of the Archbishop or ombudsman, the St. Michael's Fund will pay up to 80% of the unpaid balance after Blue Cross-Blue Shield has paid their part. The other 20% is the responsibility of the individual priest. Any other benefit follows the familiar B,C,D, classifications already in effect.

Supplementary aid to retired priests has been changed a little. Last fiscal year approximately \$4,800.00 was paid out to some 28 priests. Using the same formula as last year, 50% of the previous year's profit, we have only \$3,168.00 to work with this year. Therefore rather than sending out applications to all the retired priests, we simply ask that they write directly to the Board if they would like to receive the supplement. It will be small, but we never want to be lacking in our concern for those who have served so long and so well.

There is still a significant number of priests who are in arrears with regards their dues. Remember, this makes you ineligible for benefits. However, payments on past dues are recognized by the Board as a sign of good faith and usually prompts a positive response.

The Board members recognize that while times and needs change, our interest must always be the same, helping our brother-priests, - the purpose for which the Fund was established.

Happy summer

Sincerely in Christ,

The Board of Directors  
St. Michael's Priest Fund

ADOM023388

21 October 1976

Reverend John J. Waldbauer  
Executive Secretary  
Priests' Personnel Board  
6033 West Lloyd Street  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53213

SUBJECT: Reverend Siegfried Widera

Reverend and Dear Father Waldbauer:

Thank you for your letter of 8 October 1976 regarding Father Widera. Thank you for stating in advance that you understand the delicate balance between professional confidentiality on the one hand, and the common good of both Father Widera and the people of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee on the other. With this in mind, I would make the following observations:

- I. I, too, am aware of the rumors which relate to an alleged incident said to have occurred at St. Andrew's Parish in Delavan.
- II. Inasmuch as I was given permission by Father Widera to contact Father Donald Weber and inasmuch as Father Weber, in his role as ombudsman, operates in the external form, it would seem that, as the mathematicians say, quantities equal to the same quantities are equal to each other. In other words, it would seem to make little difference whether I relay information to you or Father Weber does. This belief is furthered by the fact that Father Widera has given me permission to discuss his future assignments within the Archdiocese with the Personnel Board.
- III. You are correct in assuming that Father left St. Andrew's Parish in Delavan for a much-needed vacation in California. It is again a matter of public record that his probation for a felony similar to the one alleged in Walworth County had but three weeks to expire under the sentence of a circuit court judge in Ozaukee County. In light of the intensity level of the rumors in Delavan, it seemed wise not to have Father Widera physically present in the community to serve as an on-going stimulus to the local gossipers.

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Rev. John Waldbauer  
RE: Rev. Widera

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21 October 1976

IV. I had been in touch with Father Widera for the first two or three weeks that he had been in California, but I had not been for the last two or three weeks. I am also not in possession of any address at which he could be reached or telephone number where he could be called. This is because Father always called me collect in his contacts with me. I have no reason to suspect that he will not contact me again; on the other hand, I have no reason to suspect he will. I would guess that, inasmuch as Father is staying with his brother, Father Widera's own father would be able to give you an address or phone number where he could be reached.

V. I can fully sympathize with the problem facing the Personnel Board. If the allegations against Father were proven to be true, and with a previous history of conviction on a similar charge, Father Widera would be a very difficult priest to place in a parochial position within the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. This would be especially true since he has exhausted the geographic possibilities from the Dan of Fond du Lac to the Beersheba of Delavan. Consequently, it is readily apparent that Father would be a very difficult man to whom to give a parochial assignment.


VI. I have suggested this much to Father, and it is a fact of life which he readily accepts. Father himself has mentioned the possibility of his staying on the West Coast in a non-sacerdotal occupation, at least for the time being.

VII. It would be my recommendation to Father Widera that his own mental health -- not to mention the corporate mental health of the Archdiocese -- would be better served if he were to choose not to attempt to pursue the active ministry in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee in the foreseeable future. This does not rule out such a possibility in years to come, nor does it rule out his attempting to find priestly work under the aegis of another diocese. It simply says that both he and the Diocese would be ill-advised to try to work out any type of assignment at this time which would not immediately be followed by the faithful of either Fond du Lac or Delavan to the new parish, where such information could only be deleterious to both Father and the pursuit of his priestly ministry, and to those people whose care he is charged with.

VIII. The problem with all of this is that I have lost touch with Father Widera. When last we talked, he was generally aware of my thinking, although not in the detail spelled out in this letter to you. While I have tried to walk the tightrope between the fora, I would appreciate your and the Board's treating my letter with the same confidentiality with which I submit it to you.

If there is any further help I can be to you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours very truly,

  
Consulting Psychologist

ADOM023406

October 8, 1976

Mr. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53211

C Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

O Subsequent to a telephone conversation between yourself and Father Paul Esser, who is a member of the Priest Personnel Board, the contents were placed on the agenda of our most recent meeting. The matter relates to the dealings of the Personnel Board with Father Siegfried Widera. As you know, his present status is tenuous, and the Board will need to make some sort of a recommendation relating to his appointment at a future date.

P We are aware that Father Widera has been in consultation with you for the last number of years. It seems that rumors relating to an incident have forced his leaving St. Andrew Parish in Delavan under the guise of a taken vacation. We understand that he is presently in California and has been in communication with you. There has been no communication between Father Widera and the Personnel Board since his leaving Delavan.

Y Knowing how delicate this matter is, the Personnel Board has agreed to ask your consultation in our dealings with Father Widera in the future. Respecting your necessary professional confidentiality, we wonder if there is any information or suggestion that you might make that could assist the Board in its communication with him. Any response you are able to make could be most helpful and appreciated.

Your work and dedication with people who serve the Church of Milwaukee is a significant one. We pray for the Spirit to guide you in its continuation.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Reverend John J. Waldbauer,  
Executive Secretary  
Priests' Personnel Board

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The Reverend Siegfried F. Widera

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We do ask that underneath all of what is stated, that you are assured of our interest in you. You are a generous and loving man, who has served as a priest for almost ten years. At the same time, there is something within you that you need to give adequate attention to, so that you can take away the suspicion and mistrust within yourself that forces you to run away. The Personnel Board is interested in being informed at the earliest possible time of your direction in all of this.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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Reverend John J. Waldbauer,  
Executive Secretary  
Priests' Personnel Board

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ADOM023409

May 27, 1975

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The Reverend Siegfried F. Widera  
St. Andrew Parish

████████████████████  
Delavan, Wisconsin 53115

Dear Father Widera:

Following the recommendation of the Personnel Board, regarding your assignment, I herewith appoint you Associate Pastor at St. Andrew Parish, Delavan, effective June 17, 1975. You will kindly continue to work with the Pastor, Father Eugene B. Henke.

With the warmest of personal regards and wishing you God's choicest blessings, I am

Faternally yours in Christ,

Most Reverend William E. Cousins  
Archbishop of Milwaukee

ADOM023410

March 18, 1974

Mrs. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Dear Mrs. [REDACTED]

The Archdiocesan Priests' Personnel Board is in receipt of your letter dated March 2, 1974.

We certainly do appreciate the very kind words you have to say about Father Sigfried Widera. The entire Board is most happy that Father Widera is doing so well at St. Andrew parish and your request that he should remain at St. Andrew will receive every consideration.

Thank you for your interest in the People of God in your parish.

Sincerely,

ARCHDIOCESAN PERSONNEL BOARD

Rev. John J. Theisen  
Executive Secretary

JJT:pml

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February 25, 1974

Mrs. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Dear Mrs. [REDACTED]

The Archdiocesan Priests' Personnel Board is in receipt of your letter dated February 20, 1974.

Your kind words concerning Father Sigfried Widera are most appreciated and will be brought to the attention of the entire Personnel Board at our next meeting.

Thank you again for your thoughtfulness and your interest in St. Andrew parish.

Sincerely,

ARCHDIOCESAN PERSONNEL BOARD

Rev. John J. Theisen  
Executive Secretary

JJT:pml

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Feb 20 - 1974

Rev John Theisen  
Personel Board.

Dear Father Theisen

I am writing from St Andrews Church in Delaware we have Fr. Wideman helping us.

He is so well liked so hope we can keep him permanently here so good with the school children, he visits the sick and elderly and is so understanding that they all look for his visits.

He is so religious and preaches a very instructive sermon.

I hope you see fit to appoint him to St Andrews as we need some one like him for our Parish.

Sincerely,

PME  
LD - 2/26/74

February 19, 1974

Mrs. [REDACTED]

Dear Mrs. [REDACTED]

The Archdiocesan Priests' Personnel Board is in receipt of your letter dated February 12, 1974.

We are most happy to hear that you are so pleased with Father Sig Widera. We are happy to hear that he is doing well in the school and shows so much interest in the children.

I assure you that your kind letter will be brought to the attention of the entire seven man Personnel Board at our next meeting.

Thank you again for the interest and kind words you have spoken in behalf of Father Widera.

Sincerely,

ARCHDIOCESAN PERSONNEL BOARD

Rev. John J. Theisen  
Executive Secretary

JJT:pml

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Feb. 28, 1974.

Rev. John Theisen,  
Personal Board -  
6033 Lloyd Street;  
Milwaukee, Wis.

Dear Rev. Theisen:

This is to ask you if you will kindly consider allowing Fr. Sigfred Wedira, who is now at St. Andrew's Parish here at Delavan, to remain with us. He is one whom we all like, and the children are so happy with him. He is gentle, courteous and considerate and the children adore him.

We are all offering our prayers - that you will consent to allow him to remain among

us. Sincerely,  
Mrs. 

PPD 3/4/74 JME

Feb. 28 - 1974

Rev. John Theisen  
Personal Board -  
6033 Lloyd Street;  
Milwaukee, Wis. 53213

Dear Rev. Theisen;

Every one here at St. Andrews Parish  
thinks so much of Fr. Sigfred  
Wedica. We are hoping you will  
allow him to stay here. The  
children are very happy with him.  
We older people think it would  
be one of the most wonderful  
things that ever happened at  
St. Andrews. Thank you Father.

PME

Sincerely

JD 3/4/74

Miss [REDACTED]

Feb. 12, 1974

Dear Father Theisen,

I'm writing to tell you how pleased we are to have Fr. Sig Widera here in St. Andrew's parish. He has endeared himself to all who have had contact with him.

The children in our school literally follow him around; he is so kind and shows so much interest in them.

It is really great having a priest in our parish who gives the kind of example Fr. Widera does and who relates to the youngsters.

I have also heard many fine remarks regarding Father's visits to the hospital. Well - I could go on and on - but I think you can see why we are so pleased with Fr. Widera being in our parish.

Sincerely,

Mrs. [REDACTED]

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Kenosha, Wisconsin 53140  
Telephone (414) 654-8651

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September 3, 1973

Conversation with Fr. Rolland Glass

From Paul Esser

Fr. Glass' comments on Fr. Siegfried Widera:

1. He was always in bed or sitting--literally. Not very ambitious.
2. He drank a lot. The police brought him home on at least one occasion in an intoxicated state. He would leave the bottles laying around his room.

He was a "loner." He had difficulty relating with adults. He had instant rapport with young boys and spent a lot of time with them.

4. His family seemed normal.. His father was a very strict German. His three brothers and sisters lost their German accent. Fr. Siegfried did not.
  5. He would do what he was directed to do, but no more. Would not really move in and take over with a job. He needs a programmed situation--possibly in education.
  6. He did not take care of his person. He smelled.
  7. A male grade school teacher saw Fr. Siegfried fooling around with the boys of another teacher. He said to father that if he fooled around in the same way with his students, he would punch Father in the face.
  8. Fr. Glass had reports for some time from within and without the parish that something was wrong.
  9. He coached the boys in basketball. He would be in the shower with the boys--all in the nude. When an adult male entered the shower, Fr. Siegfried covered himself with a towel.
  10. Fr. Siegfried took boys swimming at a motel in Milwaukee. Father knew the owner and could use the pool. This happened over a period of time.
  11. Parishioners came forward after the fact and indicated incidents they had noticed and warnings they had given their own children about not letting Father touch them.
- Fr. Glass' mother told Glass that Fr. Siegfried on at least one occasion had a boy ~~he~~ sleep with him overnight in the rectory.
13. Fr. Glass did confront Fr. Siegfried: "Circumstances are forcing me to draw certain conclusions about you and your conduct with little boys." Fr. Siegfried stopped seeing boys for a time but then went back to it.
  14. There was a pattern of contact with small boys.
  15. At the trial, the D.A.' office asked for the full five years in jail. The D.A. is a "good Catholic."

PME

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ARCHDIOCESAN PERSONNEL BOARD

6033 West Lloyd Street  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53213  
475-0150

August 14, 1973

Communication from Archbishop William E. Cousins to J. Theisen, Exec. Sec.  
of Priests' Personnel Board

Re: REV. SIEGFRIED F. WIDERA

Father Widera was arrested for, as the Milwaukee Sentinel stated it, sexual perversion with young boys. He appeared in the Ozaukee County Court yesterday, August 13, 1973 and was sentenced to three years probation. The Judge, who imposed the sentence, also ordered that Father Widera may not return to the Port Washington area.

Father Widera is presently seeing Dr. [REDACTED] twice a week.

ADOM023424

FROM: [REDACTED]  
DATE: Tue, 26 Mar 2002 03:05:11 GMT  
TO: Information <information@archmil.org>  
SUBJECT: Question

Question from the Ask Us: Ask A Question page:

Name:  
[REDACTED]

Email:  
[REDACTED]

Question:  
I heard the Arch Bishop state that there is no higher percentage of pedophiles in the catholic clergy than in the general population. I thought about that, and I realized that I have met thousands of people during my youth, but the one time that I felt truly frightened was that time in the car of a priest, I was sexually groped by a very popular priest in the Delavan area. His name is/was Father Widera. I've always thought how odd it is that a man that was so popular in this town was someone that I hated and the fact that somehow it needed to be secretive is grossly unfair. There may not be any higher percentage of pedophiles in the catholic clergy than in the general population, but for me the percentage in the catholic clergy is much more than I ever hoped to have to consider.

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING

[REDACTED] (hereafter [REDACTED]) has made an allegation that he was sexually abused as a minor by Siegfried Widera. [REDACTED] agrees to present this matter to the independent mediation system as soon as it is accessible. In the interim, the Archdiocese of Milwaukee (hereafter Archdiocese) will provide [REDACTED] with a fund consisting of \$5000 to be used for sustenance. The establishment of this fund does not constitute an admission of liability on the part of the Archdiocese nor does it establish any contractual relationship between [REDACTED] and the Archdiocese. These funds are being provided entirely at the discretion of the Archdiocese out of pastoral concern for the well being of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Date

*Barbara Anne Cusack* 4-8-04  
For the Archdiocese of Milwaukee  
Barbara Anne Cusack Date



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[REDACTED]

1<sup>st</sup> Degree Sexual Assault of a Child (by Priest)

Date: 04-24-2002  
Time: 7:00 pm

- Offense Location(s):
1. [REDACTED] West Allis WI (ST MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CATHOLIC CHURCH & RECTORY); *sexual abuse occurred at this location from 1968 or 1969 through 1973*
  2. [REDACTED] West Allis WI (ST MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS GYMNASIUM); *sexual abuse occurred at this location in December 1970*
  3. [REDACTED] West Allis WI (formerly the TYROLEAN TOWNE HOUSE INN, now operating as DAYS INN); *sexual abuse occurred at this location from 1968 or 1969 through 1976*
  4. [REDACTED] Milwaukee WI (formerly THE EAGLES CLUB, now operating as THE RAVE); *sexual abuse occurred at this location from 1968 or 1969 through 1976*

Investigating Officer: Lieutenant Greg Blaskowski; Detective Ann Phillippi; Detective Steven Fabry; Detective Thomas Kulinski

Victim(s):  
[REDACTED]





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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

Witness(es):

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (M/W; [REDACTED]  
Kewaskum WI 53040; ph# [REDACTED] employed at [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] work ph# [REDACTED]; *retired Ozaukee County Sheriff's  
Department detective; obtained an oral confession from WIDERA on  
July 2, 1973; details of the confession)*

[REDACTED] (F/W; [REDACTED] Delevan  
WI 53115; *overheard WIDERA molesting two altar boys after  
morning mass on or about August 22, 1976 at St Andrew's Parish in  
Delevan WI and reported it immediately to Father VOJTIK)*



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[REDACTED] (M/W; [REDACTED], Port Washington WI 53074; ph# [REDACTED] retired Port Washington PD police officer; sat in and assisted in obtaining an oral confession from WIDERA on July 2, 1973; witnessed WIDERA sign a waiver of rights form prior to questioning; details of the confession)

[REDACTED] (known as [REDACTED] F/W; [REDACTED] Delevan WI 53115; ph# [REDACTED] overheard WIDERA molesting two altar boys after morning mass on or about August 22, 1976 at St Andrew's Parish in Delevan WI and reported it immediately to Father VOJTIK)

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (M/W; [REDACTED] WI 53024; ph# [REDACTED] retired Ozaukee County Sheriff's Department Sergeant; sat in and assisted in obtaining an oral confession from WIDERA on July 2, 1973; witnessed WIDERA sign a waiver of rights form prior to questioning)

[REDACTED]

Offender:

Siegfried Frank WIDERA, (also known as Frank Siegfried WIDERA and Siegfried Francis WIDERA; M/W; [REDACTED] Green Valley, AZ 85614, ph# [REDACTED] cell ph# [REDACTED] SS# [REDACTED]; FBI# 38100M6; WI CIB# 66702; former Catholic Priest, was assigned to ST MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS until June, 1972; was identified as the offender through personal knowledge by the victim complainant; booked on sheet # [REDACTED] for 5 counts of Indecent Behavior with a Child and 4 counts of Enticing a Child for Immoral Purposes; all charges issued by ADA Chris Liegel on 05-22-2002)

Contact(s):

ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE, (3501 S Lake Dr, St Francis WI 53235; main ph# 414-769-3300; information about Father WIDERA's assignments in Wisconsin; granted permission/ access to all property at 1210 S 61<sup>st</sup> St for investigation/ photos; turned Father WIDERA's file over to ADA Chris Liegel)

[REDACTED] (M/W; [REDACTED] Rio Rico AZ 85648; ph# [REDACTED]



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*WIDERA's ex-partner in TUCSON ██████████ background information on Siegfried WIDERA)*

**DIOCESE OF ORANGE**, (Orange County, California; contact is ██████████ voice ph# ██████████ or ██████████ fax# ██████████; *information about Father WIDERA's assignments in California and whereabouts after he was removed)*

**HOLLAND AMERICA CRUISE LINE- WESTOURS INC**, (contact is ██████████ Legal Department; 300 Elliott Avenue West, Seattle WA 98119; ph# ██████████ *confirmed that WIDERA was a passenger on the cruise ship MAASDAM from May 5<sup>th</sup>-May 17<sup>th</sup> 2002, cruised the Eastern & Western Caribbean and disembarked in Fort Lauderdale FL)*

██████████ (F/W; ██████████ West Allis WI 53214; home ph# ██████████; *had been friends with Siegfried WIDERA, declined to be interviewed)*

**ST MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CATHOLIC CHURCH**, (1210 S 61<sup>st</sup> St, West Allis WI 53214; ph# 414-771-8313)

██████████ (home ph# ██████████ work ph# ██████████ *travel agent that booked the Holland America cruise for WIDERA)*

██████████ (M/W; ██████████ current Administrator/ Pastor at ST MARY HELP OF CHISTIANS CHURCH; 1210 S 61<sup>st</sup> St, West Allis WI 53214; Rectory ph# ██████████ *allowed us to access to the Church, Rectory & Gymnasium on 05-14-2002 for further investigation/ photos)*

██████████ (F/W; ██████████ c/o THE RAVE, 2401 W Wisconsin Av, Milwaukee WI; ph# ██████████ *THE RAVE, formerly known as THE EAGLES CLUB; allowed us to access the building for further investigation/ photos)*

██████████ (F/W; ██████████ Green Valley AZ 85614, ph# ██████████; *Siegfried WIDERA's sister; admitted that Siegfried WIDERA knew there was a warrant for his arrest and was fleeing due to that warrant)*

██████████ (known as ██████████; M/W; ██████████ ██████████ Brookfield WI 53045; ph# ██████████ *Siegfried WIDERA's brother)*

██████████ now known as ██████████; Costa Mesa CA



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[REDACTED]  
area; Siegfried WIDERA's brother)

[REDACTED] (F/W; [REDACTED]  
Milwaukee WI; ph# [REDACTED]; personal friend of Siegfried  
WIDERA's; confirmed that WIDERA was a resident of the State of  
Arizona from April 1986 through July 16, 1987)

**CHARGING SYNOPSIS**

DET Ann Phillippi reporting:

On 04-24-2002, [REDACTED] came into West Allis PD to report that he and [REDACTED] were sexually assaulted by a Catholic Priest who had been assigned to ST MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH, 1210 S 61<sup>st</sup> St, West Allis (WI). The assaults occurred between the years 1969-1976. The sexual assaults occurred in the Rectory at 1210 S 61<sup>st</sup> St, in the Church Sacristy at 1210 S 61<sup>st</sup> St, in the ST MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS Gymnasium at 6014 W Madison St, at the TYROLEAN TOWNE HOUSE INN at 1669-1673 S 108<sup>th</sup> St, (now DAYS INN in West Allis), THE EAGLE'S CLUB (2401 W Wisconsin Av in the City of Milwaukee) as well as in various other locations in Wisconsin, Michigan, Canada, Washington State, Oregon and California. The victim complainant identified the offender as Father Siegfried WIDERA.

The assaults consisted of WIDERA fondling the [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] genitals and buttocks, having the boys rub his genitals until he ejaculated, as well as WIDERA holding the boys' legs tightly together, inserting his penis in between the boys' thighs (to simulate penetration) and moving back and forth until he ejaculated. The victim complainant, [REDACTED] said that sometimes WIDERA ejaculated on him (victim complainant) and other times WIDERA just ejaculated and it went on the floor, car seat or bed.

[REDACTED] was also present during some of the assaults and admitted that he was also assaulted by WIDERA. [REDACTED] said the most horrible assault to him occurred in April, May or June of 1972 when WIDERA sexually assaulted [REDACTED] in his bed at the Rectory. [REDACTED] was [REDACTED] years old at the time of this assault. WIDERA was lying in bed naked and had [REDACTED] lying on top of him, facing him. [REDACTED] was also naked. WIDERA grabbed [REDACTED] body tightly and moved [REDACTED] body up and down over his erect penis until he (WIDERA) ejaculated on [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] said that WIDERA uttered an annoying grunt when he ejaculated or was sexually gratified. [REDACTED] had overheard WIDERA grunt in the same manner on numerous occasions when WIDERA was alone in a room with [REDACTED].

WIDERA provided pornographic magazines to [REDACTED] to "keep him busy" while WIDERA was assaulting [REDACTED] in his bedroom at the Rectory, in the parked VW bus and inside the hotel room(s) WIDERA rented at the TYROLEAN TOWNE HOUSE INN. The magazines showed graphic photos of nude women. WIDERA provided these magazines to [REDACTED] between January- March 1970 though May or June 1972. [REDACTED] was only [REDACTED] years old when WIDERA gave him the first pornographic magazine and WIDERA consistently provided pornographic magazines to [REDACTED] until June 1972, when [REDACTED] was [REDACTED] years old. WIDERA also provided pornographic magazines of the same nature to [REDACTED] from 1970



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through 1976. [REDACTED] was [REDACTED] years old when WIDERA gave him the first magazine to look at. WIDERA consistently provided pornographic magazines for [REDACTED] to view until [REDACTED] was [REDACTED] years old.

According to [REDACTED] WIDERA would occasionally have both boys rub his penis while he rubbed their penises with his hands. WIDERA would do this until he ejaculated. WIDERA would also have sexual contact with [REDACTED] while the [REDACTED] was present. Generally the assaults started by WIDERA tickling the victim. When he took the boys swimming, he would have them remove their swim trunks. WIDERA would rub his naked body against the boys' naked bodies in the swimming pools. WIDERA also rubbed his clothed groin against [REDACTED] face and asked [REDACTED] to perform oral sex on him inside the Gymnasium in December 1970 when [REDACTED] was [REDACTED] years old.

[REDACTED] estimated that WIDERA had sexual contact with him 2-3 times per week, more during the summers, from 1969 until WIDERA was transferred to a parish in Port Washington WI (June 1972). This conservative estimate would result in a total of or between 248- 372 sexual encounters with the victim; the victim was between [REDACTED] years old at the time. [REDACTED] specifically recalled having sexual contact with WIDERA inside WIDERA's VW bus the day before WIDERA left for his new assignment in Port Washington WI. Archdiocese of Milwaukee documents show a transfer date of June 1972. The bus was parked inside the garage at the Rectory, located at [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] said that WIDERA were alone. WIDERA started the contact by tickling him as usual. WIDERA took off his clothes and had [REDACTED] remove his own clothes. WIDERA fondled [REDACTED] penis and buttocks and had [REDACTED] fondle his (WIDERA's) penis as well. WIDERA became more aggressive: he grabbed [REDACTED] legs and held them together. WIDERA inserted his penis between [REDACTED] thighs and moved his penis back and forth until he ejaculated.

WIDERA's sexual encounters continued after that on a sporadic basis (a few times per month) with [REDACTED] from 1973-1976. From June through late August 1976, WIDERA took [REDACTED] on a driving trip from Wisconsin to California. WIDERA had sexual contact with [REDACTED] about 3 times per week during this 11-week trip. This estimate would result in total of around 33 sexual encounters with the then [REDACTED]-year-old victim.

[REDACTED] thought he was around [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] years old when he was sexually molested by WIDERA. [REDACTED] estimated that the assaults occurred in 1968 or 1969; however, both the [REDACTED] brothers recall [REDACTED] going on trips with them and Father WIDERA and [REDACTED] was in the [REDACTED] so the assaults most likely occurred during the 1970-1971 school year, when [REDACTED] was [REDACTED] years old. [REDACTED] said that he witnessed Father WIDERA touch [REDACTED] genitals over [REDACTED] clothing inside the Sacristy after mass. Father WIDERA also provided pornographic magazines for [REDACTED] to look through while both he and WIDERA were lying on WIDERA's bed, partially unclothed in the Rectory. [REDACTED] said that he remembered Father WIDERA took him swimming at THE EAGLES CLUB and removed [REDACTED] swim trunks. WIDERA held [REDACTED] naked body against his own in the pool.

[REDACTED] said that during the summer of 1973, Father WIDERA sexually molested him inside WIDERA's VW bus, which was parked on the school lot behind the Rectory. WIDERA tickled [REDACTED] exposed his erect penis to [REDACTED] and then placed [REDACTED] hand on his erect penis. [REDACTED] was [REDACTED] years old at the time. [REDACTED] had told [REDACTED] that Father WIDERA had sexually abused him in an even worse manner just months before [REDACTED].



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██████████ said that Father WIDERA regularly chased and "tickled" the schoolboys on the playground. ██████████ described the tickling as being a "grab and tickle in the area between the scrotum and their anus." ██████████ said this was considered "special attention." ██████████ estimated that Father WIDERA tickled him in this manner between 50-70 times on the school playground between the ages of ██████████. ██████████ did not consider this tickling a sexual assault and said, "if it is (an assault), you have a whole school full of victims!"

Wisconsin CIB records revealed that Father WIDERA was charged with a crime of sexual perversion involving a ██████████ year-old boy in 1973 (Ozaukee County, Wisconsin). The Ozaukee County District Attorney's file contained a police report in which WIDERA confessed to molesting boys in Milwaukee County as well. He was convicted of the charge issued in Ozaukee County and was sentenced to three years probation. WIDERA was transferred to a parish in Delevan WI and later, to the Roman Catholic Diocese of Orange, California to serve as a Priest at a parish in Anaheim, California. WIDERA has faced at least six allegations of sexual abuse in Orange County since 1976. The Diocese of Orange stripped WIDERA of his priestly duties in 1985 and sent him to a treatment program in New Mexico. Siegfried WIDERA's FBI record lists an arrest on 12-20-1989 for Child Molestation/ Child Fondling in Tucson AZ. Additional reports regarding new allegations were filed with Anaheim (CA) PD on April 6, 2002 as well as with other jurisdictions near Anaheim.

WIDERA's DIOCESE OF ORANGE assignment history, Social Security Administration records from 1976-2000, Arizona Corporation records, Arizona Department of Motor Vehicle Records, Pima County Property Ownership records and other reliable records support the fact that WIDERA has not publicly established residency in the State of Wisconsin since he left in June 1976 (WI State Statute 939.74 sub 3). As WIDERA moved from Wisconsin to California in 1976, the six-year statute of limitations for charging the crimes that occurred in Wisconsin has not expired. ADA Chris Liegel of the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office reviewed this case on May 1, 2002 and again on May 20, 2002 for charges.

On 05-22-2002, ADA Liegel issued 4 counts of Enticing a Child for Immoral Purposes and 5 counts of Indecent Behavior with a Child against Siegfried WIDERA. These charges were from statutes that existed from 1969-1975. Each charge is a felony with a 10-year prison penalty. Judge Donald signed a felony warrant for WIDERA authorizing extradition from anywhere in the United States. WIDERA was booked on WAPD sheet # ██████████ for these charges. Additional victims contacted the West Allis Police Department to report other incidents of abuse by WIDERA. These incidents, while documented, were not charged by the respective jurisdictions.

Multiple UFAP (Unlawful Flight to Avoid Prosecution charge, a violation of Federal Code) requests were made through the US Attorney's Office- Eastern District of Wisconsin. All UFAP requests were rejected. The US Marshals Service Southeast Wisconsin Fugitive Task Force pursued leads on WIDERA's whereabouts and extended the search worldwide.

US Marshals Service received a tip that WIDERA had been in Juarez, Mexico. Additional information was aired on Mexican television regarding WIDERA's wanted status. On Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup> 2003, WIDERA was located in the Mexico at the VISTA DORADA HOTEL in the city of Mazatlan by Mexican police. WIDERA left two signed notes in his room before he jumped off his third floor balcony. WIDERA died as a result of the injuries sustained from his jump.



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This case was closed on 06-08-2003, as the offender is deceased.

INITIAL COMPLAINT: 04-24-2002

On 04-24-2002, [REDACTED] came into the West Allis Police Department to report that a Roman Catholic Priest had sexually assaulted him. Some of the assaults occurred in the City of West Allis while [REDACTED] was a child. A voice page was sent throughout the station for any detective in the building to call the front desk. I responded to the page and subsequently took [REDACTED] complaint.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE VICTIM/ COMPLAINANT, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was soft spoken and had tears in his eyes when I met him. The abuse he detailed appeared emotionally painful for him. [REDACTED] expression, voice and tears indicated the depth of this pain caused by this sexual abuse. Though I have handled sexual assaults before, none of the victims I have interviewed appeared so visibly devastated as [REDACTED] appeared. In my experience, I have only seen this amount of pain and sadness on the faces, as well as in the voices and tears of parents when I've had to notify them that their child was dead.

[REDACTED] told me that he is married and has [REDACTED]. He is currently employed as a [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] told me that he discussed his decision to report the abuse with his wife and [REDACTED] before actually coming to the police department. I asked him why he chose to report the abuse now. [REDACTED] told me that emotionally he couldn't really even talk about the abuse before this. [REDACTED] saw an article about Father WIDERA recently in the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel Online ([www.jsonline.com](http://www.jsonline.com)). Seeing this article dredged up the past. [REDACTED] realized that even if he made a report, there might be little chance of criminal prosecution and that current Wisconsin case law makes it virtually impossible to successfully sue the Church for abuse. [REDACTED] told me that he did not care about that; he just wanted to report, to finally tell someone about the abuse that he and [REDACTED] had suffered at the hands of Father Siegfried WIDERA.

BACKGROUND AS TO HOW [REDACTED] MET THE FATHER WIDERA

[REDACTED], moved into [REDACTED] (West Allis, WI) with her children. [REDACTED] told me that he and his siblings went to school and attended mass at ST MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH, located near 61<sup>st</sup> & Madison ([REDACTED] West Allis, WI).

Father Siegfried WIDERA, one of the parish priests (a Pastor or an Associate at that time) assigned to ST MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH, came over to the house to visit with [REDACTED] and her children shortly after she joined the parish and enrolled them at the parish





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school. This first visit would have occurred in the fall of 1969. It was their impression at the time that Father WIDERA visited with all new parishioners. They found out this was not so. Father WIDERA continued to show a special interest in their family. [REDACTED] added, "He went out of his way. Even my mother thought this (WIDERA's continued visits and interest in the family) was odd." However, Father WIDERA continued to visit and became familiar with the family.

[REDACTED] told me that Father WIDERA seemed to pay particular attention to broken homes. [REDACTED] remarked, "He (WIDERA) played on the void that was there- being the missing father. He played this to my mother as well. He (WIDERA) gained my mom's trust enough to take me and [REDACTED] on day trips. Those trips eventually turned into weekend trips." In the summer their mother allowed them to go camping or go vacationing with Father WIDERA for a week as well. The final trip [REDACTED] took with Father WIDERA was when [REDACTED] was [REDACTED] years old. [REDACTED] said, "I had just gotten my 'temps' (temporary driver's license) and Father was going to drive to his new assignment in California. We left West Allis, Wisconsin around June 15<sup>th</sup>, 1976 and I was with him until the last week of August or the first week of September 1976. We drove through Michigan, Canada, Washington State (re-entered the US), Oregon and California.

I asked [REDACTED] if he had regular contact with Father WIDERA other than during his visits to [REDACTED] house during the time that WIDERA was assigned to ST MARY. [REDACTED] said he did and explained, "Once we started going to school, it was a normal part of the school day to have a morning mass. I became an altar boy. After mass, Father (WIDERA) would take us (the altar boys) out for breakfast. We would go to a little place on National Avenue- I don't remember the name (of the restaurant). He (WIDERA) seemed very personable. He was also very 'hands on.'"

**HOW SEXUAL CONTACT WAS INITIATED: NO FORCE OR THREATS MADE TO [REDACTED]**

I asked [REDACTED] what he meant by that. [REDACTED] replied, "Like tickling us- that kind of thing. He wouldn't just do it momentarily. He would do it for about 5-10 minutes. When he did this (to me) in front of my mom, she even told him to stop because he would do it for so long." I asked [REDACTED] how Father WIDERA would tickle him. [REDACTED] told me, "He would pick me up and tickle my arms and sides. He used his fingers (to tickle). I think this is how he (WIDERA) 'tested the waters' because it (the touching) progressed from there."

I asked [REDACTED] in what way WIDERA's touching progressed from the tickling. [REDACTED] told me that Father WIDERA initiated all the sexual contacts they had. Every sexual contact started with Father WIDERA tickling [REDACTED] told me, "I got to hate it when he would tickle me because I knew what was going to happen next." [REDACTED] went on to say, "I would make excuses like I was sick when I knew things were going in the direction where he (WIDERA) wanted sexual activity. He always initiated sex by tickling."

I asked [REDACTED] what he thought about Father WIDERA's relationship with him at the time the abuse was occurring. [REDACTED] replied, "When I was younger, I didn't understand it and I didn't know what to think. As I got older and the contact continued, I was really uncomfortable with it but I didn't want to lose the benefits of the relationship. He took me on trips and did fun activities with me that without him; I would not have been able to do. He also would buy me presents for my birthday and Christmas, like beer steins and stuffed animals. I still have one of the stuffed animals he gave me."



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██████ told me that he was never threatened and Father WIDERA never used force to get what he wanted- sexual contact with ██████ as well as ██████ silence about the contact. ██████ explained that Father WIDERA had a lot of psychological control and would use his attention as well as the trips as leverage. ██████ said, "If things were going the way he wanted, you were included. If you did something he didn't like, he would pay attention to someone else. (Father WIDERA) would make sure you knew about a trip and if he was not pleased with you, he would make you aware of the fact you would not be going on that trip. He had a lot of other students and altar boys that he would take on trips as well. He had to be doing the same thing (to them)." I asked ██████ if he knew the names of the other altar boys that went on trips or did activities with Father WIDERA. ██████ didn't remember the names of the other boys.

INCIDENTS OF SEXUAL ABUSE WITH ██████ AT 1210 S 61<sup>ST</sup> ST: ST MARY  
HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH, RECTORY & GYMNASIUM (1969-1972)

██████ told me that that the very first time Father WIDERA touched him in a sexual manner was after an early morning mass. ██████ told me that at that time, ST MARY had a daily 6:30 am mass, followed by a daily 8:00 am school mass. All the altar boys liked to do the 6:30 am mass because Father WIDERA would keep it short- 20 minutes to ½ hour. Mass always ended before 7:00 am. Father WIDERA would usually take the altar boy(s) out for breakfast during that free hour before the school mass (7:00 am- 8:00 am). ██████ described the selection for serving as an altar boy at the early mass as being very competitive, "because everybody liked the breakfasts." Father WIDERA would also take ██████ over to the Rectory after mass and later, to his (WIDERA's) bedroom as well.

██████ described the Rectory as a big building. The Pastor was very old, hard of hearing and would usually sleep in; Father WIDERA would usually take the early masses. The only other person in the Rectory at the time Father WIDERA had ██████ over would have been the elderly female housekeeper. Father WIDERA was able to sneak ██████ into the Rectory and into his bedroom without the Pastor or the housekeeper seeing them.

The first sexual contact took place in early 1970. ██████ believes it was still winter outside, shortly after he was enrolled in the parish school. I showed him a 1969 calendar I had found on the Internet and printed ("Choose a Calendar by Year"). ██████ looked at the calendar and told me that he believes that this first assault occurred sometime between January 2, 1970 and late March 1970. ██████ was ██████ years old or had just turned ██████ at the time of this incident.

Father WIDERA took ██████ over to the Rectory after early mass. ██████ described the incident to me. He said, "(WIDERA) made it out to be like it was a mistake- that things got out of hand. He tickled me and then reached down and fondled me (██████ clarified this to be his genitals) through my clothing. The only thing he said to me when he did that was 'Whoopsey!' I'll never forget that! He said it in a joking manner, 'Whoopsey!' (WIDERA) apologized to me after he did that. It was like he was looking for my input- how I would take it. There was not much of a response from me so he tried to smooth things over. It was like he was trying to see to what extent he could go." As ██████ toured the Rectory and the church on 05-14-2002, ██████ remembered that this first incident of sexual assault actually took place inside the church Sacristy, not the Rectory.

Father WIDERA continued to take ██████ to the Rectory and later, to his bedroom after early mass. WIDERA would fondle ██████ genitals and buttocks, sometimes while ██████ was clothed and later, while



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██████████ was unclothed. The assaults later consisted of WIDERA having ██████████ touch his own penis while rubbing WIDERA'S penis until WIDERA ejaculated. ██████████ told me that this was usually how Father WIDERA preferred his sexual contact. However, WIDERA would sometimes get aggressive when he had an erection: he would hold ██████████ legs tightly together and insert his penis between ██████████ thighs to simulate penetration. WIDERA would move his penis between ██████████ thighs until he (WIDERA) ejaculated. I asked ██████████ if WIDERA had ██████████ face him while doing this or if he positioned ██████████ to face away from him (WIDERA). ██████████ replied, "Both. He did it both ways." ██████████ was sometimes present during the assaults that occurred in the Rectory as well. ██████████ added that one time the housekeeper almost caught them together in Father WIDERA's bedroom. ██████████ said; "He (WIDERA) really had to move fast!"

I asked how frequently Father WIDERA had sexual contact with ██████████ at the ST MARY Rectory. ██████████ said most of the sexual contacts he had with Father WIDERA took place at the Rectory while Father WIDERA was assigned there. ██████████ told me that a conservative estimate as to the frequency of WIDERA's sexual contact with ██████████ would be 2-3 times a week, more during the summer, between 1970 until the time Father WIDERA was transferred to a parish in Port Washington WI (June 1972).

I asked ██████████ if Father WIDERA ever penetrated his ██████████ anus with his penis or any other object. ██████████ said no. I asked ██████████ if WIDERA ever had ██████████ stick his (██████████) penis or any other object in WIDERA'S anus. ██████████ said no. I asked ██████████ if WIDERA ever touched ██████████ genitals with (WIDERA's) mouth. ██████████ said no. I asked ██████████ if WIDERA had ██████████ touch (WIDERA's) penis with ██████████ mouth. ██████████ said no again. I asked ██████████ if he ever ejaculated during sexual contact with WIDERA. ██████████ said no, only WIDERA would ejaculate.

**TOUR OF THE ST MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH, RECTORY & GYMNASIUM  
(05-14-2002)**

On 05-14-2002, ADA Chris Liegel, Victim Advocate Pam Anderson, and I toured the ST MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS Church, Rectory and Gymnasium with the complainant/ victim, ██████████. The ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE had given us permission to tour and photograph the interior and exterior of these locations for this report. The church Administrator/ Pastor, Father Denis P WEIS, (M/W; ██████████ ██████████ West Allis WI 53214; ph# ██████████), allowed us access into the buildings.

**INCIDENTS THAT OCCURRED IN THE RECTORY**

██████████ told us that he had not been inside any of these buildings since he was in 8<sup>th</sup> grade. We entered the Rectory from the front entrance on S 61<sup>st</sup> St. There was one staircase immediately to the right of the front entrance. The first floor of the Rectory had long hallway leading straight to the rear of the building. From this hallway, one could access the dining room, the living room, and the kitchen. There was also a bathroom and what appeared to be an office on the first floor as well. We walked down the hallway to the rear of the Rectory.

██████████ pointed out where everything was and appeared very familiar with the building. He looked into the kitchen and said the basic layout was much the same as it had been when Father WIDERA was there.



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██████ told us that Father WIDERA would normally bring him and later, him and ██████ back to his bedroom in the Rectory after early morning mass. Father WIDERA would sometimes make breakfast for them in the kitchen, which is still located in the rear of the Rectory. Father WIEDRA would have ██████ and ██████ use the staircase in the rear (east side) of the Rectory when they went to his bedroom so the housekeeper would not hear or see them.

We walked up the stairs to the second floor of the Rectory. The second floor was laid out much like the first floor: one long hallway down the center from which rooms could be accessed. I asked ██████ where Father WIDERA's bedroom had been. ██████ led us all the way down the hallway to the last room on the right (northwest corner of the building) and pointed to the entrance of the room.

Father WIDERA's private quarters had consisted of a small sitting room with an adjacent bedroom. The rooms were unoccupied but had basic furnishings in them. The window in the sitting room overlooked the front of the building on S 61<sup>st</sup> St. ██████ told us that the furnishings in the sitting room were different from the way the room was furnished and decorated when Father WIDERA had been there. ██████ remembered that Father WIDERA had two long bookcases, a recliner and a TV in this room. The bookcases held books and Father WIDERA's beer steins. I asked ██████ if any of the incidents where Father WIDERA had assaulted him had occurred in the sitting room. ██████ said no and told us that they occurred in the bedroom.

The door to the adjacent bedroom was open. We walked into the bedroom. It was apparent from ██████ reaction that the memories came back to him as he viewed the room that so many of the assaults occurred in. ██████ had tears in his eyes and his voice faltered when he entered that bedroom. There was one twin bed against the east wall of that room and a dresser against the west wall. The window in that room faced north. There was a closet with sliding doors on the south wall of the room, located next to the adjacent bathroom.

ADA Liegel asked ██████ if this bedroom still looked the same. ██████ thought it did except the bed, which had been against the opposite wall (west wall) when Father WIDERA was there. ADA Liegel asked ██████ if that was the same size bed that had been there when Father WIDERA was there. At first ██████ said no- he thought Father WIDERA's bed was a double bed. ██████ added, "This (twin bed) might be the same bed. I was so small at that time. Maybe it just seemed bigger because I was so small." ██████ told us that most of the assaults that happened while Father WIDERA was assigned to ST MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS (January 1970 through June 1972) occurred in this bedroom. ██████ estimated that Father WIDERA would bring him over 2-3 times a week. ██████ could not remember an instance where sexual contact didn't happen when Father WIDERA brought ██████ to the Rectory.

██████████ had earlier estimated that WIDERA had sexual contact with him 2-3 times per week, more during the summers, from early (January-March) 1970 until WIDERA was transferred to a parish in Port Washington WI (June 1972). This conservative estimate would result in an approximate total of or between 248- 372 sexual encounters with the victim; ████████████████████ was between ██████ years old during this time.

██████ told us that Father WIDERA started out by assaulting ██████ alone inside the bedroom at the Rectory. The assaults started out with tickling. Father WIDERA would move his hands into ██████ pants and fondle his penis and buttocks. ██████ also told us that the first time Father WIDERA ejaculated on ██████



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was in this room. [REDACTED] explained that it was the first time that WIDERA became very aggressive when he had an erection. They were both naked on the bed. Father WIDERA grabbed [REDACTED] legs, held them tightly together and inserted his penis between [REDACTED] thighs to simulate penetration. WIDERA moved his penis between [REDACTED] thighs until he (WIDERA) ejaculated. Father WIDERA had positioned [REDACTED] facing towards him when he did this the first time. Later, Father WIDERA would undress [REDACTED] and fondle [REDACTED] and himself naked on the bed. Father WIDERA also brought both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] over to the Rectory and would assault one boy while the other watched.

I asked [REDACTED] about the time the house keeper almost caught Father WIDERA with him and [REDACTED] in his bedroom. [REDACTED] told me that they were all lying together in bed, naked, when the housekeeper knocked on the closed door that led from the hallway to the sitting room. The door from the sitting room to the bedroom was open- if the housekeeper had walked in, she would have seen them. Father WIDERA jumped out of bed and threw the covers over the boys' naked bodies to hide them. WIDERA ran into the adjacent bathroom to wash up. WIDERA quickly dressed so he could answer the door.

[REDACTED] told us that it was at the Rectory that Father WIDERA first gave [REDACTED] a pornographic magazine. I asked [REDACTED] if he could remember the name of the magazine. [REDACTED] thought the magazine's name was similar to "Bluebird" or "Blue Jay." I asked him to describe the magazine. [REDACTED] said it appeared to be a magazine for nudists and those who subscribed to the nudist lifestyle. ADA Liegel asked if the magazine had pictures of men or pictures of women. [REDACTED] said, "It had pictures of men and women."

I asked [REDACTED] where he and Father WIDERA were when WIDERA gave him this magazine. [REDACTED] replied that they were inside WIDERA's red VW bus. The VW bus was parked inside the (attached) Rectory garage (located in the rear of the Rectory) and he and Father WIDERA were inside the bus. [REDACTED] added that Father WIDERA would also assault him inside the parked bus. When we toured the garage area, [REDACTED] pointed out that WIDERA would normally park the VW bus in the north parking spot inside the Rectory garage. According to [REDACTED] WIDERA would later supply other pornographic magazines to him but this occurred in WIDERA's bus and inside the rooms WIDERA would rent at the TYROLEAN TOWNE HOUSE INN (after he left ST MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS in June 1972).

[REDACTED] told us that later on, he would ask Father WIDERA to get pornographic magazines for him. Father WIDERA did. [REDACTED] assumes Father WIDERA kept the pornographic magazines inside the VW bus. [REDACTED] didn't know if WIDERA kept any pornographic magazines in his bedroom inside the Rectory. ADA Liegel asked if Father WIDERA would provide other things to him or the other boys- like alcohol, cigarettes or drugs. [REDACTED] told us that WIDERA would allow them to drink alcohol if other people around them had it, such as at Timber Trails camping grounds, but WIDERA did not provide it to them himself. [REDACTED] also said that WIDERA did not provide or offer cigarettes or drugs to him. ADA Liegel asked if Father WIDERA used drugs. [REDACTED] said no. ADA Liegel asked if Father WIDERA had been drinking alcohol before he assaulted [REDACTED] [REDACTED] replied, "No. When he drank, he would drink heavily but he usually had not been drinking and did not smell like alcohol when he did it (assaulted [REDACTED])" [REDACTED] added that usually the assaults occurred early in the morning.

[REDACTED] specifically recalled having sexual contact with WIDERA inside WIDERA's VW bus the day before WIDERA left for his new assignment in Port Washington WI. Archdiocese of Milwaukee documents show a transfer date of June 1972. The bus was parked inside the garage at the Rectory, located at [REDACTED] [REDACTED] said that WIDERA were alone. WIDERA started the contact by tickling



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him as usual. WIDERA took off his clothes and had [REDACTED] remove his own clothes. WIDERA fondled [REDACTED] penis and buttocks and had [REDACTED] fondle his (WIDERA's) penis as well. WIDERA became more aggressive: he grabbed [REDACTED] legs and held them together. WIDERA inserted his penis between [REDACTED] thighs and moved his penis back and forth until he ejaculated.

ADA Liegel and I attempted to narrow additional incidents of the assaults to a more specific time or date by holiday, birthday, and political, musical, literary, building/ construction, school, sports and television references/ events. [REDACTED] was unable to be more specific regarding the dates because he was so young and the assaults occurred on a regular basis. ADA Liegel asked [REDACTED] if [REDACTED] was assaulted by WIDERA in the Rectory after WIDERA left (was re-assigned to Port Washington). [REDACTED] said no.

### INCIDENTS THAT OCCURRED IN THE CHURCH

[REDACTED] pointed out the enclosed passageway that led from the Rectory to the Church. [REDACTED] said the only thing that had changed in that hallway that he could pick out was that he did not remember there being locking door from the Rectory to the passageway; at the time WIDERA was assigned there was either a glass door or no door at all.

We walked through the enclosed passage way (north). The first room we encountered was the Sacristy (The Sacristy is located behind the altar. This is the room where the chalice, hosts and Priest's vestments are kept.) There was a door to the adjoining room. [REDACTED] told us this adjoining room is where the altar boys used to dress and undress for mass. The Sacristy was rectangular in shape. There were stained glass windows along the (east) outer wall and there was a large kitchen-island type counter in the middle of the room. This counter had a sink and cupboards for storage. There were two main closets along the west wall of the Sacristy. The first closet has a standard door on it. The hinges on this door were on the left side; when opened, the door would swing to the left. This is the closet where the chalice is kept. The closet just to the right of that one (when facing west) had two sliding doors. This is the closet where the Priest's mass vestments were and still are stored.

[REDACTED] told us the Sacristy was room in which Father WIDERA had sexually molested him for the first time. It occurred after the early morning mass. [REDACTED] had removed his alter boy garments. (Father WIDERA) did not assault him while [REDACTED] was wearing those garments.) Father WIDERA tickled [REDACTED] and then reached down and fondled [REDACTED] genitals through his clothing. The only thing he said to [REDACTED] when he did that was 'Whoopsey!' WIDERA said it in a joking manner; WIDERA apologized to [REDACTED] after he did that. [REDACTED] had earlier said, "It was like he was looking for my input- how I would take it. There was not much of a response from me so he tried to smooth things over. It was like he was trying to see to what extent he could go."

ADA Liegel asked [REDACTED] if he had witnessed Father WIDERA abusing anyone else in the Sacristy after mass. [REDACTED] nodded and replied, "[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] said that he saw WIDERA fondle [REDACTED] genitals in the Sacristy after mass. [REDACTED] estimated that when he served as an alter boy, he was sexually abused by WIDERA in the Sacristy after the mass about 1/3 of the time. I asked if the doors were opened or closed when this occurred. [REDACTED] told me that the doors: one from the passageway to the Sacristy and the other, from the alter boy's room to the hall on the north side of the church would be open. Father WIDERA would normally open the door to the closet where the chalice was kept and this door would block the view in case anyone walked into the passageway.



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[REDACTED]

We walked through the room used by the altar boys as [REDACTED] told us the assaults did not occur in this room. There are two doors that lead to the altar area of the church: one door from the north hallway as well as another door from the passageway.

**INCIDENTS THAT OCCURRED IN THE GYMNASIUM**

We asked Father WEIS to open the Gymnasium building for us so we could walk through and look at it. [REDACTED] led us downstairs first. The lower level is where their lunchroom was located when [REDACTED] attended school there. There was also a stage inside this basement area. [REDACTED] recalled being up on that stage when he was younger. [REDACTED] remembered that he had attended school at ST MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS parish school while his parents were together. [REDACTED] returned to the parish school. I asked what grade he was in when he returned. [REDACTED] replied, "[REDACTED] grade." [REDACTED] returned in [REDACTED]. I asked [REDACTED] if any incidents of abuse had occurred in this basement room. [REDACTED] said no.

We walked up the staircase to a mid level area. There was a girl's and boy's bathroom as well as phone in this area. [REDACTED] explained that the bathrooms used to be locker rooms that they would use after playing games in the gym. ADA Liegel, [REDACTED] and I walked into the boy's bathroom- the room that had been the boy's locker room when [REDACTED] was in school. When [REDACTED] looked at the room, his eyes opened wide and filled with tears. I asked him what was wrong. [REDACTED] looked down. His facial expression was a mixture of deep pain and horror. [REDACTED] looked at me and tried to speak but couldn't. I asked [REDACTED] if something happened in this room. [REDACTED] nodded. I asked [REDACTED] what happened there. Again [REDACTED] tried to speak but couldn't. His reaction to this room was far worse and it apparently was the most emotionally painful for him of any of the places we had toured thus far. I asked him if what happened in this room was worse than the other incidents of abuse. [REDACTED] nodded and let out a sob. [REDACTED] rushed past ADA Liegel to get out of the room.

After a few minutes, I approached [REDACTED] again and asked him what happened in that locker room. [REDACTED] was crying when he told me what happened. [REDACTED] told me that he played on the school's basketball team in [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] remembers it had to be [REDACTED] grade because he didn't make the team in [REDACTED] grade. It was winter time- before Christmas (December 1970). [REDACTED] just had played a game and went to the locker room after the game to change clothing. Father WIDERA would normally attend the basketball games. Father WIDERA attended that game and went to the boy's locker room after it. There were other boys in the room at first. WIDERA told [REDACTED] that he needed [REDACTED] to wait around because he wanted to talk to [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] waited in the locker room.

[REDACTED] was sitting on the bench inside the locker room, looking down and tying his shoes, when he both saw and felt Father WIDERA walk up to him. [REDACTED] looked up. Father WIDERA rubbed his clothed groin area across [REDACTED] face. [REDACTED] told me that he didn't remember exactly what Father WIDERA had said to him, but [REDACTED] remembered that Father WIDERA wanted [REDACTED] to perform oral sex on him. [REDACTED] was angry. [REDACTED] said, [REDACTED] I was really pissed off when he (WIDERA) did that. I threw the duffel bag to the ground. You would have thought it was made of glass from the way it smashed! I don't remember what I said to him but I just took off." We were standing by the stage in the main level of the gymnasium when [REDACTED] revealed this to me. [REDACTED] told me that he remembers for sure that this happened in [REDACTED] grade because he had the part of [REDACTED] in a



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school play that was performed on the stage in the Gymnasium. The incident in the locker room happened the same school year he had that part.

I asked [redacted] how that incident affected the frequency of abuse- if it stopped after that. [redacted] told me that the abuse didn't stop; it continued in the same manner as before. [redacted] said WIDERA never asked him to perform oral sex on him again after that. I asked [redacted] if that was the only incident of abuse that happened in the Gymnasium building. [redacted] replied, "Yes."

**INCIDENTS OF SEXUAL ABUSE WITH [redacted] AT [redacted]  
TYROLEAN TOWNE HOUSE INN (1970-1976)**

[redacted] told me that day trips normally consisted of swimming outings at the TYROLEAN TOWNE HOUSE INN (now operating as the DAYS INN), [redacted] West Allis.

[redacted] said that Father WIDERA would take [redacted] and [redacted] there to go swimming. They would swim and later, (after Father WIDERA was re-assigned out of the area to Port Washington and Delevan WI parishes), Father WIDERA would rent a room there as well. [redacted] added, "Mostly we would just park the bus and walk in to swim. They never could really tell who was a guest and who wasn't."

The sexual contact between Father WIDERA and [redacted] as well as [redacted] would normally occur in the showers in the Men's room after swimming. Father WIDERA would initiate sexual contact by tickling [redacted] said, "(WIDERA) would start by tickling me and then he would fondle my penis with his fingers. He would fondle his penis with his other hand. He would get an erection. Sometimes he would continue to fondle himself and me until he ejaculated. Other times he would just stop- like if he heard something or if someone else came in. It was a public place and he didn't want to get caught."

I asked [redacted] how many times he went to the TYROLEAN TOWNE HOUSE INN with Father WIDERA. [redacted] didn't know but said it was a lot. [redacted] said that between 1970-1972, they would go on weekends or days they had off of school. [redacted] doesn't remember being there too much during the summers, as Father WIDERA would take them up north or camping. From 1973-1976, Father WIDERA would rent a room there when he came back to visit [redacted] and [redacted] in West Allis. [redacted] recalled that Father WIDERA would drive down several times a month after he was re-assigned to a parish in Port Washington and later, Delevan WI. [redacted] remarked, "I always remember knowing when he was coming down (to visit)." [redacted] was unable to recall any specific dates, as there were too many instances of sexual contact to narrow just one down to a date.

**TOUR OF THE LOCATION WHERE THE TYROLEAN TOWNE HOUSE INN HAD STOOD  
(05-14-2002)**

On 05-14-2002, ADA Chris Liegel, Victim Advocate Pam Anderson, and I toured the area where the TYROLEAN TOWNE HOUSE INN had been with the complainant/ victim, [redacted]. According to the City of West Allis Building Inspector's Office records, most of the TYROLEAN TOWNE HOUSE INN, including the pool area, had been demolished in 1990.

Only two of the hotel buildings were left standing. The remaining buildings have been remodeled and are now being operated as the DAYS INN.





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**INCIDENTS THAT OCCURRED AT THE TYROLEAN TOWNE HOUSE INN**

██████████ described what the TYROLEAN TOWN HOUSE INN had looked like. ██████████ said that while Father WIDERA was assigned to ST MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS, he would take the altar boys there to swim in the pool. ██████████ remembers going there mainly on weekends and school off days. Normally Father WIDERA would park his red VW bus on the lot and they would walk between the buildings to get into the central building where the pool was located. They would swim in the pool. Father WIDERA would then sexually assault ██████████ in the men's shower area located near the pool.

██████████ had stated in an earlier interview, "(WIDERA) would start by tickling me and then he would fondle my penis with his fingers. He would fondle his penis with his other hand. He would get an erection. Sometimes he would continue to fondle himself and me until he ejaculated. Other times he would just stop- like if he heard something or if someone else came in. It was a public place and he didn't want to get caught."

After WIDERA was re-assigned, he would continue to visit with ██████████ and ██████████ in West Allis. WIDERA would normally rent a room at the TYROLEAN when he returned to visit (after June 1972 through June 1976). When WIDERA had a room, he would normally sexually assault both boys in the room, on the bed. WIDERA would assault them by holding their legs together around his penis and moving his penis between their legs until he ejaculated. As they grew older, WIDERA would assault them by having the boys press their legs tightly together and inserting his penis between their thighs to simulate penetration. WIDERA would move his penis between their legs until he ejaculated. ██████████ said that WIDERA would also give him pornographic magazines to look at when they stayed at the TYROLEAN as well as when WIDERA would take them on other trips.

I asked ██████████ if he remembered anything that happened or anything he liked during the period of time he was being assaulted by WIDERA at the TYROLEAN. ██████████ remembered that he had liked the TV show "Space 1999" when he was younger. This show was a regularly scheduled TV program during a period of time he was still being abused by WIDERA. ██████████ remembered that WIDERA had left ST MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS and was either in Port Washington or in Delevan at the time. WIDERA would come back to visit him and ██████████ and would abuse them in his hotel room at the TYROLEAN TOWNE HOUSE INN when he visited.

I later found out that the show "Space 1999" was first broadcast in 1975. ([www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) narrative)

**INCIDENTS OF SEXUAL ABUSE WITH ██████████ AT ██████████  
EAGLE'S CLUB (1970-1976)**

██████████ told me that Father WIDERA would also take him and ██████████ to a place called THE EAGLE'S CLUB, (now operated as THE RAVE, ██████████ Milwaukee WI). ██████████ said, "(WIDERA) had a membership there. He first took me there when I was ██████████ years old. I don't know if it was a 'Men's only' club then because attire in the pool was optional. Father WIDERA would not wear anything while swimming- he was naked. He told me that it was okay not to wear anything (while swimming) either. He also took ██████████ to this place. ██████████ was ██████████ years old then. He told ██████████ not to



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wear anything (clothing) into the pool too." I asked [redacted] if other people in the pool were wearing clothing or swim trunks. [redacted] replied that some people were naked and some people wore trunks.

[redacted] went on to say, "Neither [redacted] or I knew how to swim at that time. In the public areas (WIDERA) would teach us how to swim. He would hold onto us. He was very cautious as to how he did this in the pool. Nothing (sexual) happened until we got into the showers."

I asked [redacted] how many times he went to THE EAGLES CLUB with Father WIDERA. [redacted] again was unable to provide a number as Father WIDERA brought them there so often, especially between 1970-1972. They continued to go there between 1973-1976 when Father WIDERA would visit.

[redacted] said the sexual contact between him and Father WIDERA would occur in the showers at the EAGLE'S CLUB. Father WIDERA would have sexual contact with [redacted] in the showers as well. The contact again primarily consisted of WIDERA rubbing [redacted] and/ or [redacted] penis while he (WIDERA) rubbed his own penis. WIDERA would generally do this until he ejaculated. The only time he would stop is if he heard something or thought someone else was entering the shower area.

**TOUR OF THE BUILDING FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE EAGLES CLUB (05-14-2002)**

On 05-14-2002, ADA Chris Liegel, Victim Advocate Pam Anderson, and I toured the building that had been known as THE EAGLES CLUB with the complainant/ victim, [redacted]. This building is now operated as THE RAVE and is owned by [redacted] (F/W; [redacted] c/o THE RAVE, [redacted] Milwaukee WI; ph# [redacted]). [redacted] allowed us access to the portions of the building that were now closed off to the public. These portions include the locker rooms, showers, pool, steam rooms and saunas. Though not operational, the rooms and pool were still intact.

**INCIDENTS THAT OCCURRED AT THE EAGLES CLUB**

[redacted] told us that the building had drastically changed from the times he had been inside with Father WIDERA. [redacted] was able to walk through most of the building without being noticeably affected, as it did not look the same. The only area where [redacted] appeared to become emotionally pained occurred in the basement of the building. The basement has been closed off to the public for many years. Many of the rooms in the basement were essentially persevered intact, as they would have appeared 30 years ago. [redacted] was familiar with the layout of the long hallway from the men's locker room to the pool, as well as where the saunas and steam rooms were located and told us about it before we saw or were told about them.

The area where the men's locker room had been appeared very different in that it was used for storage space. The shower rooms, saunas and steam rooms appeared the same as they did when [redacted] first saw them. [redacted] told us that most of the assaults that occurred in the showers happened in the two large shower rooms near the locker room. The incidents of molestation in the shower occurred on a regular basis from 1970-1972 and sporadically from 1972 through 1976 (as WIDERA would only return 2-3 times each month while assigned elsewhere.)



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[REDACTED]

The two rooms that affected [REDACTED] the most were the sauna, located off the long hallway to the pool, and the pool area itself. [REDACTED] eyes were teary and he had a hard time speaking when we looked in the sauna. He told me that Father WIDERA had fondled [REDACTED] genitals inside this same sauna. [REDACTED] told me he would never forget that room, as he had never seen a sauna before that incident. [REDACTED] thought this first incident in the sauna occurred the first year he had returned to ST MARY parish school, (when he was [REDACTED] years old).

The pool is in a very large, open room that is two stories high. The pool and the spa are on the lower level. There is an open staircase leading from the second level balcony that surrounds the pool down to the pool area. The entrance from the long hall to the pool, as well as the pool shower area, was located on the far wall opposite the staircases. This is the pool in which Father WIDERA would swim naked with the boys.

**INCIDENTS OF ABUSE AT WIDERA'S PARENTS' HOUSE IN SOUTH MILWAUKEE: 410 HAWTHORNE ST (January 1970- June 1972)**

While viewing locations, [REDACTED] recalled that WIDERA would also take him to his (WIDERA's) parents' house in South Milwaukee. WIDERA would take [REDACTED] along as well and they would go to feed and take care of WIDERA's German Shepard. [REDACTED] remembers that WIDERA sexually molested him in his parents' living room. This was the only room in the house that WIDERA molested [REDACTED] in. [REDACTED] does not remember how many times this happened but did recall that they only went to WIDERA'S parents' house while WIDERA was assigned to ST MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS; after WIDERA left, they did not go to his parents' house anymore.

**OTHER LOCATIONS WHERE SEXUAL CONTACT TOOK PLACE WITH [REDACTED] (1970-1976)**

[REDACTED] told me that there was what seemed to be a significant lull in contact with Father WIDERA after WIDERA was transferred to the parish in Port Washington. [REDACTED] added, "It may have just seemed that way though because of all the contact we had before." [REDACTED] estimated that after he left ST MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS in June 1972, Father WIDERA had minimal contact with [REDACTED] for 1-2 months. [REDACTED] said that Father WIDERA was back in his life again, having sexual relations again, around Christmas 1972.

I asked where else they had sexual contact in Milwaukee County other than the locations already named. [REDACTED] told me that Father WIDERA had a VW (Volkswagen) bus with drapes on the windows. Father WIDERA would have sexual contact with [REDACTED] in that parked bus from 1970 through 1975 or 1976. (Father WIDERA got rid of the bus and purchased a red, 1976 Ford Granada.)

[REDACTED] also told me that Father WIDERA would have sexual contact with him on (WIDERA's) 14' fiberglass fishing boat. The boat had an outboard motor on it. [REDACTED] told me that sex on that boat occurred up north though (unknown County in Northern Wisconsin).

**WEEKEND AND WEEK LONG TRIPS WIDERA TOOK [REDACTED] ON (1970-1976)**



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█████ said that Father WIDERA took ██████, on weekend as well as weeklong trips. ██████ said some of the places Father WIDERA took them to included Timber Trails (camping ground), a cabin on the Chain O' Lakes (Vilas and/or Oneida Counties, WI), Iron Mountain-Michigan, and Sugarbush-Wisconsin.

█████ told me that on the weekend and weeklong trips they would all sleep in the same bed: Father WIDERA, ██████ and ██████. I asked if they slept clothed or naked. ██████ replied, "Both." The sexual contact consisted of the same acts that occurred in Father WIDERA's bedroom at the Rectory. Usually Father WIDERA would have sexual contact with the boys one at a time; however, there were occasions where Father WIDERA had a sexual contact with both boys at the same time.

I asked ██████ if Father WIDERA would have ██████ rub ██████ genitals or buttocks during these occasions. ██████ said, "No, he didn't have me touch ██████. (WIDERA) would have us all in bed at the same time but usually he would have sexual contact with just me or with just ██████. The other ██████ would have been off doing something else. I remember on one trip I hid out and even slept in the bathroom to get away from (WIDERA)!"

FATHER WIDERA'S ARREST IN PORT WASHINGTON: ██████ KNOWLEDGE

█████ told me that his contact with Father WIDERA cooled down again in 1973 for a short period of time after Father WIDERA was arrested and later, convicted, of molesting a ██████-year-old boy in Port Washington.

I asked ██████ how he found out about that incident or what he knew about that incident. ██████ recalled that Father WIDERA had taken ██████ and ██████ boating someplace. Father WIDERA dropped ██████ and ██████ off at their house and came in. Father WIDERA was talking to ██████ mother when the phone rang. It was the police department and they were looking for (WIDERA) I remember being asked by a police officer if anything ever happened with me and ██████ (with Father WIDERA). We ██████ and ██████ just flat out denied it." ██████ did not remember which police agency questioned him.)

"My mom suspected something but continued to allow us to see him. (WIDERA) smoothed it over with her and we never told my mom what was really happening. My mom and Father WIDERA even went out drinking one night and she must have asked him about the rumors (of sexual abuse). My mom and (WIDERA) got really drunk. Father WIDERA denied them (the rumors/ charge in Port Washington) but did tell my mom that his brother had done the same thing (sexually abused) him.

11-WEEK DRIVING TRIP WITH ██████ WISCONSIN TO CALIFORNIA- PHOTOS

█████ told me about the last trip he took with Father WIDERA. ██████ said, "In 1976, I went with Father WIDERA for the entire summer. He told me he was being transferred to California and asked my mother if I could drive out there with him. My mom said 'Yes.' I had just gotten my 'temps' (temporary driver's license) and Father told me that I could help drive. We left West Allis, Wisconsin around June 15<sup>th</sup>, 1976 and I was with him until the last week of August or the first week of September 1976. We drove through Michigan, Canada, Washington State (re-entered the US), Oregon and California."



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[REDACTED] clarified that they departed from West Allis WI on or about June 15<sup>th</sup> 1976. They drive through Michigan and crossed the Canadian border at Sault Saint Marie. They drove through Canada and [REDACTED] particularly recalled staying at BANFF NATIONAL PARK (OF CANADA), (Banff, Alberta Canada; ph# 403-762-1550/ fax# 403-762-1551). They re-entered the United States at an unknown border in Washington State. (WIDERA) and [REDACTED] drove through Washington, Oregon and California until they reached Anaheim, CA. Father WIDERA purchased a plane ticket for [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] flew home three days before school started.

WIDERA had sexual contact with [REDACTED] about 3 times per week during this 11-week trip. This estimate would result in total of / around 33 sexual encounters with the then [REDACTED] year-old victim. WIDERA would have [REDACTED] hold his [REDACTED] legs tightly together and WIDERA would insert his penis between [REDACTED] thighs to simulate penetration. [REDACTED] admitted that sometimes WIDERA ejaculated on him or it got on [REDACTED]. I asked where the sexual encounters took place. [REDACTED] replied that they occurred in the car as well as hotels along the way.

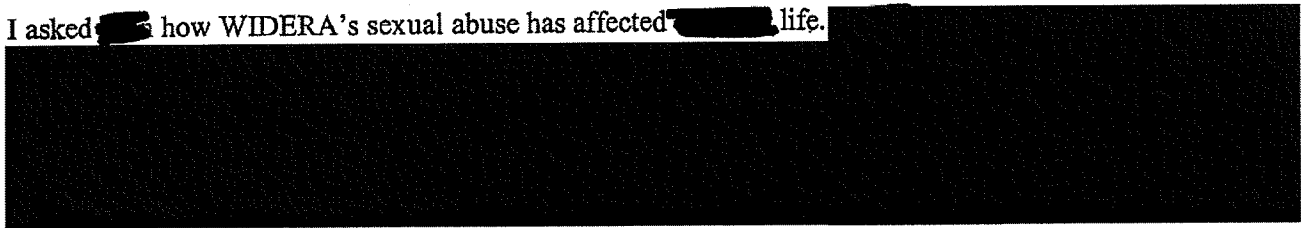
[REDACTED] told me he had photos from this trip and subsequently turned what photos he had over to me. The background scenery in the photos changed but the person photographed did not: [REDACTED]. Every photo had [REDACTED] in it in various poses. Each photo had writing on the back describing the place the photo was taken at. [REDACTED] told me that the writing was Father WIDERA's. Father WIDERA had taken all the photos and sent them to [REDACTED] after the trip.

**WIDERA'S SEXUAL ABUSE OF [REDACTED] ENDED BY TRANSFER TO CALIFORNIA**

I asked [REDACTED] if he heard from Father WIDERA after that trip. [REDACTED] said that Father WIDERA kept in touch with [REDACTED] mother and called a few times but that was it. Father WIDERA sent a Christmas card photo to [REDACTED] in 1984 and that was the last time [REDACTED] has heard from Father WIDERA. I asked [REDACTED] why he thought the sexual abuse (to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] by WIDERA) ended. [REDACTED] replied, "Because he (WIDERA) was transferred to California. That's the only reason it stopped."

**HOW WIDERA'S SEXUAL ABUSE AFFECTED THE VICTIM'S [REDACTED] LIFE**

I asked [REDACTED] how WIDERA's sexual abuse has affected [REDACTED] life.



**[REDACTED] RECALLED A SPECIFIC INCIDENT: OCCURRED 05-19-1970**

ADA Chris Liegel informed me that [REDACTED] had recalled a specific event that occurred during the time that he was being abused by Father WIDERA. [REDACTED] said that Father WIDERA was supposed to take him swimming that day but became displeased with [REDACTED] prior to going so Father WIDERA cancelled their swimming trip. [REDACTED] had told me during his interview that WIDERA would refuse to take him on trips in retaliation for [REDACTED] not allowing WIDERA to have sexual contact with him.



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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] became angry with Father WIDERA [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] said he was [REDACTED] years old when this occurred (1970).

[REDACTED]

"He [REDACTED] stated that he was looking for his swimming suit that he had left in the Sacristy earlier this afternoon. He was going swimming with Father WIDERA and this was verified by the Father. But (sic) for some reason they did not go and he put his swimming suit on one of the chairs and it was gone when he came back for it. The report also records, "Father WIDERA will talk to him [REDACTED] some more at a later date and will let us know if he comes up with anything and also (sic) the other children from the school."

[REDACTED] One of the children, [REDACTED], told the detective that he did see [REDACTED] there earlier. [REDACTED] also knew that, "there was something about going swimming but then they didn't go."

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INTERVIEW: [REDACTED] (VICTIM/ WITNESS)

On 05-18-2002, [REDACTED] came to the West Allis PD station to be interviewed regarding this report. DET Fabry and I interviewed him in the Conference Room.

[REDACTED] came in to speak with us out of support for [REDACTED] decision to come forward but expressed that he was very concerned about people finding out his identity. [REDACTED] told us, "I was affected by his (WIDERA's) sexual abuse but I told people about it. I told my mother when I was little. She didn't even remember! I remember it so clearly because after the incident in his room I had this overwhelming need to tell someone! I was so frustrated! I also told my wife before we got married. That was about [REDACTED] years ago." [REDACTED] told us that he tried to leave the abuse behind and didn't really want to dredge it all up again. [REDACTED] said, "I don't want people to look at me and wonder about it."

[REDACTED] told us that he was [REDACTED] years old when his mother moved [REDACTED] and enrolled him at ST MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS parish school. I asked [REDACTED] what grade he was placed in. [REDACTED] replied that he started in the [REDACTED]

BACKGROUND AS TO HOW [REDACTED] MET THE FATHER WIDERA

[REDACTED] was uncertain as to how he met Father WIDERA. He believes Father WIDERA came over to the house to meet the family after his mother enrolled them in the parish school. [REDACTED] thought Father WIDERA did this with all new students but found out this was not normal.



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██████████ recalled Father WIDERA sitting on the sofa in ██████████ living room. Father WIDERA had ██████████ sit on his lap. Father WIDERA tickled ██████████ commented, "I could feel he had an erection (when he did this)."

Father WIDERA always seemed more interested in ██████████ than in ██████████ said he was just the ██████████ but if Father WIDERA took ██████████ somewhere, he had to take ██████████ as well to make it look normal.

██████████ explained, "We didn't have a lot. We were in a new school, new environment and just didn't have a lot. My dad at that time, we had him 'wrapped around our fingers.' Dad would take us to Toys R Us and buy us what we wanted. He (WIDERA) would do the same. It was like having two dads!"

INCIDENTS OF SEXUAL ABUSE WITH ██████████ AT ██████████  
TYROLEAN TOWNE HOUSE INN (1970-1972)

██████████ told us that he remembered the TYROLEAN, the van an apartment and WIDERA's parents' house in South Milwaukee. I asked ██████████ what would normally happen when Father WIDERA took them to the TYROLEAN to go swimming.

██████████ said that Father WIDERA would normally take small groups on trips. When ██████████ and ██████████ went, it was usually just them and Father WIDERA. ██████████ said that he remembered that ██████████ went on one trip with them somewhere up north but that was the only time WIDERA took anyone else when he took ██████████ and ██████████.

██████████ explained, "When Father WIDERA took us swimming, you would have to take your suit off. He told us to. I don't remember if he took my suit off or if he had me do it. He would be swimming around naked and we would be naked too. He would rub his genitals against us- like a dog (humping)! He did it while tickling us in the water and while playing in the water." I asked ██████████ if he knew how to swim when that happened. ██████████ said no. I asked ██████████ if he was in an area of the pool where he could stand up or if he was in water over his head. ██████████ told us they were in an area of the pool where he could stand up without assistance.

██████████ said that WIDERA would rub up against him and ██████████ one at a time. ██████████ commented, "It was an attention thing." ██████████ added, "If you looked at his (WIDERA'S) 'privates,' he would stop. He (WIDERA) wanted to be the only one looking and touching." DET Fabry asked ██████████ if anyone had ever walked in while this was happening. ██████████ said yes, that people walked in a few times but they never seemed to notice what was happening. DET Fabry asked if WIDERA would have them remain naked when others were there or if he had the boys put their suits back on. ██████████ answered, "He had us put our suits back on." ██████████ remembers going swimming more than one time but is not sure how many times he went. ██████████ added that he was not molested every time he went. He added, "A lot of times I was just 'there.'"

██████████ told us that WIDERA provided pornographic magazines to ██████████ to "keep him busy" while WIDERA was assaulting ██████████ in the parked VW bus and inside the hotel room(s) WIDERA rented at the TYROLEAN TOWNE HOUSE INN. The magazines showed graphic photos of nude women. WIDERA provided these magazines to ██████████ between January- March 1970 though May or June 1972. ██████████ was



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only [redacted] years old when WIDERA gave him the first pornographic magazine and WIDERA consistently provided pornographic magazines to [redacted] until June 1972, when [redacted] was [redacted] years old. [redacted] would look at the magazine while Father WIDERA molested [redacted]. [redacted] told us that WIDERA had introduced him to pornographic magazines by providing them to [redacted] in a hotel room at the TYROLEAN.

**INCIDENTS OF SEXUAL ABUSE INSIDE WIDERA'S VW BUS WHILE PARKED ON THE TYROLEAN TOWNE HOUSE PARKING LOT: [redacted] (1970-1972)**

[redacted] said that WIDERA would sometimes rent a room at the TYROLEAN when he took them swimming, but WIDERA would mostly park his VW bus on the lot and just walk in to use the pool.

[redacted] said that WIDERA never exposed his penis to [redacted] while in the van. [redacted] confirmed that WIDERA would sometimes touch his and [redacted] genitals over their clothes while they were in the van. [redacted] does not recall an instance where WIDERA ever took him anywhere alone; that [redacted] must have been there. [redacted] told us that they would dry off and change their clothes in the van after they finished swimming. [redacted] said, "We were naked and changing in the van. [redacted] would be there. He (WIDERA) would start tickling us and goofing around. He would become more physical as he got aroused-he's a strong guy. He would tickle us hard under the ribs and elsewhere until he made that grunting noise. The tickling was so hard that it sometimes hurt." I asked [redacted] if WIDERA ever reached into [redacted] pants or underwear when he touched [redacted] genitals. [redacted] said no.

**MEMORIES OF THE EAGLES CLUB- NO ABUSE THERE**

[redacted] told us that the only thing he remembered about THE EAGLES CLUB was, "lots of naked wrinkly men all over the place!" [redacted] told us that after being in that place, he wondered if that was "normal." [redacted] also remembered the sauna because that was the first place he ever saw a room like that.

[redacted] said that WIDERA seemed to know a lot of the other men there. [redacted] commented, "He seemed to be very social and active in the community. When he was with adults, you (a child) didn't exist. It was only when we were alone with him that he paid attention to us."

[redacted] also noticed that WIDERA always wanted to be in control. [redacted] explained, "If I had responded or had become the aggressor in anyway, that would have been a 'turn off' for him. We were just props for his sexual gratification." [redacted] also noticed that WIDERA always used things to "cover" his naked body when he molested the boys- WIDERA used water or a sheet (when in bed). He never liked it if we looked at his penis."

**MEMORIES OF WIDERA'S PARENTS' HOUSE IN SOUTH MILWAUKEE**

[redacted] said that he remembered that Father WIDERA kept "Cesar," his pet German Shepard, at his parents' house somewhere in South Milwaukee. WIDERA would take [redacted] and [redacted] down there to visit with his dog. [redacted] said he does not have any memories of being abused by WIDERA at the house. [redacted] commented, "He was always more interested in [redacted]"





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INCIDENTS OF SEXUAL ABUSE WITH [REDACTED] AT [REDACTED] ST: ST MARY  
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[REDACTED] said he was much younger than [REDACTED] when Father WIDERA started abusing them so his memories were not as solid as [REDACTED] explained that he could remember an incident in a room but he didn't know if it was a hotel room or where Father WIDERA lived. [REDACTED] thought about it and said, "There were a lot of his personal items in it (the room) so it must have been where he lived."

WIDERA provided pornographic magazines to [REDACTED] to "keep him busy" while WIDERA was assaulting [REDACTED] in his bedroom at the Rectory, in the parked VW bus and inside the hotel room(s) WIDERA rented at the TYROLEAN TOWNE HOUSE INN. The magazines showed graphic photos of nude women. WIDERA provided these magazines to [REDACTED] between January- March 1970 though May or June 1972. [REDACTED] was only [REDACTED] years old when WIDERA gave him the first pornographic magazine and WIDERA consistently provided pornographic magazines to [REDACTED] until June 1972, when [REDACTED] was [REDACTED] years old. [REDACTED] explained that Father WIDERA would take [REDACTED] into the bedroom and close the door. [REDACTED] would look at the magazine while Father WIDERA spent time with [REDACTED] in his bedroom.

[REDACTED] told us, "I knew what was happening, that Father WIDERA was molesting [REDACTED] but [REDACTED] and I never talked about it. I could hear WIDERA making loud grunting noises during the time that WIDERA was in the bedroom alone with [REDACTED]. I asked [REDACTED] if he was ever in the same room when Father WIDERA was assaulting [REDACTED] said he didn't think so but did not know for sure."

[REDACTED] said the most horrible assault to him occurred in April, May or June of 1972 when WIDERA sexually assaulted [REDACTED] in his bed at the Rectory. [REDACTED] was [REDACTED] years old at the time of this assault. [REDACTED] remembers it was warmer outside (not winter). Father WIDERA had started by tickling [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] is not sure it went from tickling to what happened next. [REDACTED] told us, "He (WIDERA) was in his bed. He had a sheet covering his naked body. He had me walk into the bedroom and get undressed. He had me get on top of him, facing him, so he could 'jerk off.' He held onto my body really tight and was moving me up and down, rubbing my body against his erect penis. He ejaculated- I'm sure he did. He has this annoying grunt he does when he would tickle us and got to a point when he was sexually gratified, when he ejaculated. I remember hearing that sound when Father WIDERA was in the bedroom with [REDACTED]. That grunt was the same sound I heard when he ejaculated on me."

I asked [REDACTED] if WIDERA had ever touched him inappropriately or molested him in the church Sacristy or in the Gymnasium. [REDACTED] said no.

[REDACTED] DISCLOSED INAPPROPRIATE TOUCHING BY WIDERA TO HIS MOTHER

[REDACTED] told us that the abuse WIDERA had inflicted upon him had been tickling, touching or rubbing up until that day. [REDACTED] said that he always felt uncomfortable when WIDERA did those things to him. [REDACTED] told us, "After that incident in his room I knew things were wrong! I told my mom around the time it happened because I had this overwhelming need to tell someone! I was so frustrated! I think Father WIDERA was still at ST MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS when I told my mom. I never told Father WIDERA that I told my mom but somehow he just knew. As far as the trips, it didn't stop right



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away. Later I was not invited along at all! It's like my mom didn't notice or question why I was not going anymore. She didn't even remember my telling her about the abuse!"

[REDACTED] explained that he was hurt when he was not invited and everyone else was doing fun things or going on fun trips with WIDERA. [REDACTED] said it was a relief not to deal with WIDERA's sexual abuse but [REDACTED] missed going on trips. [REDACTED] said that he remembered the trip more than what happened while on the trip. [REDACTED] told us, "I remember playing flashlight tag with the other boys. The shape of the lake. The sparks of the camp fire."

[REDACTED] admitted that there was competition among the boys at school for Father WIDERA'S attention as far as trips and activities. [REDACTED] elaborated, "He (WIDERA) basically said, 'don't ever say anything to anybody or this would all end.' It was understood that if you didn't do what he wanted you to do, you would not be invited to go along on a trip again."

### RUMORS OF WIDERA'S SEXUAL ABUSE OF BOYS/ WIDERA'S REASSIGNMENT

[REDACTED] said that after the incident in the Rectory, he remembered his classmates talking about why the "cool" priest, WIDERA, was leaving. [REDACTED] said that at that time, Father SETNICAR was very old, very stuffy and gruff. None of the kids really liked him. Then this younger, nice and fun priest comes along. The kids' sentiment when they heard that Father WIDERA was leaving was, "why couldn't it be Father SETNICAR?!"

One boy, [REDACTED] (does not remember his name) came out and said that Father WIDERA had touched him inappropriately or molested him and that's why Father WIDERA had to leave. Once that got around, other students remembered that [REDACTED] would go on lots of trips with Father WIDERA. The other students asked [REDACTED] if WIDERA had molested him as well. [REDACTED] publicly denied that WIDERA had molested him. Inside he wondered what would happen if he told them the truth; even his own mother didn't listen to him.

### HOW WIDERA'S ABUSE AFFECTED [REDACTED] LIFE

[REDACTED] told us that WIDERA's introducing him to pornography was like cocaine- it became an addiction. [REDACTED] acknowledged that he has an ongoing problem with his desire for pornography and he still has problems dealing with his relationship with his wife because of that.

[REDACTED] also feels that everyone, including the justice system failed him. (He was not aware that the abuse at ST MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS had not been reported to police until [REDACTED] came in to report it in 2002). [REDACTED] said that even the students knew why WIDERA had to leave the church and yet no one did anything. The church even threw a big party for WIDERA before he left for Port Washington. [REDACTED] explained, "I'm more of a realist in that people get away with stuff. If I did what he did I would get my ass reamed! The scumbags get off. The bad people don't change and I don't see justice!"

[REDACTED] also said that he tries to take bad experiences and find something positive about them. Because of the sexual abuse, [REDACTED] made a conscious effort to grow up and not be like him (WIDERA). [REDACTED] said, "I wanted to be happily married. I wanted to find good people. I wanted to be involved in my church. I feel like I have to go above and beyond to prove that I am not like him- that I am not a



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molester." [REDACTED] told us he has worked hard to build a good reputation and greatly fears what the consequence might be if others find out he was sexually abused as a child.

INTERVIEW: [REDACTED]

On 04-26-2002, I spoke with [REDACTED] regarding this complaint. The interview was conducted at her residence.

[REDACTED] told me she was shocked by [REDACTED] report and said that [REDACTED] still won't tell her in what way Father WIDERA abused him. [REDACTED] simply asked [REDACTED] to call me and speak with me about Father WIDERA. [REDACTED] while cordial, made it clear that she was speaking with me only because [REDACTED] asked her to do it for him [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] asked me if the abuse was sexual or physical. I told her it was sexual. [REDACTED] didn't want to know anymore about it. She told me that she had spoken with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] told her about Father WIDERA's abuse about [REDACTED] years ago. [REDACTED] admitted that [REDACTED] indicated to her there was something wrong years ago. [REDACTED] said, "I must have received a letter or card from Father WIDERA and told [REDACTED] about it. [REDACTED] started crying really hard and told me never to mention Father WIDERA's name ever again to him. I tried to pry and find out what was wrong but [REDACTED] wouldn't tell me then."

I asked [REDACTED] about her situation in [REDACTED] and how she met Father WIDERA. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] I had no money, no car and nowhere else to go so I moved [REDACTED] (West Allis WI) in [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

I asked [REDACTED] how she met Father WIDERA. [REDACTED] told me that she moved [REDACTED] She enrolled [REDACTED] in school at MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS parish school shortly after she moved in as it was close to home.

[REDACTED] told me, "After I enrolled them in school, I noticed this red VW bus kept circling the house. A man would get out of the bus and would come to the back door and knock. He was in regular clothes. I didn't know who he was so I didn't answer the door. He probably came over 5-6 times like that. Then one day I see the same bus pull up and [REDACTED] get off the bus. The driver had 'the collar' on. I didn't know that man (in plain clothes) was a Priest until then! The kids let him in (the house) and he introduced himself to me. Father WIDERA didn't stay very long that first time."



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I asked how frequently Father WIDERA would visit the house after she met (WIDERA). [REDACTED] replied, "(WIDERA) was a regular visitor until [REDACTED]. Sometimes he would just come over and sometimes I would invite him over. (WIDERA) spent a lot of time with me, my parents and [REDACTED]. (WIDERA) would do things with [REDACTED] places and on trips that I could not as [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] would usually tell [REDACTED] about the outing or trip and ask for my permission to go. [REDACTED] and Father WIDERA would approach me and ask if they could go. "

[REDACTED] remarked, "You know, (WIDERA) always paid a lot of attention to [REDACTED] but he never paid any attention to [REDACTED] just [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] missed their father- especially [REDACTED] thought that this was the reason [REDACTED] was vulnerable.

I asked about the frequency of Father WIDERA's visits to their house. [REDACTED] told me that when Father WIDERA was here (at ST MARY), he would visit more than once a week. (WIDERA) would normally visit after school, at night, or on his days off. After he was transferred, (WIDERA) didn't really write or phone them to keep in contact. [REDACTED] said, "(WIDERA) would just 'show up' and the boys would ask to go with (WIDERA)."

[REDACTED] said, "When (WIDERA) was transferred (from ST MARY), no one knew why. He was well liked. The parishioners even gave him a big party before he left." I asked [REDACTED] about a day in 1973 where she got a phone call from the police regarding Father WIDERA. [REDACTED] told me she remembered the call but didn't know if it was from the police or who it was. She said, "I got a phone call. When I answered it, a male voice asked if (WIDERA) was there. I told him that (WIDERA) wasn't (there). The male asked me to have Father WIDERA call a certain number when he showed up. I gave him (WIDERA) the message when he returned with [REDACTED]." I asked [REDACTED] what WIDERA's reaction was to that message. [REDACTED] replied, "He was scared when I gave him that message! He called the number and left the house. The Port Washington incident was in the papers right after that." I told [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] had remembered being questioned by a police officer about Father WIDERA back then and asked her if she knew what police agency that officer was from. [REDACTED] told me she didn't know.

I told [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] had also mentioned that she went drinking once with Father WIDERA and that Father WIDERA disclosed something that had happened to him. [REDACTED] nodded and said, "It was right after an article about the Port Washington incident was in the papers in 1973. He came down to visit and we went out to WILLY'S on 92<sup>nd</sup> & Mitchell (West Allis WI) to drink." They were drinking and discussing the article in the paper. [REDACTED] asked WIDERA for the truth. WIDERA denied molesting the boy in Port Washington [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] said she didn't think so.

[REDACTED] gave me three photos she had of Father WIDERA and told me to keep them, as she didn't want them back. The first photo depicts Father WIDERA, dressed in what I recognize to be the typical clothing that designates his position as a Roman Catholic Priest: black pants, black shirt with a white Roman collar. He is seated on a sofa. A development date of August 1970 appears at the bottom of the



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photo. [REDACTED] told me that the photo was taken inside [REDACTED] house in the living room. Another photo taken in that same room had a development date of March 1973. It depicts Father WIDERA seated on the sofa but WIDERA is dressed in regular clothing and is wearing sunglasses. Father WIDERA sent the last photo to [REDACTED] after he was transferred to California. It depicts WIDERA on the steps outside a building. WIDERA is dressed in mass vestments. There is writing on the photo: "St Pius-March 1977. Coming out of the Sacristy. Buena Park, CA."

[REDACTED] expressed her concerns about having to testify in court, as she never wants to see Father Siegfried WIDERA again.

POSSIBLE ADDITIONAL VICTIMS/ WITNESSES

On 05-01-2002, [REDACTED] told me that he remembered the names of three alter boys that went on trips with them and might have also been victimized by Father WIDERA. They are: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. In addition, two people, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], contacted ADA Chris Liegel to report Father WIDERA also abused them.

STATEMENT: [REDACTED] (DISCLOSURE OF ABUSE)

On 05-05-2002, DET Fabry and I went to [REDACTED] in an attempt to make contact with a possible victim or witness. [REDACTED] is not living at that address at this time; however, we did speak with [REDACTED]. I told [REDACTED] that I was looking for [REDACTED] and explained that he had done nothing wrong but may have information about a case I am working on. [REDACTED] invited us inside and we spoke with her in the living room.

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I told [REDACTED] that I noticed that [REDACTED] had some troubles with the church as I had seen one arrest as well as two restraining orders filed against [REDACTED] by priests or other church employees in CCAP. [REDACTED] nodded and explained, [REDACTED] is a very devout person, committed to God. He gets upset when he sees priests not treating the Eucharist, the Body of Christ, properly- not giving it the respect that it is due." I asked for an example. [REDACTED] replied, "Like leaving (the Eucharists) out in the open, not putting them away or not handling them with care." [REDACTED] also said that she and [REDACTED] like to stay after mass to pray. [REDACTED] gets upset when other parishioners choose to stay and socialize loudly- not respecting the rights of those who wish to pray. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] is the type that will go up to the priests or parishioners and say something to them and the priests and/ or parishioners do not always take kindly to [REDACTED] remarks.

[REDACTED] asked me if I was there to investigate [REDACTED]. I told her no, that I was investigating a priest. [REDACTED] replied, "Well that's funny. We (she and [REDACTED]) just talked on the phone the other day about the priest that abused [REDACTED]. He (the priest) was in the news."



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██████████ told me that she met ██████████ in ██████████ was impressed with ██████████ devotion to God. Their relationship progressed and they married. I asked ██████████ when ██████████ first mentioned anything about being abused by a priest. ██████████ told me ██████████ told her about the abuse one or two years after they met, ██████████ admitted that she was shocked about the abuse and didn't want to believe that a priest would do something like that.

I asked ██████████ if she remembered the name. ██████████ said she did not know it off hand but remembered that the name was unusual and that she would recognize the name if she heard it again. I said, "Siegfried WIDERA?" ██████████ nodded and told me that was the priest's name- Siegfried WIDERA. He was in the news the other day and she talked to ██████████ about him.

I asked about ██████████ initial disclosure to her in ██████████ said that ██████████ told her that he had been abused as a child. ██████████ asked ██████████ who did it. ██████████ told her it was a priest- Father Siegfried WIDERA. ██████████ asked if the abuse was physical or sexual. ██████████ told ██████████ that it was sexual. ██████████ did not give her a lot of details but said that Father WIDERA had introduced him to pornography when ██████████ was a young boy. ██████████ told us that ██████████ explained to her that there was a lot of hurt inside that he had to deal with through God. ██████████ first worked to forgive Father WIDERA for the abuse but is still dealing with the abuse issue itself. I asked ██████████ if ██████████ came from a one-parent home or a two-parent home at the time the abuse would have occurred. ██████████ thought it was a two-parent home but couldn't be sure.

██████████ provided ██████████ current phone number to us so we could attempt to contact him for an interview.

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STATEMENT: ██████████ (VICTIM/ WITNESS)

On 05-08-2002, DET Kulinski and I interviewed ██████████ at his residence regarding his contact with Father WIDERA. ██████████ is very religious and when I initially contacted him, he did not want to talk to me as he did not want to hurt his religion with any more abuse revelations.

(VICTIM)

I asked ██████████ how he met Father WIDERA. ██████████ replied that his ██████████ ██████████ told us that as a result, he was very sensitive. ██████████ said that Father WIDERA was ██████████ ██████████ added that he only attended ██████████ grade at ST MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS parish school because his mother moved the family after that. ██████████ told us that he ██████████ and was not sure how he met Father WIDERA. I asked ██████████ if he had any other brothers. ██████████ said not- ██████████ commented, "Father (WIDERA) paid attention to just me- ██████████"

I asked ██████████ about the activities that he and Father WIDERA used to do together. ██████████ said, "I'll never forget it. He (WIDERA) had a red and white VW bus. Every time I pass that yeast factory on the expressway (I-94 E/B) heading into Milwaukee, I think of him because of that smell. Father would take me places in Milwaukee and I would smell that odor when we passed that section of the expressway." This memory was special to ██████████ because Father WIDERA would place ██████████ on his lap and allow ██████████ to steer while driving in this area of the expressway.



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INCIDENT OF ABUSE AT [REDACTED] THE EAGLE'S CLUB (1970-1971)

[REDACTED] told us that one time Father WIDERA took him to THE EAGLE'S CLUB to go swimming. [REDACTED] said, "He (WIDERA) took his trunks off and swam around the pool naked. Then he took my trunks off and held me close to his body. He looked at my body and hugged me." I asked if it was a loose hug or if Father had pulled [REDACTED] body tightly against his own. [REDACTED] replied that Father held his [REDACTED] body close, but not too tightly to his own body. [REDACTED] told us that this only happened once while swimming but he remembered feeling very uncomfortable about it. [REDACTED] told us that he own father used to drink heavily and did awful things to their mother when he was drunk. [REDACTED] stated, "Father (WIDERA) was nice to me. Maybe he was drinking or something when he did this."

INCIDENTS WHERE WIDERA EXPOSED [REDACTED] TO PORNOGRAPHY AT [REDACTED] ST MARY RECTORY & ON A DRIVING TRIP TO FLORIDA (1970-1971)

I asked [REDACTED] what else Father WIDERA did with him. [REDACTED] told me that on school breaks or weekends, Father WIDERA would allow [REDACTED] into his bedroom at the Rectory. [REDACTED] made it clear that this didn't happen all the time, just every once in awhile. Father WIDERA would lie next to [REDACTED] on the bed. I asked [REDACTED] what clothing Father WIDERA was wearing when he laid beside [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] replied, "The usual- black trousers and a black shirt with the Collar." [REDACTED] told us that Father WIDERA didn't touch him in a way that made [REDACTED] feel uncomfortable.

[REDACTED] said that sometimes Father WIDERA would get out some Playboy and Penthouse magazines. Father would allow [REDACTED] to page through them on the bed and look at the pictures. [REDACTED] told us that Father WIDERA would usually take his trousers off and lie on the bed next to [REDACTED]. WIDERA would watch [REDACTED] as [REDACTED] looked at the pictures in the magazines. [REDACTED] thought that Father might have undressed him [REDACTED] down to his underwear too (when the magazines came out) but [REDACTED] was not certain. [REDACTED] stated, "I really didn't understand what he (WIDERA) was doing." I asked if Father WIDERA touched him in any other way, such as tickling. [REDACTED] did not remember if he was tickled or not.

[REDACTED] told me that for the most part, Father WIDERA was very good to him and just had occasional incidents where he did things that made [REDACTED] uncomfortable. [REDACTED] said that father WIDERA even took him and another boy to Florida on vacation. [REDACTED] estimated that the trip would have been taken in the summer of 1968 or 1969. [REDACTED] told me that was the first time he had ever been to Florida. [REDACTED] said that Father would allow him to look at pornographic magazines at the rest stops but for the most part, Father seemed more interested in the other boy. [REDACTED] does not remember that boy's name or anything about him- only that the other boy was older than he [REDACTED] was.

HOW WIDERA'S SEXUAL ABUSE AFFECTED [REDACTED] LIFE

I asked [REDACTED] how his contact with Father WIDERA affected his life. [REDACTED]



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[REDACTED]

RECORDS OF [REDACTED]

I had contacted the Milwaukee County Medical Examiner's Office and requested any existing documentation regarding [REDACTED]. I received 8 pages of reports under case # [REDACTED].

According to these reports, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] identified the body as that of [REDACTED] and provided background information about [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] said that [REDACTED] had been seeing [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] said that [REDACTED] was single. He described [REDACTED] as, "a quiet person and had feelings of inadequacy."

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

CONTACT WITH [REDACTED]

I looked up the name [REDACTED] in the White Pages and located an entry for [REDACTED]. I called it and spoke with an elderly male. This male identified himself as [REDACTED] and confirmed that he had treated [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] said that he remembers [REDACTED] as being, "very negative. He did not think that he could be a success- only a failure. He would not have anything to do with reading the Bible," (when [REDACTED] encouraged [REDACTED] to read it for healing). I asked [REDACTED] had ever made a disclosure that he had been sexually molested. [REDACTED] said no and stressed that [REDACTED] only expressed feelings of failure. He specifically remembered [REDACTED].

STATEMENT: [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

On 05-05-2002, DET Fabry and I went to [REDACTED] to attempt to make contact with another possible witness or victim, [REDACTED] answered the door. We





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[REDACTED]  
identified ourselves and explained that we were there to speak with him regarding Father WIDERA and a possible connection to [REDACTED] invited us inside and we spoke with him in the dining room. [REDACTED] was present during this interview.

INCIDENTS OF TICKLING & ABUSE ON THE PLAYGROUND AT [REDACTED] ST MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS (1969-1972)

[REDACTED] told us that he was expecting that someone would be coming over to talk to him about Father WIDERA after he heard about WIDERA's problems in California on WUWM (radio). [REDACTED] commented that Father WIDERA was "the tickling priest," as Father WIDERA, "tickled just about everybody in that (ST MARY) school." I asked if Father WIDERA tickled mostly boys or mostly girls. [REDACTED] replied, "Mostly boys. He would do it on the playground. (Father WIDERA) would chase us around and grab us from behind. He would stick his hand in and tickle the area between the scrotum and the anus."

I asked [REDACTED] if Father WIDERA had tickled him in that manner. [REDACTED] said yes and estimated that Father WIDERA did this between 50-70 times to him when [REDACTED] was in grades [REDACTED]. DET Fabry and I explained that technically that was a sexual assault. [REDACTED] was defensive and said, "Well then you have a whole school full of victims because he tickled us all that way." I asked [REDACTED] if Father WIDERA ever did anything else to him or touched him in a way that made [REDACTED] feel uncomfortable. [REDACTED] looked down and said, "No." DET Fabry told [REDACTED] that he understood that perhaps Father WIDERA's touching made [REDACTED] feel uncomfortable or embarrassed. [REDACTED] replied, "I wasn't embarrassed! That (the tickling) was like 'special attention.' No one looked down on it back then!" [REDACTED] told us that technically, the contact may be classified as a sexual assault but he did not feel as though he was violated or was a victim.

DENIED THAT [REDACTED] HAD BEEN SEXUALLY ABUSED BY WIDERA

I asked [REDACTED] had ever mentioned anything about Father WIDERA touching him or assaulting him. [REDACTED] said no. I told [REDACTED] my suspicions about [REDACTED]. In [REDACTED] replied, [REDACTED] had nothing to do with Father WIDERA. I asked if [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] had ever gone on trips with Father WIDERA. [REDACTED] replied that Father WIDERA took them swimming at the TYROLEAN TOWNE HOUSE INN in West Allis once or twice. [REDACTED] explained, "He would take the altar boys that worked the two early masses on Saturdays swimming."

DET Fabry gave [REDACTED] his card in case [REDACTED] recalled anything else or wanted to talk to us.

④ STATEMENT: [REDACTED]

On 05-06-2002, [REDACTED] came into the station at my request so I could speak with him regarding [REDACTED]. DET Fabry and I interviewed him in the Conference Room.



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DISCLOSED TO [REDACTED] THAT HE WAS SEXUALLY ABUSED BY WIDERA

[REDACTED] told us that [REDACTED] did disclose that father WIDERA had sexually molested him a few months before [REDACTED] estimated that [REDACTED] told him this in early 1983, as [REDACTED] was still [REDACTED] at that time. [REDACTED] was at home [REDACTED] West Allis). [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were sitting in the basement when [REDACTED] brought the subject up. [REDACTED] said, "I was floored when he mentioned it. I now know that [REDACTED] was seeing a psychiatrist at that time and [REDACTED] I don't recall all the details of what [REDACTED] told me... I guess I wasn't a good listener. I didn't want to hear it. I do know that he called Father WIDERA 'really sick.'"

INCIDENT OF SEXUAL ABUSE WITH [REDACTED] IN WIDERA'S VW BUS WHILE PARKED ON THE SCHOOL LOT BEHIND [REDACTED] ST MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS SCHOOL (Summer 1973)

I asked [REDACTED] what happened. [REDACTED] explained, [REDACTED] wanted to know if Father WIDERA had ever messed with me. At first I denied it and [REDACTED] got really pissed off. After a few minutes, I finally told him that Father WIDERA did (mess with me). He (WIDERA) didn't rape me, but he liked to tickle me. I had a run in with him (Father WIDERA) in his VW bus. It was parked on the school parking lot. I don't remember how or why I happened to be on the bus with him but I was. I was alone with him."

"He tickled me and kept tickling me on the bench seats. At some point he opened his pants and his penis was out. He put my hand on his penis and held it there for about one minute. As he did this he joked, 'It gets bigger and falls out!' and then he joked that he was embarrassed. I was out of there the. I don't know if I walked or ran but I left the bus. Father WIDERA just disappeared after that- I never saw him again but I avoided him too."

I asked [REDACTED] how [REDACTED] had reacted to this. [REDACTED] said, "I told [REDACTED] that and [REDACTED] said it (the sexual abuse) was a lot worse with him. I was shocked because he [REDACTED] brought it up and I didn't even know that he knew about it (the sexual abuse. I thought it was just me- that I was the only one!" I asked [REDACTED] how old he was at the time this assault occurred. [REDACTED] said that he was [REDACTED] years old. He recalled that it was summertime and his [REDACTED] when the assault happened. (Social Security Administration Death records accessed through [www.crimetime.com](http://www.crimetime.com) indicated that [REDACTED] best estimate, based on this as well as his age, was that this assault occurred sometime during the summer of 1973. [REDACTED] would have been [REDACTED] years old when he was assaulted.

HOW WIDERA'S SEXUAL ABUSE AFFECTED [REDACTED] LIFE

I asked [REDACTED] how this abuse affected his life [REDACTED]



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NO MENTION OR DISCLOSURE OF ABUSE BY [REDACTED]

I asked [REDACTED] if [REDACTED] had ever made any mention of abuse. [REDACTED] said no and added that [REDACTED] years older than him so he really didn't hang around or talk with [REDACTED]. I asked [REDACTED] remembered how he met Father WIDERA. [REDACTED] didn't really remember. He did recall that Father WIDERA would "just show up" in their backyard. [REDACTED] didn't think this was unusual as they [REDACTED]

CONTACT WITH THE MILWAUKEE ARCHDIOCESE; WIDERA'S HISTORY

04/26/2002 Lt. Blaskowski reporting..

I contacted Ms. Barbara Cusack ph# 769-3341 of the Milwaukee Archdiocese concerning Mr. Widera. Ms. Cusack faxed to me a copy of Widera's history in the Milwaukee Archdiocese. This history is:

**Born Dortmund Germany December 20, 1940**

**St. Francis Minor Seminary 1955-1960**

**St. Francis Major Seminary 1960-1967**

**Ordained to Priesthood July 14, 1967**

**Associate Pastor St. Mary Help of Christians, West Allis 1969**

**Associate Pastor, St. Mary Port Washington June 13, 1972**

**Associate Pastor, St. Andrew, Delavan, June 17, 1975**

**Assignment outside diocese: St. Pius V Parish Buena Park California (Diocese of Orange January 12, 1977.**

Ms. Cusack indicated that their records showed that Widera was arrested and prosecuted in Port Washington, Ozaukee County and was placed on probation for three years. Their records indicated that the District Attorney had asked for a 5-year prison sentence. I contacted the Ozaukee County Clerk of Courts and they are faxing information about that case to me.

Ms. Cusack also told me that in August of 1976 there was some type of allegation in Delavan concerning inappropriate contact with children but she had no further information about this. I contacted the Delavan Police Department and the officer I talked to his Captain. This Captain has been a member of that Parish for a long time and he remembered it was a rumor that was not reported to the police. He will check with his Captain to see if he remembers which families might have been involved.

**DET Ann Phillippi reporting:**



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I received a voice mail message from Delavan PD Captain Tim O'NEAL (ph# 262-728-6311; works 7am-3pm) regarding this file. I believe this is the Captain referenced in the above paragraph. As of 04-29-2002, I have been unable to speak with him regarding this matter.

**CONTACT WITH THE DIOCESE OF ORANGE (CALIFORNIA); WIDERA'S HISTORY**

**DET Ann Phillippi reporting:**

On 04-30-2002, I called the DIOCESE OF ORANGE and spoke with the Director of Human Resources, [REDACTED] regarding this case and WIDERA's background.

I asked for a list of all the places Father WIDERA had been assigned to as well as the dates of assignment. Ms [REDACTED] provided the following list to me:

- ST PIUS V CHURCH, Buena Park CA; 01-12-1977 to 04-11-1977
  - ST JUSTIN MARTYR CHURCH, Anaheim CA; 04-11-1977 to 07-06-1981
- (\*\*No location noted for the time span between 07-06-1981 through 05-26-1982\*\*)
- ST EDWARD CHURCH, Dana Point, CA; 05-26-1982 to 07-01-1984
  - IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH, Santa Ana, CA: 07-01-1984 to 07-01-1985
  - ST MARTIN DE PORRES CHURCH, Yorba Linda, CA; 07-01-1985 through his removal in August 1985

**REPORT BY LICENSED HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL REGARDING WIDERA  
SEXUALLY MOLESTING BOYS IN A POOL: 07-31-1985**

I asked Ms [REDACTED] what prompted the Diocese to remove Father WIDERA or "defrock" him. Ms [REDACTED] checked WIDERA's file and answered, "We received a report from CPS (Child Protective Services) here that there had been a swimming party with Father WIDERA and four boys in a pool on July 31<sup>st</sup>, 1985 and someone saw something inappropriate. A professional witnessed Father WIDERA sexually assaulting 4-5 boys in a pool. The caseworker, [REDACTED] (1985 phone number of [REDACTED]), noted that the incident was reported by a licensed health care professional. Shortly after that we got a second but anonymous complaint of the same nature." I asked Ms [REDACTED] about the relatively short assignments to parishes before being moved again. Ms [REDACTED] admitted that those short assignments could be classified as "definitely not the norm- very unusual." According to her, there was nothing in WIDERA's file maintained by the DIOCESE OF ORANGE to indicate why he was re-assigned so quickly.

**WIDERA "DEFROCKED" AND SENT TO A TREATMENT CENTER**



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Ms [REDACTED] said that she believes it was Bishop MCFARLAND who removed Father WIDERA from his position as a Priest. WIDERA was sent to an in-patient treatment facility in New Mexico that specialized in Priests and Ministers with sexual abuser problems. She added that the clinic WIDERA was sent to no longer exists. I asked how long WIDERA was at the clinic. [REDACTED] replied, "From September 1985 through April 1986." She said that when WIDERA was released, he had orders to return to the status of a layperson in the Church. I asked her what that meant. [REDACTED] replied that basically meant that WIDERA was no longer a Priest and could not work in the Church.

I asked her what happened after WIDERA was released from the clinic. [REDACTED] said that there was little communication with WIDERA after that. The last notation in his file was that as of July 16, 1987, WIDERA was employed at a business called the TUSCON CONTAINER CORP. The records indicate this business is owned by one of WIDERA's relatives.

[REDACTED] told me that the Milwaukee Archdiocese never communicated to their Diocese that WIDERA had actually been convicted of the crime of sexual perversion in Wisconsin. [REDACTED] said that the only information communicated by the Milwaukee Archdiocese was that WIDERA had a moral problem with a [REDACTED]-year-old boy in school and continued counseling was recommended.

[REDACTED] told me that a person who claims to have been sexually abused by Father WIDERA just filed suit against the Diocese today in California.

**SIEGFRIED WIDERA'S CRIMINAL HISTORY: FBI, WISCONSIN & ARIZONA RECORDS**

Siegfried WIDERA's FBI record # [REDACTED] contains the following entries:

1-ARRESTED OR RECEIVED 1973/07/02  
AGENCY-SHERIFF'S OFFICE PORT WASHINGTON  
AGENCY CASE- [REDACTED]  
CHARGE 1-SEXUAL PERVERSION

2-ARRESTED OR RECEIVED 1989/12/20  
AGENCY-SHERIFF'S OFFICE TUCSON  
AGENCY CASE- [REDACTED]  
CHARGE -CHILD MOLESTATION-F

COURT-SHERIFF'S OFFICE TUCSON  
CHARGE-SEX OFFNS-CHILD FONDLING  
SENTENCE-  
NO COMPLAINT FILED

WIDERA was convicted of the charge in Wisconsin and placed on probation. I attempted to locate the report or arrest record for the arrest in Tucson, AZ in 1989. I contacted the Pima County Attorney's Office (ph# 520-740-5600), the Pima County Legal Records Department (ph# 520-740-3251) as well as



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the Tucson City Court- Misdemeanor Division (ph# 520-791-4581). The arrest, the case and a related civil case were recorded in the system. The criminal case was charged but was subsequently dismissed and transferred to the City Court's Misdemeanor section. The City Courts have no disposition and there are no records in existence as old records are destroyed periodically due to lack of storage space.

Pima County Criminal Court information is available on line. I accessed it via [www.crimetime.com](http://www.crimetime.com) and queried "widera" for all cases and located the following case information for the files/ reports that no longer exist in Tucson:

CASE NUMBER	PARTY NAME	DOB	NEXT COURT DATE	CHARGE	VIOLATION	CITATION NUMBER	AGENCY	AMOUNT	DATE TERMINATED
[REDACTED]	WIDERA, SIEGFRIED F.	12/20/40		13-1202		[REDACTED]	SO920318360	\$0.00	8/31/92
[REDACTED]	WIDERA, SIEGFRIED FRANCIS	12/20/40	12/20/89	13-1410		0	SO8911273595	\$2,200.00	12/27/89

The criminal case arrest/ disposition information for WIDERA's 1989 arrest for Child Fondling (according to his FBI record) is:

**Tucson JP Criminal Docket**

CASE NUMBER  
[REDACTED]

DEFENDANT

WIDERA, SIEGFRIED FRANCIS  
 NUM CHARGES: 01  
 DOB : 20-Dec-1940  
 ET AL : 1  
 OFF DATE : 27-Nov-1989  
 PLEA DATE :  
 PLEA TYPE :  
 COMP CASE :  
 CASE # :

PROSECUTION

AGENCY NBR : SO8911273595  
 CITATION # : 0  
 BOOKING NUM :  
 CHARGE MJR : 13-1410  
 BADGE NUM1 :  
 OFF NAME1 :  
 BADGE NUM2 :  
 OFF NAME2 :

VIOLATION :  
 ATTY TYPE : PV  
 ATTY NBR : 42892

COMP : 20-Dec-1989  
 ATTY NBR :



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ATTY NAME : NORVILLE, MICHAEL ATTY NAME :
INTERPRETER:
AFFID JUDGE:
JUDGE: CAHAN BOND AMOUNT : \$2,200.00
REPORTER: BOND PAID : \$2,200.00
CALENDARED : 12/20/89 2:00 PM BOND TYPE : CASH
CONTINUES : 0 BOND DISPO : EXONERATE
NEXT HEARING: IA
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE:
VICTIM : VICTIM NOTIFIED :

Tickler : PH 1:30 Tickle Date : 29-Dec-1989
Comment : DISM/FURTHER INVESTIGATION REQUIRED

DOCKET DATA

ACCOUNTING

Sum Issued : War Issu\_ : Code Amount
Sum Reiss : War Return :
Sum Ret\_ : War Quash :
Osc Iss\_ : FTA\_Term :

Arraign. :
Init App. : 22-Dec-1989
Pretrial : Sup Arr Date:
Prelim\_ : Sup Ct# :
Trial :
Trial Type : TOTAL \$0.00

TERM DATE : 27-Dec-1989 Termin Type: DISM BALANCE \$0.00
Cservice Hr: Hours Complt: Hours Due
Jail Begin : Jail End : Payment due:
Prob Begin : Prob End : 1-Jan-1992
Probation Officer :

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TRANS PAY TRANS
DATE CODE CLERK AMT

CASE :
PARTY: WIDERA, SIEGFRIED FRANCIS
BOND : \$2,200.00

R XXXXXXXXX 12/20/89 C ANNE. M. Receipt \$2,200.00
R XXXXXXXXX 1/02/90 O HELEN F. R. Exoneration ( \$2,200.00)



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Bond Paid \$2,200.00  
Open Bond \$0.00

CASE: [REDACTED] PAGE 1  
Plaintiff: State of Arizona  
Defendant: WIDERA, SIEGFRIED FRANCIS

ITEM DATE REF PROCEEDING ENTRY  
CR89-015277

*DOCUMENT IMAGE INFORMATION*

*NO IMAGES FOUND*

**CONTACT: WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS (PROBATION/ PAROLE)**

On 04-30-3002, I received a voice mail message from Agent Chris GIJEWSKI (phonetic spelling, ph# 414-382-7832). She said that she located WIDERA's case records and found that the Prosecutor had recommended a prison term of 5 years. The prison term was stayed and WIDERA was placed on 3 years probation. The terms of his probation included No Contact with children in Ozaukee County, psychological therapy as well as continued professional counseling. GIJEWSKI said she did not understand a notation in the file as it indicates that WIDERA was arrested three times after he was convicted in Port Washington. The notes indicated that South Milwaukee PD, Elkhorn PD and Delavan PD also arrested WIDERA, yet none of those arrests appear on his criminal record and it is unclear in what way(s) this affected his probation. I left a message for GIJEWSKI and asked her to fax me copies of records in WIDERA's file.

I checked with those police departments and found none of them had any existing records for the contacts with WIDERA indicated on his probation records. I also checked with St Francis PD as WIDERA had lived there as well when he was younger. St Francis PD did not have any records still in existence from the time period that WIDERA had lived there.

**WIDERA'S HOME ADDRESS FROM ARIZONA DMV RECORDS: WIDERA'S RESIDENCY**

According to Arizona DMV records, Siegfried WIDERA's address (updated 03-25-2002) is [REDACTED] Green Valley, AZ. His current physicals are 510, 250#, BLN/ BLU.

I called Directory Assistance and found that Siegfried WIDERA's home phone number is unlisted/unpublished. I called the Green Valley PD and was told that the Pima County Sheriff's Department, not Green Valley PD, policed WIDERA's address. I called the Pima County Sheriff's Department and spoke with Auxiliary Paul KLINE (#4315). I him if PCSO had a current phone number for Siegfried WIDERA.



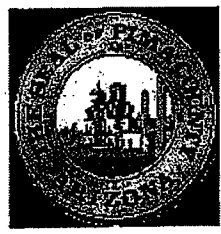


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There was nothing in their system so KLINE checked a telephone directory. The directory, valid from February 2002 through February 2003, lists WIDERA'S home phone number as ph# [REDACTED]. AUX KLINE told me that there was another WIDERA listed in the directory: [REDACTED]. As the WIDERA family had once resided one block away from a member of my family, I knew that [REDACTED] was Siegfried WIDERA's sister. [REDACTED] currently resides at [REDACTED] Green Valley AZ, ph# [REDACTED].

**PIMA COUNTY (AZ) PROPERTY RECORDS: WIDERA'S RESIDENCY**

I queried the Pima County Arizona property records ([www.asr.pima.az.us](http://www.asr.pima.az.us)) under "widera" and received the following results:



WIDERA  
   
 Keyword Mode

2003 TaxYear Query> returned 8 records!

<u>Parcel</u>	<u>Use</u>	<u>LandFCV</u>	<u>ImprFCV</u>	<u>TaxPaver</u>
[REDACTED]	0741	\$12,800	\$105,270	
[REDACTED]	0197	\$16,000	\$0	
[REDACTED]	3711	\$347,000	\$4,157,630	
[REDACTED]	0740	\$26,000	\$89,390	
[REDACTED]	0316	\$17,000	\$119,434	
[REDACTED]	0320	\$13,652	\$76,348	



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[REDACTED]	0820	\$25,000	WIDERA, SIEGFRIED F
		\$804	
[REDACTED]	0141	\$30,000	WIDERA, SIEGFRIED F
		\$96,421	

Pima County Assessor ~ 115 N. Church ~ Tucson Az. 85701

Client: ~ 24.167.244.134

The last two properties are recorded with Siegfried WIDERA as the listed owner. Property parcel [REDACTED] is a mobile home located at [REDACTED] Tucson AZ 85746. The sale/ purchase was recorded in December 1987. According to 2003 tax year information, the property is listed as owner occupied. Property parcel [REDACTED] is a single-family home located in Green Valley Country Club Estates at [REDACTED] Green Valley AZ 85614. The purchase was recorded on 08-18-1994 and according to 2003 tax year records, it is also listed as owner occupied. I could not locate any other parcels or real estate recorded in WIDERA's in any other state; it appears that his property ownership and real residency is in the State of Arizona. Furthermore, this information indicates that Siegfried WIDERA has been a resident of the State of Arizona from 1987 to present.

**CONTACT WITH SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION: WIDERA'S RESIDENCY**

On 05-07-2002, I spoke with [REDACTED] Resident Special Agent in Charge of the Social Security Administration Office of Investigations (US Courthouse- room 400, 517 E Wisconsin Av, Milwaukee WI 53202; ph# [REDACTED] fax# [REDACTED], regarding checking the status of Siegfried WIDERA's employment, earnings and SSA contributions.

RAC [REDACTED] checked Siegfried WIDERA's SSA records from 1976-2000. (Records have not been updated for 2001 as of yet.) The SSA records seem to indicate (by employer and employer location) that Siegfried WIDERA has not resided in Wisconsin since he left in 1976.

SSA records list WIDERA as being "self-employed" from 1976-1983. (DIOCESE OF ORANGE records record and support that he was assigned to parishes located in the State of California during that time period.) In 1984 and 1985 the names of the parishes WIDERA was assigned to show up under employer. These parishes are also located in the State of California. 1986 lists WIDERA as being self-employed. (DIOCESE OF ORANGE records show WIDERA was in treatment center in New Mexico until April 1986.) 1987-1990 lists TUCSON CONTAINER CORP as his employer. In 1991, his employer is listed as CALIFORNIA BOX XOMPANY (13901 S Carmenita Rd, Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670). 1992-2000 entries list TUCSON CONTAINER CORP as his employer.


These SSA records, corroborated with DIOCESE OF ORANGE records, reflect that WIDERA was employed in the State of California and the State of Arizona from 1987-present and therefore, did not have or maintain real residency in the State of Wisconsin.



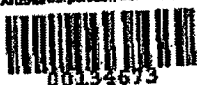
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## STATE OF ARIZONA CORPORATE COMMISSION INFORMATION CHECKED

I QUERIED THE state of Arizona's Corporate Commission website (accessed via a link at [www.crimtime.com](http://www.crimtime.com)) for information about TUCSON CONTAINER CORP. According to information on that site, the company's status is delinquent in filing it's annual report as of 11-14-2001. The last report was received on 04-18-2000. Siegfried WIDERA filed it. The report is as follows:



**STATE OF ARIZONA  
CORPORATION COMMISSION  
CORPORATION ANNUAL REPORT  
& CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE**



Arizona Corporation Commission  
00134673

**DUE ON OR BEFORE 06/14/2000 FY99-00 FILING FEE \$45.00**

The following information is required by A.R.S. §10-1622 & §10-11622 for all corporations organized pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes, Title 10. The Commission's authority to prescribe this form is A.R.S. §10-121.A. & §10-3121.A. **THIS INFORMATION IS TO BE PRINTED ON THIS ORIGINAL FORM.** Make changes or corrections where necessary. Information for the report should reflect the current status of the corporation. See instructions for proper format. **REFER TO THE INSTRUCTIONS ON PAGE 4.**

**-0502439-0**

1. **TUCSON CONTAINER CORPORATION**  
5505 S MOGALES HWY  
PO BOX 11561  
TUCSON, AZ 85734

**RECEIVED**  
APR 10 2000  
ARIZONA STATE COMMISSION  
CORPORATION DIVISION

Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
State of Domicile: **ARIZONA** Type of Corporation: **PROFIT**

2. Arizona Statutory Agent: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(NOT P.O. BOX)  
City, State, Zip: **TUCSON AZ 85706-**

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<p><b>ACC USE ONLY-</b></p> <p>Fee \$ <u>45</u></p> <p>Penalty \$ _____</p> <p>Reserves \$ _____</p> <p>Expans \$ _____</p> <p>Residual \$ _____</p>	<p><b>IPB</b> _____</p> <p>I, (individual) or We, (corporation or limited liability company) having been designated the new Statutory Agent, do hereby consent to this appointment until my removal or resignation pursuant to law.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____ Signature of new Statutory Agent</p>
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3. Secondary Address: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Check the one category below which best describes the CHARACTER OF BUSINESS of your corporation.

<p><b>BUSINESS CORPORATIONS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 1. Accounting</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 2. Advertising</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 3. Aerospace</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 4. Agriculture</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 5. Architecture</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 6. Banking/Finance</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 7. Biotech/Cosmetology</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 8. Construction</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 9. Contractor</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 10. Credit/Collection</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 11. Education</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 12. Engineering</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 13. Entertainment</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 14. General Consulting</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 15. Health Care</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 16. Hotel/Motel</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 17. Import/Export</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 18. Insurance</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 19. Legal Services</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20. Manufacturing</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 21. Mining</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 22. News/Media</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 23. Pharmaceutical</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 24. Publishing/Printing</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 25. Ranching/Livestock</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 26. Real Estate</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 27. Restaurant/Cafe</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 28. Retail Sales</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 29. Science/Research</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 30. Sports/Sporting Events</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 31. Technology (Computer)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 32. Technology (General)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 33. Television/Radio</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 34. Travel/Convention Services</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 35. Transportation</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 36. Utilities</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 37. Veterinary/Medical/Dental Care</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 38. Other _____</li> </ul>	<p><b>NON-PROFIT CORPORATIONS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 1. Charitable</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 2. Educational</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 3. Educational</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 4. Civic</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 5. Political</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 6. Religious</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 7. Social</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 8. Hobby</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 9. Cultural</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 10. Athletic</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 11. Science/Research</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 12. Hospital/Health Care</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 13. Agricultural</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 14. Animal Husbandry</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 15. Homeowner's Association</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 16. Professional, commercial</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 17. Industrial or Trade Association</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 18. Other _____</li> </ul>
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**5. CAPITALIZATION:** Business corporations and business trusts are required to complete this section. Business trusts must indicate the number of transferable certificates held by trustees evidencing their beneficial interest in the trust estate. (If no changes since last report, check here  and go on to Section 6.)

Number of Shares/Certificates Authorized 1,000,000 Class COMMON Series Within Class (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Shares/Certificates Issued 63,123 Class COMMON Series Within Class (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

**6. SHAREHOLDERS:** List shareholders holding more than 20% of any class of shares issued by the corporation, or having more than a 20% beneficial interest in the corporation. (If no changes since last report, check here  and go on to Section 7.)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
NONE  Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**7. OFFICERS** (If no changes since last report, check here  and go on to Section 8.)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: PRESIDENT/CEO Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date taking office: 02/13/1979 Date taking office: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: SIGFRIDO WIDERA Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: SECRETARY Title: TREASURER  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date taking office: 01/01/1992 Date taking office: 07/12/1979  
TUCSON, AZ 85734- COSTA MESA, CA 92626-

**8. DIRECTORS** (If no changes since last report, check here  and go on to Section 9.)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: SIGFRIDO WIDERA  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date taking office: 01/01/1992 Date taking office: 01/01/1991  
COSTA MESA, CA 92626- TUCSON, AZ 85734-

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date taking office: 02/12/1979 Date taking office: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**9. FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE (A.R.S. §§10-1622.B & 10-11622.A.3)**

Only nonprofit corporations must attach a financial statement (balance sheet including assets, liabilities and equity). All other forms of corporations are exempt from filing a financial disclosure.

**10A. MEMBERS (A.R.S. § 10-11622.A.6)**

This corporation  does  does not  have members.

**10. CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE (A.R.S. §§10-1622.A.5 & 10-11622.A.7)**

Has ANY person serving either by election or appointment as an officer, director, trustee, incorporator and person controlling or holding more than 10% of the board and managing common shares or 10% of any other proprietary, beneficial or membership interest in this corporation been: (Underlined portion pertains to profit corporations only)

1. Convicted of a felony involving a transaction in securities, consumer fraud or artificial in any state or federal jurisdiction within the seven year period immediately preceding the execution of this certificate?
2. Convicted of a felony, the essential elements of which consisted of fraud, misrepresentation, theft by false pretenses or violation of trade or monopoly in any state or federal jurisdiction within the seven year period immediately preceding execution of this certificate?
3. Or are subject to an injunction, judgment, decree or permanent order of any state or federal court entered within the seven year period immediately preceding execution of this certificate where such injunction, judgment, decree or permanent order involved the violation of:
  - (a) trust or registration provisions of the securities laws of that jurisdiction, or
  - (b) the consumer fraud laws of that jurisdiction, or
  - (c) the antitrust or restraint of trade laws of that jurisdiction?

YES  NO

If "YES", the following information must be submitted as an attachment to this report for each person subject to one or more of the actions stated in items 1. through 3. above.

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| 1. Full name and prior names used                           | 5. Date and location of birth.   |
| 2. Full birth name.   | 6. Social Security Number  |
| 3. Present home address.                                    | 7. The nature and description of each conviction or judicial action, the date and location, the court and public agency involved, and the file or case number of the case. |
| 4. Prior addresses (for immediate preceding 7 year period). |  |

**11. STATEMENT OF BANKRUPTCY (A.R.S. §§10-202.D.2 & 10-3202.B)**

Has ANY person serving either by election or appointment as an officer, director, trustee, incorporator and person controlling or holding more than 20% of the board and managing common shares or 20% of any other proprietary, beneficial or membership interest in the corporation served in such capacity or held a 20% interest in any other corporation during the bankruptcy, receivership, or similar reorganization of the other corporation? (Underlined portion pertains to profit corporations only)

YES  NO

Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ Date Filed \_\_\_\_\_ Case Number \_\_\_\_\_

**12. SIGNATURE**

I, Siegfried F. Widera, declare under penalty of law that I am a duly authorized corporate officer of the corporation named in this report and I am authorized to sign this report on behalf of the corporation.

I DECLARE, UNDER PENALTY OF LAW, THAT ALL CORPORATE INCOME TAX RETURNS REQUIRED BY TITLE 43 OF THE ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES HAVE BEEN FILED WITH THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

I further declare under penalty of law that I (we) have examined this report and the certificate, including any attachments, and to the best of my (our) knowledge and belief they are true, correct and complete.

Name Siegfried F. Widera Date 4/3/00 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Siegfried F. Widera Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Title CORP. V.P. Title \_\_\_\_\_

(Signatures must be duly authorized corporate officer(s) listed in section 7 of this report.)

This corporate filing lists Siegfried WIDERA as becoming a corporate director in that company on 01-01-1991 and an officer on 01-01-1992. WIDERA's SSA records also indicate he worked at his brothers other company, CALIFORNIA BOX COMPANY during 1991. That company has two locations in the Los Angeles, CA area. In addition, Siegfried WIDERA is listed in Arizona Corporate Commission records as being the Agent for WIDERA ENTERPRISES, L.L.C. (Incorporation date of 05-31-2000. These records indicate that WIDERA was employed in the State of Arizona and the State of California from 1987 to present.



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**BUSINESSCREDITUSA REPORT ON TUCSON CONATINER CORP (LISTS WIDERA)**

On 05-08-2002, I purchased a business credit report on the TUCSON CONTAINER CORP from [www.businesscreditusa.com](http://www.businesscreditusa.com). This site tends to offer the most up-to-date information on businesses as this is the information potential creditors/ suppliers may use to determine the risk for opening/ extending lines of credit to a business.

I found that the company is privately owned and that the company even owns the building where they are located. 2002 sales projections were listed, indicating that the report had been recently updated. The Management Directory lists "Mr Sieg WIDERA" as the President of TUCSON CONTAINER CORP. This report also supports that WIDERA is still a resident of the State of Arizona as he is listed as the president of a company located there. The report (relevant information) is as follows:

**Tucson Container Corp**  
  
6601 S Palo Verde Rd  
Tucson, AZ 85706-5044  
  
Main Phone: (520) 746-3171  
Fax: (520) 741-0962  
County: Pima  
Metro Area: Tucson, AZ  
Internet: N/A  
ABI#: 16-871-5688

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Years in Database: 10+  
Building: Owned  
Sq. Footage: 40,000+  
Public Co.: Privately Owned  
Location: Independent  
Parent Company: None  
Stock Symbol: None



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**Business Credit Score: 96 (A+)**

Credit Score Key			
Excellent	Very Good	Good	Unknown
A+ 95+	B+ 85-89	C+ 75-79	Under 69
A 90-94	B 80-84	C 70-74	
I = Institution			

**Corporate Trends**

Year	# of Employees	Sales Volume
2002	50-99	\$20-50 MILLION
2001	50-99	\$50-100 MILLION
2000	50-99	\$50-100 MILLION

**Management Directory**

Name	Title
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[REDACTED]

Mr. Sieg Widera



PRESIDENT  
FINANCE EXECUTIVE  
SALES EXECUTIVE  
PURCHASING AGENT

Company Description

The Primary Line of Business for Tucson Container Corp is CORRUGATED & SOLID FIBER BOXES (MFRS) (2653-01).

Other Lines of Business                      SIC Code    Brand/Specialty

BOXES-PAPER (MANUFACTURERS) 2652-01  
PACKAGING MATERIALS- 5113-08  
WHOLESALE

Public Record Information

Date	State	County	Type	Amount	Case Number
None on file					

Headlines

Source	Date	Article
None on File		

**SIEGFRIED WIDERA'S NAME LISTED IN TUCSON CONTAINER CORP'S VOICE MAIL**

I did a reverse search on TUCSON CONTAINER CORP's business address, "6601 S Palo Verde Rd, Tucson AZ" and found that there are three businesses operating out of that address: TUCSON CONTAINER CORP (ph# 520-746-3171), KINO FOAM and KINO PACKAGING CO (ph#520-746-3172). According to business records in Arizona, TUCSON CONATINER CORP is the owner of KINO FOAM and KINO PACKAGING CO.

On 05-12-2002, I called both numbers listed for that address/ those businesses. Siegfried WIDERA's name is listed in the voice mail directory for all three businesses/ corporations. I called those numbers again on 05-24-2002 and found that Siegfried WIDERA's name had been removed from the voice mail directory.



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**CONTACT WITH ANAHEIM (CA) POLICE DEPARTMENT: OPEN CASE**

I queried the name "Siegfried WIDERA" in an Internet search engine and found a news article that appeared in The Sacramento Bee. The news article that appeared on 04-11-2002 detailed an abuse complaint filed with the Anaheim, CA Police Department. I looked that department up on the Internet and found a contact phone number for SGT Chris KIELSCH (ph# 714-765-1958/ fax# 714-765-1549).

I spoke with SGT KIESLCH and she confirmed that their department is investigating a sexual abuse complaint filed on 04-06-2002. DET Lisa HUNTER is the case detective (ph# 714-765-1964). Their case number is # [REDACTED]

I received a copy of this report on 04-25-2002- a day after I had interviewed our complainant/ victim, [REDACTED]. Anaheim's report details that Father WIDERA tickling the child victim initiated the sexual contact with that victim. According to their report, Father WIDERA proceeded to stick his hand down the front of the victim's pants and underwear. Father WIDERA grabbed, tickled and squeezed the [REDACTED] year-old victim's genitals. This is consistent with [REDACTED] statement. Anaheim's victim was molested after Father WIDERA conducted the funeral mass for the [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] The assault occurred in the victim's home after [REDACTED].

DET Lisa Hunter later told me that the Orange County Sheriff's Department also has an open case against WIDERA that they are investigating.

**CONTACT WITH THE BREA (CA) POLICE DEPARTMENT: OPEN CASE**

[REDACTED] of the Diocese of Orange told me that she gave my name and phone number to DET Kortney DODD of the City of Brea (CA) Police Department as they also were investigating a sexual abuse complaint against Father WIDERA; case # [REDACTED]. I spoke with DET Kortney DODD on 04-30-2002.

DET DODD asked me for details about the West Allis case and they were provided to her. DET DODD faxed me a copy of their report. Like [REDACTED] case, the [REDACTED] case details that Father WIDERA established contact with the mother of the victims (two brothers) after she was divorced. He would swim with the victims. He would show up at dinnertime and stay to tuck the boys into their beds. One night one of the victims disclosed to his mother that Father WIDERA had been touching his penis and buttocks when Father WIDERA tucked them into bed. The mother spoke with her other son and that son confirmed that Father WIDERA had been sexually assaulting him in the same manner. The victim brothers in the Brea incident were ages [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] years old at the time the assaults occurred.

**REVIEW: OZAUKEE COUNTY DA FILE FROM WIDERA'S 1973 CONVICTION**

ADA Chris Liegel obtained the Ozaukee County DA file from WIDERA's 1973 arrest/ conviction. The file contained the copies of the victims' and witnesses' statements, as well as copies of the Ozaukee County Sheriff's Department report and the Port Washington PD report.





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The report and statements document an ongoing pattern of sexual abuse of young boys by WIDERA in his bedroom at the Rectory, in his van and on trips. WIDERA had [REDACTED] at the time of this incident) perform oral sex on WIDERA while WIDERA was driving. The other boys, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] witnessed [REDACTED] put his mouth over WIDERA'S penis. [REDACTED] also admitted to having placed his mouth on WIDERA's penis either on the way there or on the way back to Port Washington.

The witness statements also detail how WIDERA took them swimming and would have them remove their swim trunks at the TYROLEAN TOWNE HOUSE INN on HWY 100 (S 108<sup>th</sup> St). [REDACTED] [REDACTED] were all victims of abuse. [REDACTED] even detailed how WIDERA would pull the van over to the side of the road and have all the boys fondle his genitals as well as each other's genitals.

[REDACTED] admitted that her son had told her that he did not like Father WIDERA because WIDERA had tickled him between his legs. [REDACTED] disclosed this to his mother in the fall of 1972. His mother thought that [REDACTED] must have been mistaken and if it did occur, she dismissed it as having occurred accidentally. [REDACTED] stated, "I didn't know him but I thought it was all right. [REDACTED] going places with WIDERA), because he was a Priest."

OZSO DET Robert HACKBARTH, OZSO SGT Eugene TROMBLEY and Port Washington PD officer Allan KLOPP obtained a verbal confession from WIDERA regarding abuse incidents in Ozaukee and Milwaukee counties. The report states, "After talking to Father WIDERA for a considerable length of time he did admit that he had played with a number of boys privates and that he had allowed at least two or three boys to commit an act of sodomy on him.. He states that this was to help them in their curiosity about sex. These acts of sodomy were committed in Ozaukee County on STH 84, on STH 57 and possibly on CTH K. The acts of playing with the boys privates occurred in these same areas and also in the City of Port Washington and Sheboygan County as well as Milwaukee County."

**INTERVIEW: ALLAN KLOPP (WITNESS/ RETIRED OFFICER- WIDERA'S 1973 CONFESSION)**

On 05-20-2002, I made contact with Allan KLOPP. He confirmed that he had been employed by the Port Washington Police Department and was now retired. I explained the reason I was calling and asked him what he remembered about that 1973 confession made by WIDERA.

Allan told me, "He (WIDERA) was drinking the boys urine! He would pull off on the side of the road and have the boys get out of the vehicle. He would have the boys drop their pants and urinate into his mouth! That's what I remember! I had to leave the interview 2 or 3 times because I wanted to punch his so badly! He honestly believed that this touching and molestation and urination crap caused no harm to the boys! I would lay it out for him, explain it to him. He looked me in the eyes and basically told me it was no big deal. For him this stuff was like saying, 'I breathe air' or 'I eat food.' He felt that these acts of molesting young boys were normal and natural."



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Allan told me that he tried to find out what happened with WIDERA's case. The only answer he received from the Ozaukee County DA's office (in the 1970's) was that it was turned over to the Church to handle.

**INTERVIEW: EUGENE TROMBLEY (WITNESS/ RETIRED SERGEANT; DOCUMENTED WIDERA'S 1973 CONFESSION)**

I spoke with Eugene TROMBLEY regarding Siegfried WIDERA. Eugene TROMBLEY was unable to recall any events by WIDERA'S name alone. He told me that he would need to see the reports or his memo book to jog his memory. I will attempt to interview him, in-person, at a later date.

**INTERVIEW: ROBERT HACKBARTH (WITNESS/ RETIRED DETECTIVE THAT OBTAINED WIDERA'S 1973 CONFESSION)**

On 06-05-2002, I went to Robert HACKBARTH's home and interviewed him regarding the 1973 incident. Prior to showing him the reports, Robert recalled the arrest clearly and told me that the head priest at St Mary's in Port Washington and some of the parishioners tried to have Robert and the other officers that worked on the WIDERA case fired from their jobs. Robert said the parents of some of the boys and the head priest made life as uncomfortable as they could for the law enforcement officers involved. Robert commented that [REDACTED] father still won't talk to him when they see each other.

Robert told me, [REDACTED] (a victim's) father went to the church. He was very angry with us for questioning his son. He accused us of picking on this Priest and his son. He complained that we were 'dealing out of hand'- not giving people their rights. That of course was all boloney. The head priest at St Mary's must have spoken with the DA, James LaPointe about it. The Sheriff at that time, Artie Helm, told me that these people were disgusted with our investigation and wanted us fired. Our Sheriff supported us though."

I asked how the incident was discovered. Robert told me that Port Washington PD Sergeant Sellmeier saw WIDERA's VW van weaving on the highway and thought he had a drunk driver. SGT Sellmeier pulled the van over and when he made contact with the occupants, Sellmeier noticed that WIDERA's and another boy's pants were down. SGT Sellmeier asked them what was going on. Robert said, "I was called in to work because he (SGT Sellmeier) thought there was an act of sexual perversion going on."

I asked what WIDERA's demeanor was during the interview. Robert said that it was like, "I'll tell you what you want to know and let's get this over with." Robert noted that WIDERA acted sorrowful for what he had done. On the same token, WIDERA's victims had said that, "Father (WIDERA) always said that God permits this (acts of sexual abuse/ perversion). This is part of growing up and being in the Christian life."



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WIDERA admitted during the interview that he had one of the boys urinate into his (WIDERA's) mouth and WIDERA drank the boy's urine. WIDERA also admitted that this abusing was one of the problems in his life and said that he had these same problems before. Robert told me that was when they (OZSO) found out about WIDERA's history at ST MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS in West Allis.

Robert told me that the victims said that there was never any drugs or alcohol involved when these incidents occurred- that Father WIDERA did these things because he (WIDERA) wanted to do them.

I asked Robert why, when so many acts and contacts were admitted to, why WIDERA was only charged with one count of sexual perversion. Richard explained, "The Church hired a defense attorney (Attorney Charles F POLIDORI; 1973 address of 2922 W Forest Home Av; ph# 672-0100) for WIDERA." Robert supposed that the lone charge was due to an arrangement between the DA at that time (La Pointe) and WIDERA's defense attorney.

The ADA that handled the case was Joseph MCCORMACK. ADA MCCORMACK recommended prison but the head priest at St Mary's wanted WIDERA to just get probation- no prison. The Judge went with what the Church wanted. Robert told me that ADA MCCORMACK was really upset about this case. Robert told me that former ADA MCCORMACK is now the Judge for Branch 1 in Ozaukee County.

Robert asked where his report was that he had written. I replied that the contents in the file were everything we received. Robert told me that his report was not in the file and should have been. He also wondered where WIDERA's pre-sentence investigation report was as that report might be helpful. Robert said that he would check his daybooks and see if he could find more information about that investigation.

**CASE DISPOSITION**

ADA Chris Liegel of the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office reviewed this case on 05-01-2002. On 05-22-2002, ADA Liegel issued 4 counts of Enticing a Child for Immoral Purposes and 5 counts of Indecent Behavior with a Child against Siegfried WIDERA. These charges were from statutes that existed from 1969-1975. Each charge is a felony with a 10-year prison penalty. Judge Donald signed a felony warrant for WIDERA authorizing extradition from anywhere in the United States. WIDERA was booked on WAPD sheet # [REDACTED] for these charges.



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INTERVIEW: [REDACTED] (VICTIM/ OFFENSE OCCURRED IN WALWORTH COUNTY, WI)

Detective Steven Fabry reports...

5 On May 20<sup>th</sup> 2002 I met with [REDACTED] at the West Allis Police Department. [REDACTED] had arranged to come to our station through ADA Liegel. I was informed that [REDACTED] had been molested by WIDERA while he was attending ST. Andrews School located in the City of Delevan.

The interview of [REDACTED] was conducted in the Sensitivity room located within the West Allis Police Department. [REDACTED] states that he is currently [REDACTED] years of age, single, and works for [REDACTED] currently lives in [REDACTED] states that at the time of the assault he lived in Delevan with his family, which consisted of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] states that his family was a member of the St. Andrews Catholic Church, and both he and his brother attended school there as well. [REDACTED] states that his family lived at [REDACTED] [REDACTED] believes that he was in [REDACTED] grade when WIDERA first arrived at their church. [REDACTED] believed that it was in the springtime or early summer months. [REDACTED] states that everyone liked father WIDERA. [REDACTED] states that WIDERA acted like a regular guy, and not just a priest. [REDACTED] states that WIDERA was known as the tickling father, because he liked to tickle all the kids.

[REDACTED] stated that WIDERA remained very popular with all the kids while he at their church. [REDACTED] remembers how all the boys looked forward to being chosen to be an alter boy for WIDERA when he was giving the mass. [REDACTED] also remembered how disappointed the boys that did not get picked would be. I asked [REDACTED] if he remembered WIDERA taking any of the boys on trips away from the school. [REDACTED] remembers that there were trips taken by WIDERA and some of the boys, but he never personally went on any of them.

I next asked [REDACTED] to describe how WIDERA would tickle him. [REDACTED] stated that it was "creepy" the way he would do it, and that he would never forget how WIDERA would tickle them. [REDACTED] stated that WIDERA would usually grab a child from behind. WIDERA would put his arms completely around the child, and pull them into his own body. [REDACTED] states that WIDERA always seemed to tower over the children when he began tickling them.

[REDACTED] states that after WIDERA had his arms around the child he would begin tickling them on the ribs. WIDERA would continue tickling him along his ribs and under his arms. [REDACTED] remembers that WIDERA would move his hand very rapidly all over his body. [REDACTED] states that WIDERA would tickle him so hard that it began to hurt. I asked [REDACTED] if he remembered WIDERA ever touching his penis or buttock while being tickled, and stated yes. [REDACTED] states that WIDERA would tickle his entire body, and his hands did sometimes touch his genitals. [REDACTED] also added that he did not remember WIDERA leaving his hands on his genitals for any length of time. I asked [REDACTED] if he observed WIDERA tickling other children in the manner, and he stated yes. I asked [REDACTED] if WIDERA tickled other children in the same manner that he was tickled and again stated yes. I asked [REDACTED] if could recall if WIDERA ever had an erection while he was tickling him. [REDACTED] stated that on several occasions he was aware that WIDERA had an erection. [REDACTED] states that he could feel WIDERA's erection when WIDERA would tower over him and pull him against his own body while tickling him.



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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] also remembered that WIDERA would whisper in his ear while tickling him. [REDACTED] could not remember what WIDERA was whispering to him, but states that he always remembered his thick German accent.

[REDACTED] states that he believes that he was molested by WIDERA in May or June of 1976. [REDACTED] states that the incident occurred shortly before WIDERA left ST. Andrews Church, and moved [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] believes that he was in [REDACTED] grade at the time of the assault.

[REDACTED] states on the day of the assault WIDERA had come over to their house for a visit. [REDACTED] states that he remembers the day, because it was a "big deal" when WIDERA would come over to any of kid's houses.

[REDACTED] states that on this day WIDERA come into the house, and sat in their living room. [REDACTED] remembers that his mother was home at the time. [REDACTED] remembers that he and his brother begged WIDERA to stay for supper. [REDACTED] remembers that he and his brother were both very happy when WIDERA agreed to stay for supper.

[REDACTED] states that WIDERA began tickling his brother and himself while they were in the living room. [REDACTED] remembers sitting WIDERA's lap while he was being tickled. [REDACTED] also remembers that his mother was in the house between the kitchen and the living room while making supper. After a period of time [REDACTED] remembered his father coming home from work.

Shortly after his father returned home [REDACTED] remembers his father telling him and his brother to go into the kitchen by their mother. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] went into the kitchen by their mother, and after a short time they returned to the living room, and found that WIDERA had left the house. [REDACTED] remembers his father telling him that WIDERA had to return to the church. [REDACTED] remembers that he and his brother were both devastated that WIDERA had not stayed for supper. [REDACTED] also remembers that after this incident he was not allowed to have any contact with WIDERA, or stay after school if WIDERA was nearby. [REDACTED] states that he did not understand why his father would act this way, and he was very upset that he could be with WIDERA any longer.

[REDACTED] states that it was not until 1995 when his father [REDACTED] that he learned what had really happened on that day. [REDACTED] states that his father told him the following: [REDACTED] states that while they were being tickled by WIDERA his mother [REDACTED] observed WIDERA touching both his and brother [REDACTED] penis. [REDACTED] was told that [REDACTED] was shocked at what she saw, and did not believe her eyes until she saw it happen several times. When [REDACTED] father arrived home from work [REDACTED] told what she had seen. [REDACTED] states that his father also witnesses WIDERA touching the children on their genitals. At this point [REDACTED] father ordered the children into the kitchen. [REDACTED] father told him that when he and his brother were in the kitchen he ordered WIDERA out of his house, and threatened to beat him if he ever had contact with his children ever again.

[REDACTED] stated that he recalls that after this incident WIDERA never tickled him or his brother ever again. [REDACTED] recalls how hurt he felt at the time that WIDERA would not pay any attention to either him or his brother anymore.



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[REDACTED]

I asked [REDACTED] how this incident has impacted on his life now that he is an adult. [REDACTED] states that he has given up on religion because of what has happened. [REDACTED] added that he also has a problem with trust, when it comes to personal relationships. [REDACTED] added that he is still single, and feels that his inability to trust has affected his ability to maintain a marriage.

### INTERVIEW: [REDACTED]

Detective Steven Fabry reports...

On June 10<sup>th</sup> 2002 I spoke with [REDACTED] by telephone. [REDACTED] currently resides in [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] states that she is the mother of [REDACTED]. I advised [REDACTED] of the statement made by [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was aware of [REDACTED] talking to the police and remembered the incident.

[REDACTED] states that she remembers father Widera very well. [REDACTED] states that Widera was very popular with the parishioners because he was very outgoing. [REDACTED] also remembered that all the children idolized him including her own sons. [REDACTED] states that she remembers the incident that [REDACTED] had described to the police.

[REDACTED] remembered that that this was the first time father Widera had ever come over to their home. [REDACTED] remembered that the children were very excited that Father Widera had come over to their house to see them. [REDACTED] remembers that the weather was warm outside and believes that the month was June.

[REDACTED] states that she invited Widera to come into their home. Widera sat on the couch, and played with the children, while she was making soup for dinner. [REDACTED] states that she engaged Widera in small talk, but cannot remember what they talked about. [REDACTED] remembers that [REDACTED] begged her to let Widera stay over for supper.

[REDACTED] agreed to allow Widera to stay for supper. [REDACTED] states that the children were very excited at having Widera over for supper. [REDACTED] remembers that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were so excited that began roughhousing in the living room with Widera. [REDACTED] states that she split her time between watching the kids, talking to Widera and making supper.

[REDACTED] states that she remembers watching Widera tickle both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] states that she observed Widera on several occasions slide his hand between [REDACTED] legs and onto his genitals. [REDACTED] noticed that Widera would leave his hand there for several seconds at a time. [REDACTED] states that she was in shock with what she had just witnessed. [REDACTED] states that she observed Widera touch [REDACTED] genitals on several occasions. [REDACTED] states that she then told both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] to stop playing with Widera and sit down. [REDACTED] states that she told the children to sit down so that Widera would not be able to touch their genitals anymore.

Shortly after this incident [REDACTED] came home from work. [REDACTED] states that she told her husband what she had witnessed, and told him to get Widera out of their house. [REDACTED] states that [REDACTED] ordered Widera out of his house and told him not to ever have contact with his children ever again.



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██████████ remembers how upset and angry ██████████ and ██████████ were when they were told that they could not associate with Widera any longer. ██████████ states that ██████████ and ██████████ were not told the entire truth about the incident until much later in their lives.

INTERVIEW: ██████████ VICTIM/ OFFENSE OCCURRED IN WALWORTH COUNTY, WI

Detective Steven Fabry reports..

10) On May 23<sup>rd</sup> 2002 I met with ██████████ at the West Allis Police Department. ██████████ had made contact with ADA Chris Liegel to report being molested by WIDERA while he attended ST Andrews Church in the town of Delevan. ADA Chris Liegel referred ██████████ to our department for an interview.

The interview of ██████████ took place in the sensitivity room located within the West Allis Police Department. ██████████ states that he is currently ██████████ years of age, is married, and is currently employed ██████████ states that his family ██████████ states that he attended ST. Andrews School as a child and graduated from the school in ██████████ also had a ██████████ who also attended ST. Andrews School. ██████████ identified his younger brother as ██████████ added that ██████████ after a ██████████ ██████████ does not know if ██████████ was abused by WIDERA as child, and does not know if this was cause for ██████████

██████████ states that he was in either ██████████ or ██████████ grade when WIDERA arrived at their school ██████████ remembers that WIDERA was well liked by the kids at the school. ██████████ described WIDERA as being very dynamic, and very active within the community. I asked ██████████ if he remembers being tickled by WIDERA as a child. ██████████ stated that he was tickled by WIDERA at the school like other kids. ██████████ added that he did not remember any inappropriate touching by WIDERA during the tickling in the school.

██████████ stated that he was an alter boy at ST. Andrews Church as a child. ██████████ added that he was an alter boy before WIDERA's arrival ██████████ stated that he did not recall ever serving as an alter boy for WIDERA.

██████████ related that there was a single incident of abuse between himself and WIDERA as a child. ██████████ stated that the incident occurred on a summer day in July or August of 1975. ██████████ states that at that time WIDERA had spoken to him several times about doing something special with him. ██████████ states that on the day in question WIDERA asked him if he wanted to go out on his boat with him. ██████████ knew that WIDERA had a boat, and would take boys out on Lake Delevan. ██████████ stated that happy about being asked, and he readily agreed.

██████████ states that he later felt uncomfortable about going out on the boat alone with WIDERA. ██████████ asked a friend of his to come along with him. The friend was identified as ██████████ stated that WIDERA did not know that he had invited another boy to go along with them. ██████████ added



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[REDACTED]  
that he would have done the same with any adult, and at the time he was not worried about being alone with WIDERA.

[REDACTED] states that he [REDACTED] and WIDERA all went to the lake together. [REDACTED] remembers that WIDERA's attitude changed with him when he found out the he had invited another boy to come along. [REDACTED] remembers that WIDERA was very quiet during there outing. [REDACTED] also remembered that the boat ride seemed very short.

[REDACTED] states that after loading up the boat that WIDERA dropped off [REDACTED] first since he lived closest to the lake. [REDACTED] states that WIDERA's attitude with him changed as soon as [REDACTED] was taken home. [REDACTED] states that as soon as [REDACTED] left the truck WIDERA began tickling him.

[REDACTED] remembers that WIDERA was tickling him so hard that it hurt. [REDACTED] remembers that WIDERA started to touch and rub on his [REDACTED] penis. [REDACTED] states that WIDERA than invited him to touch his penis with his hand. [REDACTED] states that he became very frightened, and refused to touch WIDERA's penis. [REDACTED] states that he moved as far from WIDERA as he could, and spent the rest of the drive home looking out the window. [REDACTED] states that WIDERA was driving his vehicle during the entire incident.

After the assault [REDACTED] states that his contact with WIDERA was very minimal. [REDACTED] noticed that WIDERA ignored him from that point on. [REDACTED] states that WIDERA would not tickle him any longer, and never invited him to go on any other outings.

I asked [REDACTED] if this assault has had caused him any lasting problems. [REDACTED]

INTERVIEW: [REDACTED] (VICTIM/ OFFENSE OCCURRED IN OZAUKEE COUNTY, WI)

7) On 05-30-2002, I interviewed [REDACTED] [REDACTED] had contacted ADA Liegel to report that Father WIDERA had exposed himself to her while she was a pupil at St Mary's parish school in Port Washington WI.

[REDACTED] told me that WIDERA was only at St Mary's in Port Washington during her [REDACTED] [REDACTED] described herself as being very shy at that time. [REDACTED] added, "I never said a lot and I never told anyone what happened. It's like he could sense I wouldn't."

WIDERA'S CONDUCT INSIDE THE SCHOOL

[REDACTED] told me that she is not sure what, if anything, WIDERA taught at the school. She did recall he always seemed to be around in the lunchroom, in the gymnasium and on the playground. [REDACTED] said





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[REDACTED]  
that the Pastor, Father LAST, was very old at that time. WIDERA was much younger and would always be on the playground, playing with the children.

[REDACTED] told me that WIDERA would walk up to her while she was waiting in line for lunch. He would get in front of her and pinch her breasts. [REDACTED] described WIDERA's manner as being "sneaky" as he would position himself in a way where it would be difficult for anyone to really see what he was doing. [REDACTED] said he did this to other girls as well but she did not recall their names. [REDACTED] did not know how many times WIDERA did this to her as it happened so often. [REDACTED] saw WIDERA hug the schoolboys and grab their "behinds" (buttocks) while on the playground and in the lunchroom. [REDACTED] added that Father WIDERA especially liked the boys. [REDACTED] witnessed WIDERA pull the legs of the boys' shorts up in gym class, exposing the boys' thigh area up to their groin.

[REDACTED] said that WIDERA would call individual altar boys out of class on a weekly basis on the pretense that they had to prepare for a funeral the next day. The rest of the class was envious of the altar boys, as they wanted to get out of class on a frequent basis too. [REDACTED] told me that, "He (WIDERA) went for the shy, heavy set boys, not the athletic types...the type that sat on the side and watched everyone else. The ones that were altar boys." [REDACTED] said that WIDERA would go on outings and/ or call the following altar boys out of class a lot: [REDACTED]

INCIDENT WHERE WIDERA EXPOSED HIMSELF TO [REDACTED] OCCURRED ON THE SCHOOL GROUNDS IN THE TUNNEL BETWEEN THE CONVENT AND THE SCHOOL

[REDACTED] told me that there was a tunnel that went from the Convent to the school. One day in the winter (November-March) of 1972-73, [REDACTED] was alone, walking past the opening to the tunnel when Father WIDERA called her into it. [REDACTED] did as she was told and walked into the secluded stair area of the tunnel. WIDERA opened his pants and exposed his genitals to [REDACTED]. WIDERA asked [REDACTED] "Want to see something?" as he exposed himself. [REDACTED] recalled that WIDERA's penis was not erect. I asked [REDACTED] what happened next. [REDACTED] told me that she ran away from him.

I asked if there were any other incidents like that. [REDACTED] said no but proceeded to tell me about an incident that bothered her. It occurred in the church confessional. [REDACTED] was in line to go to confession. When it was her turn she walked up to the confessional and opened the curtain to take her seat. [REDACTED] relayed, "He (WIDERA) was already in the confessional but not on his side! He was on my side! He was wearing his black pants, black shirt and the collar. He said 'Hello' and had his hand on his belt like he was going to take down his pants. I backed out of there and told my teacher that I didn't feel well."

[REDACTED] KNOWLEDGE AS TO WHY WIDERA HAD TO LEAVE ST MARY'S

I asked [REDACTED] if she knew for sure why WIDERA had to leave St Mary's. [REDACTED] said she didn't know for sure but heard it was because WIDERA had attacked a boy in Wabadonia (phonetic) Park. [REDACTED] added, "We heard that he took a boy up there and did something bad to him."

I asked [REDACTED] if she remembers hearing about WIDERA's 1973 arrest. [REDACTED] said no but told me that her parents might have hidden that information from her.



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[REDACTED]

HOW WIDERA'S SEXUAL CONTACT AFFECTED [REDACTED] LIFE

[REDACTED]

I asked [REDACTED] if she wanted to pursue criminal charges against WIDERA in Ozaukee County. [REDACTED] told me she did. I advised her that ADA Liegel would forward a copy of the report with her statement in it to the Ozaukee County DA's Office for possible charges.

8) INTERVIEW: [REDACTED] (VICTIM/ OCCURRED IN WASHINGTON COUNTY WI; SUMMER 1971)

On 05-30-2002, I interviewed [REDACTED] via phone. [REDACTED] had contacted ADA Liegel to report that she had some information about Father WIDERA. I called [REDACTED] to find out what information she had and she disclosed to me that, "He (Father WIDERA) grabbed my boob and asked me if they were real!"

INCIDENT THAT OCCURRED AT AN UNKNOWN MOTEL IN WEST BEND WI

[REDACTED] told me that she was [REDACTED] years old and in [REDACTED] grade when this happened. Father WIDERA took a group of boys and girls to a motel somewhere in West Bend WI to go swimming. [REDACTED] could not recall any of the other kid's names except for [REDACTED] remembered them because she had a crush on [REDACTED] at the time. [REDACTED] cannot recall the name of the motel, only that it was somewhere in West Bend. The hotel had an outdoor pool.

Father WIDERA was in the pool with the group. [REDACTED] told me, "Father WIDERA was trying to teach us how to swim. I wore a swimming suit with built in cups. I hated that suit but wore it anyway just so I could go. While in the pool, Father WIDERA grabbed my left breast and held it. He asked me if they were real! It was only one time but I was stunned that he did this! After that I completely stayed away from him and never told anyone until now."

[REDACTED] KNOWLEDGE AS TO WHY WIDERA HAD TO LEAVE ST MARY H.O.C.

I asked [REDACTED] if she knew why WIDERA had to leave ST MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS parish. [REDACTED] told me that in 1972 or 1973, Father WIDERA had pulled down [REDACTED] pants. [REDACTED] dad had confronted Father WIDERA about that and WIDERA was transferred right around the time that happened. [REDACTED] said she does not know for sure if this was the reason WIDERA had to leave, but the two incidents seemed to occur at about the same time.



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HOW WIDERA'S SEXUAL CONTACT AFFECTED [REDACTED] LIFE

[REDACTED] told me that she no longer looks at Priests as being someone special. [REDACTED] said, "They're just human beings...not revered anymore." [REDACTED] also said that although she just had one incident, that the fact a Priest did this to her "hurts her."

INTERVIEW: [REDACTED] (WITNESS/ WIDERA'S NON-RESIDENT STATUS)

DET Fabry and I spoke with [REDACTED] at her residence in Milwaukee. [REDACTED] and her husband, [REDACTED], had remained friends with WIDERA and kept in contact with him after he left ST MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS in 1972. WIDERA has visited with them at their home whenever he returned to Wisconsin. In addition, the [REDACTED] family has gone on vacations with WIDERA. [REDACTED] told me that WIDERA has consistently kept in contact with her via phone, letters/ cards and in-person since he left ST MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS parish.

[REDACTED] told us that WIDERA returned to Wisconsin in 1986 for the purpose of assisting with officiating her son's wedding ceremony at ST MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS. I asked [REDACTED] where WIDERA was living at the time of her son's wedding. [REDACTED] replied that WIDERA was living in Tucson, Arizona. [REDACTED] added that WIDERA has lived in Arizona since he left the Priesthood.

[REDACTED] said that WIDERA had confided in her that he never wanted to be a Priest but his mother wanted one of her sons to enter the Priesthood. [REDACTED] said that WIDERA became a Priest to please his mother. He drank a lot of alcohol and had a voracious appetite when it came to food. When WIDERA visited in 1986, he told [REDACTED] that he was having problems and needed prayers. He asked [REDACTED] not to say anything to anyone about that.

I asked [REDACTED] if she knew the true reason WIDERA left ST MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS parish in 1972. [REDACTED] thought it was just normal rotation as he had been there for 3 or 4 years. [REDACTED] told us that WIDERA did not get along at all with Father SETNICAR (now deceased). [REDACTED] admitted that one of her friends has a son who is now a police officer. Back then, that son told his mother that Father WIDERA had tried to pull his swim trunks down in the pool. The boy added that he managed to get away before WIDERA did anything to him. [REDACTED] did not understand why her friend did not do anything about what her son had told her then- why her friend didn't call the police. ([REDACTED] had spoken with this friend after the WIDERA charges were on TV on 05-24-2002.)

I asked [REDACTED] where WIDERA would stay when he visited in Wisconsin. [REDACTED] told me that WIDERA usually would stay with his sister, [REDACTED] while he was here visiting but would also stay with his brother, [REDACTED] especially after [REDACTED] moved to Arizona. WIDERA would usually rent a vehicle or would use one of [REDACTED] cars while he was here visiting.

I asked about WIDERA's family. [REDACTED] told me that WIDERA's brother, [REDACTED] still lives in Brookfield WI. [REDACTED] moved to Tucson in 2000 and WIDERA's brother, [REDACTED] lives in California. I asked [REDACTED] if she knew where WIDERA's father and mother are buried. [REDACTED] husband, [REDACTED] retrieved a funeral card they received at [REDACTED] funeral. The funeral was



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conducted by MOLTHEN-BELL & SONS FUNERAL HOME. It did not list a place of burial; however, [REDACTED] believes that WIDERA's parents are buried in a cemetery in South Milwaukee WI.

I asked [REDACTED] who the housekeeper at the Rectory was when WIDERA was assigned to ST MARY HELP OF CHRISTAINS. [REDACTED] told me that Mrs [REDACTED] was there and she was very elderly at that time. Mrs [REDACTED] is now deceased. I told [REDACTED] that I knew that she had served as the secretary for the parish school. [REDACTED] admitted she had but not at the time WIDERA was assigned to the parish. As the school closed in 1993 or 1994, I asked her what became of all the records and school pictures. [REDACTED] believes that the school documents and photos are in the custody of [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] has not heard from WIDERA since Christmas 2001. He had been invited and was planning to attend her daughter's wedding in August 2002 before he was charged. [REDACTED] told me she had written to him after his name appeared in the paper (Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel) last months but has not received a response. I gave [REDACTED] my card and asked her to call me if she did hear from WIDERA.

**INTERVIEW: [REDACTED] (FORMER BUSINESS PARTNER OF [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] IN TUCSON CONTAINER CORP; WIDERA'S NON-RESIDENT STATUS)**

[REDACTED] had contacted the Pima County Sheriff's Department Fugitive Task force with information about WIDERA. PCSO Detective ALMADOVA had given me [REDACTED] information so I could speak with him.

[REDACTED] told me that he suspected that WIDERA went to Florida to visit with his parents as WIDERA's parent owned a condominium in the Clearwater, FL area. [REDACTED] was not aware that WIDERA's parents were deceased. [REDACTED] told me that [REDACTED] used to be his business partner in TUCSON CONTAINER CORP until [REDACTED] forced him out of the business. [REDACTED] now operates a company that competes with TUCSON CONTAINER CORP for business.

[REDACTED] told me that [REDACTED] had given him the job of training Siegfried WIDERA after Siegfried "was 'let go' or 'booted out' of the treatment center in Albuquerque NM" in 1987. [REDACTED] described Siegfried as "kind of slow- not quick on the job." [REDACTED] further described Siegfried WIDERA as "an alcoholic" and told me that WIDERA was into prescription drugs. [REDACTED] recalled that WIDERA was living in a trailer in a rough part of Tucson called Drexel Heights. [REDACTED] saw a box in that trailer. The box was filled with prescription drugs in other people's names. [REDACTED] commented, "Like Mabel and other names that were obviously not his!" WIDERA told [REDACTED] that, "his friends in Orange County gave the medications to him." [REDACTED] also noticed a box filled with new but cheap stuffed animals, "like the kind you get in that machine game with the 'claw.'" [REDACTED] asked WIDERA why he had a box of stuffed animals in the trailer. WIDERA replied that he liked to give them out. [REDACTED] made Siegfried move out of the trailer and get a place in Green Valley AZ.

According to [REDACTED] when Siegfried arrived in Tucson in 1986, "he looked like a biker, like Howard Hughes: long hair, beard, leather jacket and dirty nails. The first time he was in the business he was drunk and passed out in [REDACTED] office!" [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] that he wanted [REDACTED] to straighten his brother, Siegfried, out. [REDACTED] said that Siegfried WIDERA had poor hygiene- the guy had to be told to



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bathe and brush his teeth. Furthermore, WIDERA would wear \$1,000 suits that simply did not fit him. [REDACTED] described WIDERA's manner of dress as "Salvation Army-like." [REDACTED] told me that "Sieg" explained that the elderly women in his parish would give him their husband's clothes when they cleaned their husband's closets or when their husbands passed away. [REDACTED] said that "Sieg" would get really nervous about going shopping as he just doesn't want to spend money.

[REDACTED] told me that Siegfried WIDERA is a millionaire and that his father and brother, [REDACTED] WIDERA, had funneled money to Siegfried. [REDACTED] described Siegfried WIDERA as, "Cheap! Cheap! Cheap! Refuses to spend money but will gladly eat at other's expense!" [REDACTED] would see Siegfried driving different fancy cars and asked about it. Siegfried told him that "his friends" just let him use their cars and give him the keys to their homes for his use in their absence.

[REDACTED] described WIDERA's manner of speaking as "being like a woman. He would say things like 'Oh my heavens!' or 'Oh dear!'" [REDACTED] remembered an incident where he and Siegfried took a client out to dinner. Siegfried drank a lot of wine. A pretty woman walked past and the client and [REDACTED] made comments about her body. Siegfried's comment to the group about the woman was that, "she has the butt of a 13 year old boy." The client and [REDACTED] looked at each other and dismissed Siegfried's comment as being the result of his drunken state. [REDACTED] recalled that Tucson PD had arrested Siegfried WIDERA in 1989 for molesting a child. He did not remember the details of the case- only that the case was dismissed. [REDACTED] said that after that arrest and the news now, Siegfried's comment during dinner took on a whole new meaning.

[REDACTED] told me that WIDERA told him that their father, Otto WIDERA, had been a Nazi and had worked on their space program. [REDACTED] said that the WIDERA family has always covered for Siegfried in the past and he does not believe that will change now. The WIDERAs have family in Germany. They also own a cottage in Big Bear/ Moon Lake CA. When [REDACTED] was still involved with the business, Siegfried had liked to travel to destinations in California.

[REDACTED] has three children: [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] said that John's kids would boss Siegfried around and he would cower to them. [REDACTED] said that Siegfried will do whatever the family tells him to do and that [REDACTED] "has always protected him (Siegfried)."

[REDACTED] cautioned me that Siegfried might become suicidal. [REDACTED] said that prior to Siegfried's arrest in 1989, Siegfried had made statements like, "The walls are closing in on him and he might have to 'plug the plug.'" [REDACTED] said that as far as he knows, Siegfried WIDERA has not attempted suicide in the past.

### INTERVIEW: [REDACTED] (OFFENDER'S BROTHER)

On 05-26-2002, Brookfield Police Officer Wolff and I made contact with [REDACTED] and his wife, [REDACTED] at their home. [REDACTED] told me that he has no idea where Siegfried might be. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were very upset about the media coverage and said their [REDACTED] was devastated by the news as he admired his uncle. They resented that they had to learn about all this through media reports.



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I asked [REDACTED] if he knew the real reason his brother was transferred from ST MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS. [REDACTED] said that Siegfried told him it was because he (Siegfried) was too popular and that Father SETNICAR did not like him.

[REDACTED] went on to say that he and his wife never knew that Siegfried had problems like this before or that Siegfried WIDERA had been laicized (commonly referred to as "defrocked"). Siegfried had told them that he didn't want to be a Priest anymore and that he chose to leave.

[REDACTED] said that he and his wife have not heard from Siegfried since he abruptly retired last month. [REDACTED] confirmed that [REDACTED] ([REDACTED] and Siegfried's sister) called them two days ago. [REDACTED] said this was because she [REDACTED] had a heart condition and that [REDACTED] just wanted to see how she was doing.

I left my card with them and asked them to call me if they heard from Siegfried. On 05-30-2002, [REDACTED] WIDERA left a message on my voice mail. He told me that he left my name and phone number with people he thought Siegfried WIDERA might call. [REDACTED] said that so far he had not heard from Siegfried.

**UPDATE FROM PIMA COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FUGITIVE SQUAD: 05-28-2002**

On 05-28-2002, Detective Sam ALMADOVA of the Pima County Sheriff's Department Fugitive squad (ph# 520-741-4844/ pager# 520-878-4449) called and gave me the information their unit had developed on Siegfried WIDERA.

[REDACTED] (business ph# [REDACTED] home ph# [REDACTED]), WIDERA's travel agent, called to report that WIDERA had booked a cruise through her agency. She had his cruise information, credit card number and cell phone number. [REDACTED] (home ph# [REDACTED]) had called to report that WIDERA might have gone to Clearwater, Florida to spend time with his parents.

**INTERVIEW: [REDACTED] (BOOKED CRUISE/ WIDERA FLED TO FLORIDA)**

On 05-28-2002 I called and spoke with [REDACTED] regarding Siegfried WIDERA's travel arranged through her agency. [REDACTED] told me, "On April 23<sup>rd</sup> he called before 9 am. He wanted to go on a cruise right away. He was a very strange individual! I booked a two-week cruise for him. He never had cruised before. He kept going out to his car during the time I was dealing with him. He would go out, open the trunk of his car and kept making phone calls on his cell phone from his trunk!"

[REDACTED] said she saw the news reports and remembered Siegfried WIDERA's name because it was so unusual. [REDACTED] told me that WIDERA left Arizona on 04-24-2002 and drove to Florida. WIDERA's sister, [REDACTED] called [REDACTED] and asked about the parking situation at the pier. [REDACTED] was concerned about the parking because Siegfried was not sure whether he should drive his Lincoln to Florida or take his van.



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██████████ told me that Siegfried WIDERA booked a cruise of the Eastern Caribbean and a cruise of the Western Caribbean on Holland America Cruise Lines. The booking number for the cruise is # ██████████. He paid for the trip with a VISA credit card # ██████████ expires 01/2003. The credit card was in his name (not a business account). The cruise departed Fort Lauderdale on 05-03-2002 and arrived back in Fort Lauderdale on 05-21-2002.

WIDERA also purchased CSA travel insurance (1-800-645-5926) for his trip. The policy number is ██████████. The policy was for trip cancellation but did not include life insurance.

WIDERA gave ██████████ his cell phone number, ph# ██████████ as a contact number. ██████████ knows that this is indeed WIDERA's cell phone number as he called her once during his drive from Arizona to Florida to check and see where he had to pick up the documents for his trip. ██████████ explained that since WIDERA booked the trip "at the last minute" that there was no way to send the documents to him; he had to pick them up at the pier the cruise ship departed from in Fort Lauderdale, FL.)

**CONTACT WITH HOLLAND AMERICA CRUISE LINE: WIDERA DISEMBARKED IN US**

On 05-28-2002, I called and spoke with ██████████ (supervisor at the "help" desk) from Holland America Cruise Lines. ██████████ confirmed that Siegfried WIDERA had been a passenger for cruises on the Eastern and Western Caribbean during that time period. I asked ██████████ if WIDERA had disembarked on any of the islands where he did not get back on the ship. ██████████ checked the records and said that according to the information they have, WIDERA completed both cruises and disembarked in Fort Lauderdale, FL.

I later spoke with ██████████ Legal Assistant with the Holland America Legal Department (206-██████████ fax# ██████████). I asked her about the accuracy of their records regarding passengers leaving the ship and re-boarding the ship at ports of call. ██████████ told me their records are extremely accurate, as all passengers must be accounted for before the ship will depart a port of call. She double checked the records and confirmed that WIDERA completed the cruises and disembarked in the US.

██████████ sent me a copy of WIDERA's travel statement and charges on the HS MAASDAM. The bill was paid for with what appears to be the same credit card WIDERA used to pay for the cruises.

**VEHICLES REGISTERED TO WIDERA IN ARIZONA (TWO TIED TO WARRANT)**

As ██████████ (the travel agent), had mentioned WIDERA drove to Florida, I updated the warrant information by linking the plate and VIN numbers of the two possible vehicles (the Lincoln and the van) he drove to the warrant entered by Milwaukee County Sheriff's Department.

WIDERA has the following vehicles listed to him in Arizona:



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- 2000 CHEV S10 12PU, AZ plate# [REDACTED] VIN# 1GCCS1952YK267197
- 2000 LINC EXC 4DSD, AZ plate# [REDACTED] VIN# ILNHM81W0YY843844 \*\*WARRANT
- 1999 CHEV SV1 VN, AZ plate# [REDACTED] VIN# 1GBFG15R5V1053107 \*\*WARRANT
- 2001 CHEV IMP 4DSD, AZ plate# [REDACTED] VIN# 2G1WF55K719154589 > Vehicle is listed to him and TUCSON CONTAINER CORP at the company's address
- 2002 GEM E825 NEV, AZ plate# [REDACTED] VIN#5ASAG2749YF008381

**CONTACT WITH THE US DEPARTMENT OF STATE (WIDERA'S PASSPORT STATUS)**

On 05-24-2002, The US Department of State sent a written reply as well as a copy of WIDERA'S latest application for a passport. WIDERA's latest passport, [REDACTED] was issued on June 23, 2000. WIDERA listed his address at [REDACTED] Green Valley AZ as his home address. He listed the phone number of TUCSON CONTAINER CORP [REDACTED] as his work phone number. WIDERA's appearance in the passport photo is consistent with his appearance in the photo forwarded by the Pima County Sheriff's Department.

According to the letter of explanation, US Department of State passport records do not include any records of travel as those stamps/ visas are obtained after the passport is issued.

**CONTACT WITH THE US DEPARTMENT OF STATE (PLACED "LOOKOUT" IN TECS)**

On 06-05-2002, I called and spoke with SSA Brad MARKWALD, US Department of State- Chicago Office (ph# 312-353-6163) and explained this situation to him. He looked up WIDERA's passport by the number I gave him and confirmed information. He agreed to place a "lookout" status on WIDERA's passport number in TECS (Treasury Enforcement Computer System). SSA MARKWALD explained that this is the system that US Customs and US Immigration & Naturalization uses; if WIDERA is out of the US and attempts to re-enter, Customs or INS see the "lookout" and would detain him based on the warrant entered in NCIC. He also explained that if WIDERA tried to enter a country like the United Kingdom or Germany, their officials would see the "lookout" status and would refuse him before he could enter the country. When turned away, WIDERA would be placed on the next flight back to the US and the country that refused entry would notify US agents.

SSA MARKWALD said he would also contact Interpol regarding this case, as they may be able to assist in apprehension if WIDERA did flee to another country. I sent information regarding the warrant, as well as WIDERA's personal information to him via email.





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CONTACT WITH US MARSHALS SERVICE-EASTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

On 06-05-2002, I spoke with Deputy Douglas BACHERT of the US Marshals Service-Eastern District of Wisconsin (ph# 414-297-3303). He was appointed to obtain the UFAP (Unlawful Flight to Avoid Prosecution) warrant for WIDERA. I advised him that although WIDERA was transferred from Wisconsin to California in 1976, WIDERA suddenly fled from Arizona, the state where he had been a public resident since 1987, after he found out that law enforcement agencies in the State of California had started criminal investigations into the allegations of sexual abuse (by WIDERA) that occurred there from 1976-1985. A civil suit was also filed by one of the victims in conjunction with one of the open criminal investigations. In addition, the Los Angeles news media descended on WIDERA's home and business to attempt to find him.

Deputy BACHERT will attempt to seek a UFAP warrant for WIDERA on 06-06-2002. A copy of the e-mail I sent to SSA MARKWALD was sent to Deputy BACHERT as well.

UFAP WARRANT DENIED ON 06-07-2002; RE-DRAFTED/ RE-PRESENTED 06-14-2002

On 06-07-2002, Federal Judge Goodstein rejected Deputy Bachert's request for a UFAP charge. AUSA Steve Inghram (ph# 297-1722) re-drafted and re-presented the charge to Judge Goodstein on 06-14-2002. On 06-19-2002, Judge Goodstein rejected this UFAP request again.

CONTACT WITH FBI-MILWAUKEE (CASE/ PORTAL TO VERIZON WIRELESS)

On 06-12-2002, I went to FBI-Milwaukee and spoke with SA Monica Shipley (Acting Supervisor), regarding this case. She consulted with other agents in an attempt to find a way to formally assist with this case or to open a case with FBI. A check with their policies revealed that this case did not fit their criteria under which they could formally assist or open a case.

INTERVIEW: [REDACTED] VICTIM; ST MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS)

9 On 06-05-2002, [REDACTED] came to the West Allis Police Department to be interviewed regarding this file. I spoke with [REDACTED] in the Sensitivity Room in the Detective Bureau.

[REDACTED] had contacted Lieutenant Blaskowski regarding this file. [REDACTED] initially did not give anyone his last name as he was very embarrassed, but did want to speak out regarding what had happened to him. Before [REDACTED] was willing to talk, he asked a lot of questions about how confidential his name and information would be kept. [REDACTED] stressed that he did not want anyone to know what had happened to him. [REDACTED] commented, "I have a few friends that are married now. They were victims too but they don't want to come forward because that would cause too many problems in their lives."



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HOW [REDACTED] MET FATHER WIDERA

[REDACTED] told me that he attended ST MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS from [REDACTED] explained that he had a two parent family at that time but added that [REDACTED] could not specifically recall how he met Father WIDERA, but said that WIDERA was at their house a few times and believes WIDERA came over because he knew [REDACTED] said that they had lived close to the school at that time: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] became an altar boy and would spend more time with WIDERA. [REDACTED] said, "Every Saturday (during the school year) we would get on his VW bus. He'd (WIDERA) pack 6-8 kids in the van and take us to his parents house or swimming."

INCIDENT THAT OCCURRED AT HOLIDAY INN, (HWY 100/ UNKNOWN JURISDICTION)

[REDACTED] had the impression that Father WIDERA knew someone at the HOLIDAY INN on HWY 100. [REDACTED] said that Father WIDERA would get a hotel room for free and would take [REDACTED] and some of the other children there swimming. [REDACTED] did not know what city this HOLIDAY INN was located in, only that it was on HWY 100. [REDACTED] said that Father WIDERA would have everyone undress in the room at the same time. [REDACTED] didn't think anything of it back then and did as he was told. I asked [REDACTED] if Father WIDERA would also undress with them at the same time. [REDACTED] thought that Father WIDERA would change or undress separately from them as [REDACTED] did not remember Father WIDERA changing with them. [REDACTED] added that Father WIDERA would stay in the room while they were changing.

[REDACTED] told me that when he was in [REDACTED] grade, he was undressing in the hotel room after swimming. [REDACTED] was naked at the time when Father WIDERA started tickling him. Father WIDERA started by tickling [REDACTED] in the ribs but would generally move his hands down to [REDACTED] genitals. This time all [REDACTED] remembered was that Father WIDERA had him physically pinned down on the bed and kept tickling [REDACTED] naked body. [REDACTED] remembered that incident because he really felt uncomfortable about it. [REDACTED] was unable to narrow down the time frame in which this incident occurred beyond May or June of 1969 or 1970.

INCIDENTS THAT OCCURRED IN THE SACRISTY AND ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

I asked [REDACTED] if anything ever happened in the Sacristy after mass. [REDACTED] looked down and paused. [REDACTED] then told me that Father WIDERA would tickle the altar boys in there. I asked if anything else other than tickling happened in there. [REDACTED] looked down again. He weakly answered, "No."

[REDACTED] told me that Father WIDERA tickled all the boys and would brush or touch their genitals over their clothing as he did this. The tickling happened on the playground as well. [REDACTED] was unable to narrow it down to any specific incidents the tickling incidents occurred so frequently.

OTHER TRIPS WITH FATHER WIDERA

[REDACTED] told me that Father WIDERA would also take him and some of the other boys to his parent's house in South Milwaukee. [REDACTED] believes he went there with WIDERA once or twice for sure, possible more.



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██████████ remembered sitting in the kitchen there but could not recall why they went there or what else occurred. ██████████ told me that WIDERA's mother was "an old German lady." Conversations between WIDERA and his mother were normally conducted in German and therefore, ██████████ did not know what was said.

██████████ told me that Father WIDERA had wanted to take him on a trip to Florida one summer but ██████████ dad said no right away. At the time ██████████ was disappointed that he could not go and did not understand what his father said no. To the best of ██████████ knowledge, his father never indicated or stated if he suspected WIDERA of any inappropriate conduct.

██████████ said that it was common knowledge amongst the parishioners that WIDERA left ST MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS when he molested a boy. ██████████ does not recall who that boy was. ██████████ refused to provide the names of his friends who were molested stating that if his friends wanted to come forward they would already have done so.

**EVIDENCE: HAS FORMAL PHOTOS OF WIDERA WITH ALTAR BOYS & SCHOOL PHOTOS**

██████████ told me that he still has his school and class photos from the time WIDERA was assigned to ST MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS. ██████████ said he even had one photo depicting WIDERA with all the altar boys. ██████████ told me that he would look for those photos and would be willing to allow me to use or copy them for this file.

**INTERVIEW: ██████████ (VICTIM: ST MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS)**

10 On 06-17-2002, I spoke with ██████████ in the Sensitivity Room at the West Allis Police Department. ██████████ had contacted ADA Chris Liegel regarding this file and told ADA Liegel that he had been molested by WIDERA as well.

██████████ was very forthright in his manner. He told me that he had attended ST MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS grade school through ██████████ grade. In ██████████ grade he transferred to ██████████ to complete grade school. ██████████ said that his parents were very active in the parish and ██████████

**HOW ██████████ MET FATHER WIDERA**

██████████ said that he was around the parish a lot as his parents were active in the parish and it's organizations. ██████████ said that Father James VOJTIK was assigned to ST MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS just prior to Father WIDERA. Father VOJTIK used to do a lot of activities with the children in the parish but they were innocent in nature- he did not harm the children in any way. Father VOJTIK would take the kids up on the rooftop of the building to fly kites and would do other inexpensive activities. The parishioners really liked Father VOJTIK but, according to ██████████ that popular sentiment further distanced Father VOJTIK with Father SETNICAR. ██████████ understanding was that Father SETNICAR didn't like Father VOJTIK and had Father VOJTIK transferred from ST MARY



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HELP OF CHRISTIANS after just one year. Father WIDERA was sent to ST MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS to replace Father VOJTIK. Father WIDERA was very outgoing and paid a lot of attention to children. ██████████ is not sure exactly how he met Father WIDERA, but assumed it was through his parents or from being a student at the parish school. ██████████ said he was in ██████████ grade when WIDERA first came to ST MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS. ██████████ said that one could become an altar boy in ██████████ grade and WIDERA was already at the parish when ██████████ became an altar boy.

██████████ said that his parents trusted the priests. ██████████ told me that he had never told anyone else what WIDERA had done to him up until three weeks ago, when he finally revealed it to his father.

### OUTINGS ██████████ WENT ON WITH WIDERA

██████████ told me that he remembered that Father WIDERA would take him and other children from the school swimming at the EAGLES CLUB as well as the HOLIDAY INN, located on HWY 100 (between the entrance to I-94 W/B and W Bluemound Road). ██████████ told me, ██████████ He would give Father WIDERA use of the pool as well as a hotel room." I asked ██████████ if anything ever happened in the pool or on these swimming outings. ██████████ replied that WIDERA would attempt to tickle and grab their butts or their genitals while in the pool.

██████████ told me that Father WIDERA would normally take 6 to 8 people from the same class or grade on an outing- he didn't mix classes. ██████████ recalls the following classmates going on trips with Father WIDERA:  
██████████  
██████████

### INCIDENTS THAT OCCURRED IN THE CHURCH SACRISTY; CAUGHT BY FATHER SETNICAR

██████████ told me that most incidents of molestation occurred in the Sacristy of the church before or after morning mass. ██████████ said that WIDERA would usually have the 6:30 am and the 8:00 am masses.

██████████ said that his father has remained in regular contact with Father VOJTIK since Father VOJTIK left ST MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS. Father VOJTIK had been assigned to ST ANDREW'S in Delevan with Father WIDERA. ██████████ told me that his father had spoken with Father VOJTIK about Father WIDERA. According to ██████████ Father VOJTIK disclosed that personnel within the ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE had warned him that WIDERA had a "problem with young boys" and "had to be watched" when WIDERA was transferred to ST ANDREW'S. ██████████ said that Father SETNICAR also knew about WIDERA "grabbing children" because Father SETNICAR "put a stop to him (WIDERA) bringing boys into the Rectory."

██████████ told me that Father SETNICAR had actually caught Father WIDERA molesting ██████████ in the Sacristy: That time WIDERA was tickling ██████████ and had moved his hands down to touch ██████████ genitals. After that, Father SETNICAR's visits to Sacristy would vary and would be unplanned/ unannounced. ██████████ described the molestation: "He would go after the altar boys. After awhile the boys knew what he did when he started tickling you so everyone would try to 'take off' (run away). Eventually someone would get 'trapped' by him. The tickling would last until you struggled free. Sometimes he (WIDERA)



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██████████ would feel your butt and your genitals over your clothing but usually he would stick his hands down your pants and grab your genitals."

██████████ recalled one incident in the Sacristy. It was late summer or early fall 1968, possibly 1969. Father WIDERA was still wearing his mass vestments and ██████████ was still wearing his altar boy robe when WIDERA started to tickle ██████████. WIDERA reached into ██████████ pants and touched ██████████ genitals. ██████████ told me that he knew it was wrong but at age ██████████ didn't really know what to do about it or how to stop it. ██████████ said this was a weekly occurrence from the time that ██████████ became an altar boy until the time WIDERA left ST MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS.

██████████ said that basically the tickling- touching incidents occurred, "in the van, in the hallway, wherever he could catch a kid alone." ██████████ said that when he would get in the van to go on a trip with WIDERA, WIDERA would start tickling him and "feeling him up." ██████████ said that WIDERA did this to almost every boy and every boy ██████████ knew that was an altar boy at that time. ██████████ actually witnessed WIDERA molesting ██████████. The incidents ██████████ witnessed occurred in the church Sacristy before or after morning mass. ██████████ said that he witnessed WIDERA catch the other people he had named but didn't stay in the area long enough to watch WIDERA molest them. ██████████ added, "I didn't need to. You knew what happened when he (WIDERA) would catch someone!" I asked ██████████ if he and the other altar boys ever discussed what WIDERA was doing to them. ██████████ replied, "No. Everyone knew what was happening but it was never discussed."

██████████ told me that he never said anything back then because "You didn't want to be excluded from Father WIDERA's fun bus trips. It was bribery. He (WIDERA) never actually told me not to say anything but we knew if we did, we would be excluded." ██████████ added that somehow he knew what WIDERA was doing seemed wrong, but it didn't seem as bad because WIDERA was doing it to all the boys.

### ██████████ KNOWLEDGE AS TO WHY WIDERA LEFT ST MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

██████████ said that he heard that WIDERA was transferred from ST MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS for molesting a boy. He does not know which boy came forward at that time. He heard that the incident allegedly occurred on the ██████████ lawn but did not know any other details.

### CONTACT WITH THE ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE (2002)

██████████ said that he was watching the news with his father when a story about Father WIDERA being charged aired. ██████████ father expressed surprise. ██████████ disclosed to his father that he had been molested by WIDERA as well. ██████████ father must have written a letter to the Archdiocese of Milwaukee because shortly after his disclosure, the Archdiocese of Milwaukee contacted him. ██████████ told me that the Archdiocese of Milwaukee expressed a desire to send ██████████ to counseling and relayed counseling options.

### HOW WIDERA'S ABUSE AFFECTED ██████████ LIFE

██████████ did not think he had suffered any lasting effects as a result of WIDERA's abuse. ██████████ told me that he had some problems in the past but did not believe they were related to the abuse. ██████████ did point out that he has no use for organized religion, especially one that protects child molesters.



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LETTER FROM [REDACTED] ALLEGING HE WAS A VICTIM OF WIDERA'S

ADA Chris Liegel received a letter from [REDACTED] is currently [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] wrote that he had attended ST JOHN DE NEPOMUC parish school from 1968 through 1973 (through [REDACTED] grade) and was molested by two priests there: Father WIDERA and [REDACTED]. According to an unidentified news article about the lawsuit against WIDERA in California, WIDERA had been assigned to ST JOHN DE NEPOMUC parish in 1968. [REDACTED] had clipped and photocopied several news articles from unknown sources and attached them to this letter. Some of the information in the news articles, such as the year that WIDERA had been assigned to that parish and the amounts of monetary settlements paid to victims of abuse had been highlighted or underlined.

The information [REDACTED] provided regarding the abuse was very general in nature and did not contain any details or specific events. [REDACTED] did include a copy of a class photo from that parish school from the [REDACTED] school year with him and [REDACTED] in it.

From the language [REDACTED] used and the references made/ included, it appeared that [REDACTED] was more interested in soliciting an attorney to represent his interests in a potential lawsuit than reporting a crime. [REDACTED] sent copies of this letter to four attorneys, the ACLU and Howard Eisenberg, Dean of Marquette University Law School and chairman of the Archbishop's Special Commission (studying the issue of sexual abuse by priests).

[REDACTED]

INTERVIEW: [REDACTED] (OFFENDER'S SISTER/ FLEEING TO AVOID ARREST)

On 06-12-2002 at about 1:30 pm CDT, I spoke with Siegfried WIDERA's sister, [REDACTED], regarding Siegfried. The call was placed from my extension, 414-302-8076 to TUCSON CONTAINER CORP. This call was recorded and Lieutenant Fujinaka provided a copy of the conversation on audiotape. This audiotape was placed on WAPD property # [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] told me, "I heard from him (Siegfried WIDERA) this morning (06-12-2002)." [REDACTED] admitted that she spoke with Siegfried via telephone but claimed she had no idea as to where he is. [REDACTED] admitted that Siegfried is aware of the felony charges against him in Wisconsin and the fact there is a warrant for his arrest. [REDACTED] went on to say, "I have pleaded with him to turn himself in! I told him he is hurting himself and hurting your family." [REDACTED] commented that Siegfried's, "running (from the arrest warrant/ charges), the instability, is no way to live." Siegfried has thus far refused to turn himself in and indicated his intention to keep fleeing to avoid arrest and prosecution.



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On 06-19-2002, I spoke with [REDACTED] again. She told me that she has not seen or heard from Siegfried since the day she last spoke with me (06-12-2002). [REDACTED] told me that she would call me when she hears from Siegfried again.

**SUBPOENA: CELLCO PARTNERSHIP DBA VERIZON WIRELESS (WIDERA'S MOBILE PHONE RECORDS)**

On 06-12-2002, ADA Dave Feiss assisted me in drafting a subpoena and attachment for Siegfried WIDERA'S Verizon Wireless mobile phone, account phone# [REDACTED]. The subpoena was directed to CELLCO PARTNERSHIP DBA VERIZON WIRELESS, Custodian of Records, 51 Chubb Way, Branchburg NJ 08876.

The subpoena drafted on 06-12-2002 requested subscriber information, incoming and outgoing phone calls to that number from April 11<sup>th</sup> 2002 through June 12<sup>th</sup> 2002, the locations those calls were placed and/ or received, cell site activation and the dates and times of the calls. We repeatedly attempted to fax this subpoena to the designated subpoena fax lines, 908-203-5878 and 908-203-5876, with negative results. I also attempted to call the court order and subpoena information / help line at 908-429-3885 but I was unable to speak with a person.

On 06-17-2002, ADA Feiss assisted me in re-drafting another subpoena for the same information for the period from April 11<sup>th</sup> 2002 through June 17<sup>th</sup> 2002. We again attempted to fax it to the designated subpoena lines with negative results. I contacted Verizon Wireless employee Charles ARICO at 973-656-7779, as he had assisted me earlier. He told me that he would accept my subpoena via his fax at 973-656-7789 and would forward it to the Custodian of Records via company mail. The subpoena was successfully sent to Charles ARICO on 06-17-2002.

**SUBPOENA: FIRST USA BANK (WIDERA'S VISA CREDIT CARD RECORDS)**

On 06-12-2002, ADA Dave Feiss assisted me in drafting a subpoena and attachment for Siegfried WIDERA's First USA Bank records for his VISA account # [REDACTED]. This subpoena was directed to FIRST USA BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Legal Processing, 800 Brookside Blvd, OH1-0503, Westerville OH 43081. The subpoena was faxed to Judy BERRY-STOCK at fax# 614-776-7191 on 06-12-2002 (voice phone# 614-776-7190/ alternate is Paul HALL voice ph# 614-776-7189).

Judy BERRY-STOCK sent information via fax to West Allis PD to fulfill the subpoena. This records response, First USA Bank file [REDACTED], included all expenditures and the places where they occurred that were posted to WIDERA's account from 03-08-2002 through 06-13-2002. WIDERA also changed the billing address on this account so the bills would be sent to his sister's [REDACTED] address: [REDACTED] Green Valley AZ 85614. This address change occurred after he fled the State of Arizona. The most recent transaction occurred on 06-10-2002 at 4:55 pm at a gas station in Portland, Texas (near Corpus Christi).



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On 06-17-2002, ADA Feiss assisted me in drafting a second subpoena directed to FIRST USA BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION for WIDERA's VISA account records from 06-10-2002 through 06-17-2002. This subpoena also specified ongoing monitoring of the location of any transactions that occur in the future until notice is received that such information is no longer needed.

Judy BERRY-STOCK checked the account for activity on 06-18-2002 and 06-19-2002. There has been no activity on this account since that transaction in Portland, Texas on 06-10-2002. She will continue to monitor this account and will call if there is any new activity.

**CONTACT: BUCCANEER RESORT HOTEL- MARATHON, FLORIDA (CONFIRMATION AS TO WHICH VEHICLE WIDERA IS DRIVING THROUGH REGISTRATION RECORDS)**

WIDERA's VISA credit card records show that he stayed at the Buccaneer Resort Hotel in Marathon, Florida. This expense posted to his VISA account on May 24, 2002. I checked an atlas and found that Marathon, Florida is located in the Florida Keys. I queried "Buccaneer Marathon Florida" in an Internet search engine with negative results. I then queried "Florida Keys" and found a site for hotel and motel lodging in the Florida Keys: [www.flkeyslodging.org](http://www.flkeyslodging.org). The Buccaneer Resort Hotel was listed and I was able to obtain their phone number from that listing (ph# 1-800-843-1799).

I contacted personnel at the Buccaneer Resort and explained the situation. Registration personnel pulled the record that had WIDERA's vehicle information listed on it. The manager I spoke with, "Rick", told me that WIDERA listed his vehicle as a Lincoln, Arizona plate # [REDACTED]. Rick told me that they take their guest's word as to the vehicle make and plate as hotel personnel do not visually confirm that information.

**TTY SENT THROUGH TCSS FOR TEXAS, NEW MEXICO & ARIZONA TO LOOK FOR WIDERA**

DET Fabry and I examined WIDERA's VISA expenditures from 04-11-2002 through 06-10-2002. From this, a pattern of travel appeared through the places where the expenditures occurred. From the postings dated 06-03-2002 through 06-10-2002, it appears that WIDERA is traveling west, back towards Tucson Arizona, traveling virtually the same route he took east when he fled Arizona.

As of 06-10-2002 at 4:55 pm, WIDERA was at a gas station located in Portland, Texas. This city is just north of Corpus Christi, Texas, and is southeast of San Antonio, Texas. If WIDERA were heading west toward Tucson, his projected route would be I-37 north to San Antonio and then I-10 west to Tucson. DET Fabry and I also noticed that WIDERA tends to stay at small motels and inexpensive chain hotels.

SGT Ferry sent out an Attempt to Locate through TSCC for all law enforcement agencies located along that route in Texas, New Mexico and Arizona.





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**WIDERA'S CREDIT CARD ACTIVITY CEASED: 06-10-2002**

Deputy Doug Bachert and I continued to check WIDERA's credit card activity but found that WIDERA ceased using the known credit card he had frequently used. This cessation occurred just after the TTY was sent out to all law enforcement agencies along his predicted route. As of 09-01-2002, WIDERA still has not used that credit card and it carries a credit balance in excess of \$500.

**VEHICLE WIDERA OWNED TIED TO THE WARRANT/ PROBLEM IN THAT SOME OF THE VEHICLES WERE RETITLED DAYS AFTER WARRANT LINK**

The vehicle that WIDERA had used to and from Florida, a 2000 LINC EXC 4DSD, AZ plate# [REDACTED] VIN# ILNHM81W0YY843844, had been tied to the warrant in June 2002. The van WIDERA owned, a 1999 CHEV SV1 VN, AZ plate# [REDACTED] VIN# 1GBFG15R5V1053107, was also tied to the warrant in early June as this was the other vehicle his sister mentioned her brother Siegfried might take, depending upon the parking situation in Fort Lauderdale. That way, if an officer ran the plate of VIN# of either vehicle, the warrant for WIDERA would be listed.

DUSM Bachert and I kept monitoring the listed ownership and plate numbers of WIDERA's other vehicles as well: a 2000 CHEV S10 12PU, AZ plate# [REDACTED] VIN# 1GCCS1952YK267197, a 2001 CHEV IMP 4DSD, AZ plate# [REDACTED] VIN# 2G1WF55K719154589 (Vehicle is listed to him and TUCSON CONTAINER CORP at the company's address) and a [REDACTED] AZ plate# [REDACTED] VIN#5ASAG2749YF008381.

I ran the plates and VIN#'s for these vehicles on 08-17-2002 and found that the Chevrolet S10 pick up truck, VIN# 1GCCS1952YK267197 had been retitled on 07-09-2002. [REDACTED] was now the listed owner of the pick up truck. New plates had also been issued for this vehicle through the State of Arizona: plate #115JKS. As this was the only vehicle that had been retitled and had new plates, we felt this might be the vehicle Siegfried WIDERA might be using. On 08-20-2002, the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Department updated WIDERA's warrant with this new plate number. On 10-10-2002 I re-ran this VIN# and found that it had been re-titled again on 08-26-2002...just six days after the new plate had been tied to the warrant for WIDERA. This time TUSCON CONTAINER CORP was now the listed owner and new plates had again been assigned through Arizona: [REDACTED] This plate was added to WIDERA's warrant on 10-18-2002.

On 08-20-2002, the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Department received a \$H (delayed hit) when they entered the plates issued to [REDACTED] for this truck: [REDACTED] US Customs Service in West Nogales had queried that plate at 5:25 pm on 08-19-2002 as it crossed the border. I contacted US Customs to find out why the vehicle plate had been queried. I found out that the vehicle plate was recorded crossing the border at an unmanned station (a routine practice) and that they had no other information.

In January 2003, DUSM Bachert received a tip that vehicles had been exchanged in El Paso, Texas. Someone had provided a 2000 Buick 4DR, VIN# 2G4WS52J7Y1207665 to Siegfried WIDERA. This vehicle listed to the WEST TEXAS CONTAINER CORP, a company that is owned by Siegfried WIDERA's brother [REDACTED] It had Texas plate [REDACTED] assigned to it. This plate and



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VIN# were added to WIDERA's warrant on 01-27-2003. This was the vehicle found on the lot on the Vista Dorada Hotel lot in Mazatlan, Mexico on 05-25-2003.

The car Siegfried had used to drive to and from Florida still listed to him in Arizona but had, in fact, been re-titled in the State of Texas on 08-15-2002. The vehicle was re-titled with the new listed owner as being WEST TEXAS CONTAINER CORP. It was assigned Texas plate # [REDACTED] This plate was also tied to the WIDERA's warrant on 10-18-2002.

VERIZON TELEPHONE RECORDS RETURNED

DUSM Bachert and I received telephone records subpoenaed. The account holder for the phone number Siegfried WIDERA had provided to the travel agent that booked his cruises was an employee of TUSCON CONTAINER CORP named Andrew MONFRED. The phone was obtained through a corporate account. Phone numbers were searched and the US Marshals Service interviewed the listed account holders. The phone records were not of any use in our attempts to locate Siegfried WIDERA.

INTERVIEW WITH [REDACTED] (FATHER OF VICTIM)

I spoke with [REDACTED] disclosure of abuse. [REDACTED] confirmed that [REDACTED] told him about the abuse while they were watching a news story about WIDERA being recently charged in Wisconsin.

[REDACTED] was very bothered by this and still is friends with the priest that WIDERA replaced at ST MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS- Father VOJTIK. [REDACTED] confirmed that he had spoken with Father VOJTIK about Father WIDERA. Father VOJTIK told him [REDACTED] that personnel within the ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE had warned him that WIDERA had a "problem with young boys" and "had to be watched" when WIDERA was transferred to ST ANDREW'S.

[REDACTED] was very bothered by the fact that his son had been molested and that the Archdiocese knew about WIDERA's problem and kept moving him. [REDACTED] wrote a letter to the Archdiocese and this was how they contacted [REDACTED]

I asked [REDACTED] if he thought Father VOJTIK would be open to talking to me about this. [REDACTED] Thought he would and gave me Father VOJTIK's phone number



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INTERVIEW WITH FATHER JAMES VOJTIK (SERVED WITH WIDERA AT ST ANDREWS PARISH IN DELEVAN, WI)

I interviewed Father James P VOJTIK, (M/W; [REDACTED] ST MARY'S LAKE CHURCH, [REDACTED] Belgium WI 53004; ph# [REDACTED] via phone on 06-26-2002. I received the following information from Father VOJTIK:

"I arrived in '75 at ST ANDREWS- June or July. He (WIDERA) was already there. At some point the Pastor told me that he (WIDERA) was getting psychiatric help or counseling and that he (WIDERA) 'had trouble with boys.' (WIDERA) was supposed to be monitored while here (at ST ANDREWS). I supposed the Pastor was monitoring him. I didn't know.

I remember going to a Brewers game via bus with him and a group of kids. On the way home, I saw him rolling around on the floor with some of them. He was tickling them (boys) and they were tickling him. I did not think it was appropriate behavior and reported it to the Pastor (Eugene HENKE- now deceased). As far as how others viewed him, (WIDERA) was tremendously well-liked and was adept at most sports. He was indefatigable! Lots of activities and always on the go."

I asked why WIDERA had to leave ST ANDREWS. Father VOJTIK explained:

"I was leaving ST ANDREWS for a new appointment. On the day I was leaving, two ladies, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] rushed into the Rectory after morning mass. They were very upset and very shaken by what they saw. They had attended morning mass and they witnessed Father WIDERA performing a sex act in the Sacristy with two boys. They came in and told me that they had 'seen him in the act' with a young server and saw him with a young child. The ladies were shaken up and crying.

The procedure back then was you tell the Pastor and the Pastor took care of it. This time I called the Priest Personnel Board or the Chancellery directly to report what had happened. I don't remember which but it was one of them. I left the parish that afternoon and WIDERA left the parish that next day; the Diocese moved him almost immediately! I'm not sure what happened but I think there was something that he could not serve in a priestly capacity in Milwaukee. I don't know if (WIDERA) was confronted. I believe they passed that off on the Pastor. I don't know if I told the Pastor or not. I did tell the Executive of the Priest Board, Father John WELLBAUER (no longer serving as a priest) and I think I also told Father Bob SAMPON."

I asked Father VOJTIK if he remembered what date this incident occurred on. Father VOJTIK told me that he was not sure but believes it occurred on August 22, 1976.

INTERVIEW WITH [REDACTED] WITNESS TO INCIDENT IN 1976)

On 07-11-2002, I spoke with [REDACTED] known as [REDACTED] in her home in Delevan. I told her I wanted to know about Father WIDERA and said that I heard that she might have witnessed an incident. [REDACTED] nodded and said, "We were in the church saying prayers after morning mass. We heard noises coming from the Sacristy. We had heard rumors about (WIDERA) before and we knew that something



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was going on. (WIDERA) sounded like he was roughing them (the altar boys who had just served mass with WIDERA) up. We could hear the two boys crying out, very matter of fact, 'No! Stop it!' We knew the boys and knew what he was doing to them in there. We went to the Rectory and told Father VOJTIK what was going on."

INTERVIEW WITH ██████████ (WITNESS TO INCIDENT IN 1976)

On 07-12-2002, I spoke with ██████████ in her home in Delevan regarding the incident she witnessed in 1976. ██████████ relayed the following information:

"I was a friend of the ██████████. She told me that Father WIDERA would have young boys come over to the Rectory and ring the doorbell. Father HENKE got very upset and would 'shoo' them away. ██████████ would get angry with Father HENKE for this, not realizing what Father WIDERA was doing with those boys.

One day after morning mass, I was in the church and I heard the altar boys 'squealing.' There was a lot of commotion in the Sacristy...something wrong in there. I told someone... I don't remember who I told. Within days (WIDERA) was gone from the parish."

SUBPOENA TO ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE FOR RECORDS REGARDING SIEGFRIED WIDERA

ADA Liegel had requested WIDERA's records from the ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE. On May 13, 2002, the ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE voluntarily turned over 56 pages of documents pertaining to Siegfried WIDERA. None of those documents mentioned the 1976 incident reported directly to the Archdiocese by Father VOJTIK. ADA Liegel contacted Matthew FLYNN, the attorney retained by the ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE, to inform him that he (ADA Liegel) believed there were documents that had not been turned over. Attorney Flynn said the Archdiocese would not turn over treatment documentation or other documentation without a subpoena as the information in those documents may be privileged.

On 07-11-2002, ADA Liegel drafted a Subpoena Duces Tecum for any information, including, without exception, all information in the custody and control of the ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE whether or not such information may be considered secret or confidential pursuant to Roman Catholic Canon Law. Milwaukee County Judicial Court Commissioner Barry Slagle signed the subpoena and it was delivered to QUARLES & BRADY LLP/ Attorney Matthew FLYNN.



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### MOTION FOR A PROTECTIVE ORDER TO PREVENT THE RELEASE OF WIDERA'S TREATMENT RECORDS AND OTHER RECORDS

In a letter dated 07-26-2002, Attorney David MUTH (QUARLES & BRADY) provided notice that as counsel for the ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE, he had filed a Notice of Motion and Motion for a Protective Order to prevent having to produce certain documents "on the grounds that they are protected from disclosure." The motion was to be heard at a future time and date. It did not occur, as WIDERA was not taken into custody.

### DOCUMENTS TURNED OVER UPON SUBPOENA

A packet from QUARLES & BRADY was hand delivered to the West Allis Police Department. The packet contained all the documents the ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE was willing to turn over in response to the subpoena. The packet contained the following groups of documents:

- Priest Ombudsman File- marked "Confidential"
- Clergy Personnel/ Personnel Board/ Vicar for Clergy
- Chancery/ Archive files
- St Michael Priest's Fund Archived Files
- Siegfried WIDERA's file from ST FRANCIS SEMINARY
- Project Benjamin Files

The documents provided background information about WIDERA's scholastic and family history, interests and assignments. The documents also reveal in detail the reasons and the efforts that were made by the ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE to get WIDERA out of the State of Wisconsin in 1976.

### SIEGFRIED WIDERA LOCATED IN MEXICO & JUMPED TO HIS DEATH: 05-25-2003

US Marshals Service received a tip that WIDERA had been in Juarez, Mexico. Additional information was aired on Mexican television regarding WIDERA's wanted status. On Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup> 2003, WIDERA was located in the Mexico at the VISTA DORADA HOTEL in the city of Mazatlan by Mexican police. WIDERA left two signed notes in his room before he jumped off his third floor balcony. WIDERA died as a result of the injuries sustained from his jump.

### FINAL CASE DISPOSITION

This case was officially closed on 06-08-2003, as the offender, Siegfried WIDERA, is deceased. The file can be released, however, care should be taken to protect the names of the victims.



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[REDACTED]

**LAST WILL & TESTAMENT LETTERS LEFT BY WIDERA PRIOR TO HIS JUMP/  
APOLOGIZES FOR WHAT HAPPENED IN THE PAST & ASKS FOR FORGIVENESS**

Siegfried WIDERA left two notes in his hotel room at the VISTA DORADA HOTEL before he jumped off the third floor balcony to his death. Both are signed and are dated "05-25-2003." In the first note, addressed, "To whom it may concern," Siegfried WIDERA wrote that he was "very sorry for what happened in the past" and asked for God to have mercy on his soul. WIDERA also expressed gratitude to his family. Finally, Siegfried WIDERA asked that if the note is accepted as his "last will and testament", that he wanted "whatever is left" to go to his family, "...Thanking you (his family) for everything."

In the second note, left on MANDALAY BAY (a hotel located in Las Vegas, NV) stationery, Siegfried WIDERA wrote that he wanted to leave everything that he possessed in Mazatlan (Mexico) to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. The handwriting on both notes appears consistent with that on the passport application and corporate filings Siegfried WIDERA completed as well as all of Siegfried WIDERA's handwritten letters and notes turned over by the ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE.

**FINAL COPY OF REPORT SENT TO ADA CHRIS LIEGEL: 06-11-2003**

On 06-11-2003, a final copy of this report was sent to ADA Chris Liegel via email.

**PHOTOS/ EVIDENCE RELEASED TO OWNER: 06-11-2003**

On 06-11-2003, I turned over all the photos of WIDERA taken during the 1976 trip, a Christmas card as well as photos obtained from a victim's mother back to the rightful owner (a victim) as they were no longer needed for this case.

**RECORDED CASSETTE TAPE FORMERLY ON WAPD PROPERTY # [REDACTED] NOW WITH  
REPORT**

On 06-18-2003, the cassette tape that was formerly on WAPD property # [REDACTED] was removed/ closed from property and was placed with this file in [REDACTED]

**STORAGE OF CASE FILE**

DC Jungbluth reports....

On 04/12/2004, a box containing documents from this case was forwarded to the Forensic and Technical Services Bureau for long-term storage in the garage locked storage area.

Background on Sigfried Widera (SW):

Widera	Sigfried	1967	St. John Nepomuc (Mke)	1967	1969	Deceased
			St. Mary Help of Christians (West Allis)	1969	1972	
			St. Mary (Pt. Washington)	1972	1975	
			St. Andrew (Delavan)	1975	1977	

SW was ordained for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee 1967. In 1973 while stationed at St. Mary Parish in Port Washington he was arrested for sexual abuse of a minor. He was given three years probation and the judge ordered him to be sent outside the area. He was sent for therapy and then went to St. Andrew Parish in Delavan. He reoffended there but the parents did not want it reported to authorities and wanted him gone. Between November and December of 1976 W announced his intention to move out of the territory of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. The Archdiocese learned that he would go to Florida to visit his parents and then go to California where his brother lived. The Archdiocese of Milwaukee did not send Widera to California on its own initiative.

In December 1976 when the Archdiocese learned that Widera was in California, the Archbishop of Milwaukee, William E. Cousins, notified the Bishop of Orange, William R. Johnson. Archbishop Cousins warned Bishop Johnson that any decision about giving Widera an assignment was at Johnson's discretion. He indicated that this exercise of Johnson's discretion should not occur until "pertinent and important questions have been answered." Cousins further advised that Johnson should have a personal meeting with Widera before making any decisions. Cousins told him that there had been a problem with Widera and young boys. He also said that Widera needed to find a doctor in California to continue in therapy.

In October 1981 Monsignor Michael P. Driscoll, acting for Bishop Johnson, informed the Archdiocese of Milwaukee that Widera was seeking to transfer his incardination from the Archdiocese of Milwaukee to the Diocese of Orange and that Bishop Johnson had approved this request.

The Diocese of Orange removed Widera in 1985 as soon as it became aware that he was suspected of sexually abusing children there. The diocese sent Widera for therapy for one year in New Mexico.

"Today, if such a request were to be made by any archdiocese, the priest would not be admitted to pastoral work in the Diocese of Orange," Bishop Tod Brown said in a prepared statement. "While the acceptance of a priest undergoing treatment was considered acceptable then, it is not today, and we regret any pain that may have been caused by accepting Widera in 1976."

In 2002 a warrant was issued for Widera's arrest. He was finally located in Mexico where he fell / jumped to his death from a hotel balcony.

What was done in 1973 by the courts and by the Church, simply moving an offender elsewhere, does not happen today. What happened in 1976, accepting a priest from another diocese without a thorough background check, does not happen today. There is a form that must be completed by the priest's own bishop verifying that there are no problems in the man's background. (Copy attached)

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ATTORNEYS OF LEGAL FIRM

DEAR ATTORNEY:

AS SEEN IN (EXHIBIT-A-), I ATTENDED THIS CATHOLIC SCHOOL; ST. JOHN DE NEPOMUC, FROM 1968 TO 1973, 4TH GRADE TO 8TH GRADE.

DURING THAT TIME AT THE SCHOOL, I HAD CONTACT INVOLVING SEXUAL ABUSE BY (2) TWO PRIEST IN A 4½ YEAR PERIOD WHILE THERE. THE (2) TWO PRIEST, (FATHER WIDERA) FOR SEVERAL YEARS; AND THEN IT CONTINUED WITH [REDACTED] UNTIL 1973. (SEE EXHIBITS-B & A-)

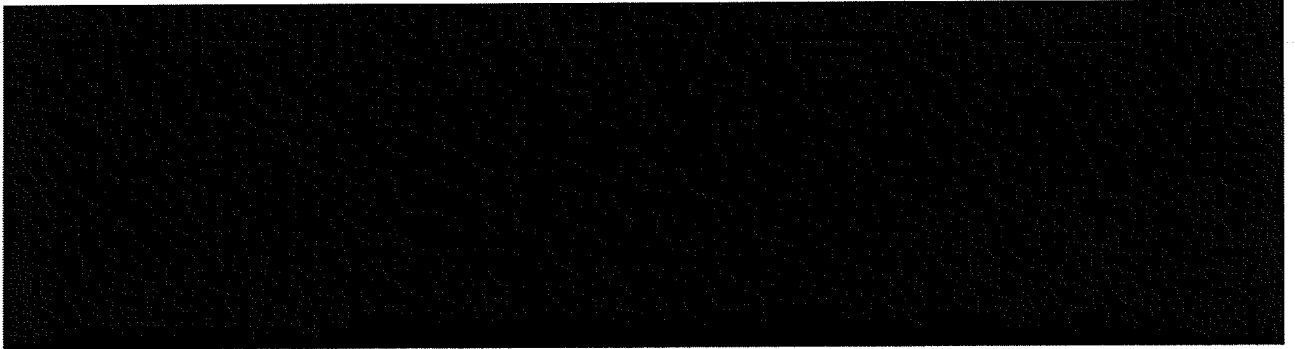
THE ONLY REASON I HAVE BROUGHT THIS TO LIFE AFTER ALL THESE YEARS OF SUPPRESSING THIS CONFUSION; IS THAT I SEE ALL THESE OTHER PEOPLE COMING FORWARD, ALONG WITH NEWS ARTICLES, ALSO. THEN I'M READING THE ARTICLE IN (EXHIBIT-B-), AND THERE HE WAS, (FATHER WIDERA), THE ACCUSER OF MY CONFUSED LIFE. ALONG WITH [REDACTED] WHO'S PICTURE I WROTE HOME ABOUT TO HAVE SENT TO ME.

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I WAS UNABLE TO TELL ANYONE WHAT HAPPENED UNTIL I SAW ALL THIS MEDIA COVERAGE.



IN A ARTICLE I READ, STATED: PEDOPHILIA IS AKIN TO MURDER. IT CAN KILL A YOUNG PERSON'S SELF-RE-SPECT, TRUST IN OTHERS, SENSE OF VALUES, STANDARDS OF MORALITY AND THE SUBSEQUENT CHANCE OF A NORMAL LIFE AS A RESPONSIBLE INDIVIDUAL. THERE IS WIDESPREAD OVERCONCERN FOR PEDOPHILES "WHO KILL THE SPIRIT" AND GO UNPUNISHED FOR YEARS. IN BOSTON AND ELSEWHERE. (MILW.), PEDOPHILE PRIEST COMMITTED SCORES OF INDIVIDUAL CRIMES, RESULTING IN "MURDER OF THE SPIRIT" FOR MANY PEOPLE. MURDER IS A CRIME.

MY ABUSE DEVELOPED WHEN THE PRIEST WOULD COME AND HAVE ME CLEAN-UP IN THE BACK ROOM OF THE CHURCH. AT FIRST, THEY WOULD TOUCH ME "INAPPROPRIATELY". EVENTUALLY IT INCLUDED EVERYTHING SHORT OF SEXUAL INTERCOURSE.

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(EXHIBIT-C-) SHOWS THAT I CONTACTED (HOWARD EISENBERG) MARQUETTE LAW SCHOOL; BUT HE REPRESENTS THE ARCHBISHOP'S COMMISSION, AND ALSO THE (ACLU), WHICH THEY WILL NOT DEAL WITH.

SO THAT'S WHY I'M SEEKING LEGAL COUNSEL IN THIS MATTER, IN HOPES THAT I WILL BE ABLE TO FACE ALL THOSE "ACCUSED," FOR ALL THE MENTAL AND PHYSICAL "ANGUISH" THAT HAS ACCURED WITH-IN MY "LIFE"?

RECEIVED BY SUBMITTED

C C: HOWARD B. EISENBERG, MARQUETTE LAW SCHOOL  
(ACLU)

MILWAU

MILWAU

HUDSON

NOTE: I WILL RESIDE IN MILWAUKEE IN 7 MONTHS;

AT: [REDACTED]

(MR) DATE: (12-17-02) PH# [REDACTED]

(KEEP CONFIDENTIAL WHEN CALLING)

My name is [REDACTED]. It's been six months since my family and friends have encouraged me to come forward and tell my story, and for six months I have done everything possible to avoid it. I've used every excuse not to get started because putting it on paper would make it all to real. [REDACTED]

Hearing the stories of so many others has given me the strength and fortitude to finally do what is not only right but what I believe to be the only way to finally put the bad memories and possibly the nightmares that I have lived with for so long to rest. I write this not to allay the fears of my family or friends, but for myself. To hopefully, once and for all end an incredibly long nightmare that time itself has failed to heal.

The fourth grade. The time in a child's life when girls still had cooties and girl germs were still a threat to any healthy young boy. An innocent time when a kid could still be a kid and growing up was still over life's horizon. Unfortunately for me, I had to grow up a lot faster than most nine year olds and in doing so too much got left behind. Never again would there be innocence, but only the guilt that comes with the angst of knowing that I could possibly have stopped a horrible sickness that was being spread by one man. A man who would steal away my life and, for all I know, countless others.

The man was Father Sigfried Widera. A person who used his pleasant charm to steal his way into families hearts only to steal away the innocence of their children. It all started with the trips to the swimming pool at Lake Lawn Lodge, and continued at the school and the church itself. The swimming trips all started out innocently at first with other children present. But there were the times when he would pick me up by myself and that's when the abuse would occur. It never seemed odd to me at the time but when I look back I can always remember the time in the afternoon that he would pick me up. I now can see clearly the clock on the wall as it reached 3:00pm and the lady watching the pool area would leave either for the day or for her break. I remember her name was [REDACTED] with her slightly hunched over posture and an otherwise kind smile. Afterward, as I looked back over the years I wondered for a long time if she knew what he was doing, but in retrospect I no longer believe she did.

It was at the times she left that I would unwillingly become (for lack of a better word) a tool of masturbation for this man. It would be either in the pool itself or in the shower. He would pull me against him and rub his erection between my legs or on my back until he was sexually gratified. I can remember as he ran his hands over my own genitals and how I tried to push his hands away. I can remember crying and begging him to please let me go but to no avail. And when he was done and after he would let me go I would step away and sometimes look back and see him staring at the ground as if he was praying. And I wondered if he was thanking God for what he had just received or if he might actually be praying for forgiveness. For me there has been no forgiving. Not for him. Not for myself. Not for God.

Other times he would take me out on his boat. He would say we were just going to visit with other parishioners who lived on the lake. But before we could make it to their homes, he would find a deserted location on the lake and the same thing would happen again. Other times he would put me on his lap when we were driving someplace and rub himself on my buttocks. There were times when he would come to my home and while my mom would be in the kitchen making coffee for him, he would pull me on his lap and do the same thing.

This wasn't one of those things that happened once or twice, it was something that occurred many times over many months, and I lived in shame blaming myself to this day for even being in reach of this man.

I can remember finally finding a way to end this abuse. I had thought for weeks that I would finally get up the courage to tell about what was happening to me without exposing myself to any humiliation. I thought I had the perfect solution and it was so simple. This was the year I was to have my first confession. All I would have to do was enter the confessional anonymously and tell my story. I had looked forward to this time for months and for the first time in months that I felt good about myself. As I entered that booth I was determined to end this. It was only to my horror that I entered the confessional and heard that voice that could belong to only one man. I can still to this day feel the devastation that entered me that day and the thought that it was a sign from God to keep my mouth shut. I went home that night and cried. A memory that burns in me to this day.

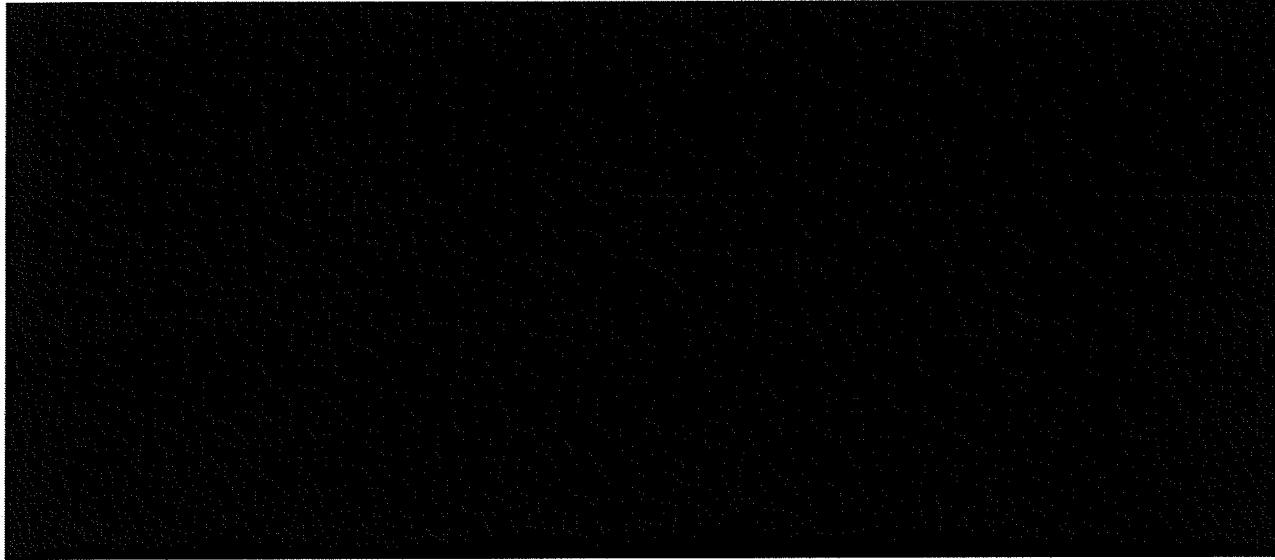
A sense of relief came only after I found out he was gone. No explanation to the students and none that I can remember hearing about to the adults. At the time I thought it was over but little did I know it was all just beginning.

Not long after he had left I began to feel as if the other kids were treating me different. I had begun to think that maybe they knew what he had been doing to me and they were angry at me for telling on him. I began to distance myself and to become a loner. I withdrew into myself and promised myself that no one would ever get the chance to get close.

[REDACTED]

To add to the difficulties of my life there was my father.

[REDACTED]



In the last six months I have learned that the abuse that I suffered did not have to happen and probably would not have happened if this archdiocese had not shuffled Widera to St. Andrews immediately after he was convicted of child abuse in 1973. I was appalled to find out that he was allowed to be in contact with young children even after a conviction. Was no one warned of this man. After he was removed from St. Andrews, why wasn't something done for the children. Were we so unimportant.

I already know that this man was transferred to another church and he did it again. I live with the thought that I could have stopped this if only I had come forward sooner. And now I know that this man is on the run. This doesn't scare me for my sake but for the safety of some poor child that might have to grow up as I did. I Only wish I believed enough in prayer to pray for any child he comes across. I wonder now where do I go from here.



OFFICE OF SEXUAL ABUSE PREVENTION AND RESPONSE SERVICES  
ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE  
SEXUAL ABUSE INTAKE REPORT

Date Report Taken: 7/16/2008

Time: Phone  In Person

Received By: Amy Peterson

Person Reporting  
Phone Number:  
Address:



7-28-08  
Call from Dorcia  
North Quares  
+ Brady - He  
will follow up  
on contact with  
Victims attorney.

Allegations made by:  
(if not same as above)

Name:

Date of Birth:

Address:

Age at time of 6-8 years of age

Phone:

Allegations:

attended St. Justin Martyr School in Anaheim, California, beginning in September of 1979. was beginning first grade at the time. Father Widera was assigned as an associate pastor at St. Justin Martyr Parish when began attending the associated school. Early in 's first grade year he was 's first grade teacher permitted Father Widera to remove from class to attempt to pacify the boy. When asked what would calm him down, asked Father Widera to bring an older boy who lived in 's neighborhood out of class. Father Widera did so, and thereby gained 's trust and friendship. From that time forward, Father Widera paid special attention to Shortly thereafter, Father Widera began to sexually abuse

Allegations Against: Father Siegfried Widera  
Time Period: 1979-1981  
Where: St. Justyn Martyr Parish in Anaheim, CA  
Reported: (Previously? To Whom?) Roman Catholic Bishop of Orange (5/2008)

Alleged Abuse:

From late 1979 until early 1981 Father Widera sexually abused on a weekly, or bi-weekly basis. The molestation was aggressive and escalated quickly. The molestation began with Father Widera fondling 's genitals and progressed to Father Widera masturbating Father Widera then instructed to masturbate the priest, and instructed to engage in acts of mutual masturbation. The sexual abuse culminated with multiple acts of being sodomized by Father Widera. On at least one occasion, stood outside of Father Widera's car while the priest abused another boy. was also sexually abused by Father Widera, while another priest sexually abused another boy in the same room. also observed Father Widera touch students inappropriately in order to obtain treats from the priest.

The molestations took place at various locations on the school and church grounds, including a storage room and a bathroom in the church. Father Widera also abused in the priest's car, on motor cycle rides on the priest's motor cycle, and at the home of a parishioner. Father Widera occasionally visited students at St. Justin Martyr, even after he had been reassigned to another parish.

Following the molestations by Father Widera, was subsequently abused by additional priests at St. Justin Martyr.

**History:**

Father Widera pleaded guilty to a criminal charge of having been orally copulated by a minor boy in August of 1973. At that time, Father Widera was incardinated within the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. Archdiocesan personnel were aware of the conviction. In June and August of 1976 additional reports were made to Archdiocesan personnel. These reports detailed unlawful sexual conduct by Father Widera, and pre-dated Widera's move to the Roman Catholic Diocese of Orange, and the molestation of [REDACTED]

**Next Steps:**

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Intake form  
SAZ/Revised 2/25/08

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████████████████████  
CONSULTING PSYCHOLOGIST

OFFICE HOURS BY APPOINTMENT

29 January 1976

████████████████████  
MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN 53211  
TELEPHONE ██████████  
AREA CODE 414

Reverend Robert G. Sampon, Chancellor  
Archdiocese of Milwaukee  
345 North 95th Street  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53226

Dear Father:

I can fully understand the concerns which you outline in your recent note to me. I will try to explain the situations to you.

*ok  
to Fr  
W's  
case* { Father ██████████ was referred to me by a local psychiatrist to whom he had been sent by his gastroenterologist. Father was suffering from chronic colitis which was seriously interfering with his digestion of food. As a result of this he was undergoing an increasing weight loss; at one time about a year ago he was hospitalized in Trinity Hospital because of the threat of dehydration. The way back for ██████████ has been slow and painful. The alternative to intensive care I feel sure would have been a severe ulcerative colitis of the type that his classmate Father ██████████ suffered through when he was critically ill a couple of years ago. At the present time Father's condition is much improved. His visits have been cut (as you will notice on the statements) from twice weekly to once weekly and I can foresee the time when they will be spaced even further.

Father Widera presents a completely different picture. He is, as I am sure you know, on probation for child molestation. It was a stipulation of the sentencing judge that the supervision be strict. It appears as though the judge was unusually harsh and severe in the sentencing. This is especially true since we have tried to have the probation reduced from three years to two but without success.

I am the de facto probation officer. The actual probation officer, who is a member of St. Andrew's Parish in Delavan, has been content to have virtually no contact with Father Widera except written forms which Father must fill out under State statute. In the event that Father Widera should encounter any type of difficulty, real or imagined, his probation can be suspended almost capriciously and he can be remanded--without even so much as a court hearing--to the penitentiary at Waupun. In his case

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Reverend Robert G. Sampon, Chancellor -2-

29 January 1976

I insist on weekly meetings since the publicity and incarceration would bring incalculable harm to Father and extreme embarrassment in the press to the Archbishop and the Diocese.

*not from* { All of this is in preamble to whether either of the priest patients could personally afford to underwrite part of the therapeutic expenses. Frankly, I do not know. I suspect Father [redacted]'s folks are a slight cut above the average working man in income but Father has been stationed in a large parish where I would suspect there has been an above average amount of revenue for a priest ordained as many years as he.

While Father Widera's folks are probably much wealthier, Father himself appears to have little of the material. I would suspect he has had less income since ordination and also that the legal expenses incurred were great.

Over a period of the last fifteen years it has been my privilege to have had in therapy many priests of the Archdiocese. I have never totalled the amount but I am sure that it has been more than substantial. Priests seem to do better therapeutically with psychologists than they do with psychiatrists. Perhaps this is because we come out of a broad spectrum liberal arts background rather than the more austere pre-medical training; I suspect it is even more so because psychologists do not want or require the tacit admission of being "sick" that one must give when one enters any physician's office.

The problem has been that psychologists have ordinarily not been able to recover payment from insurance companies as have psychiatrists. At the present time there is a bill before the Wisconsin Assembly which would make it mandatory for psychologists to be paid in the same way as psychiatrists. I am taking the liberty of enclosing an additional sheet of paper explaining the bill. Obviously the savings to the Diocese and to many of the religious communities would be great if the bill were enacted. While I fully understand that the Chancery cannot take a position supporting one profession against another at least you might cheer us on silently.

Again, I wish you would take the time to personally reassure the Most Reverend Archbishop that we attempt to waste no time in the resolution of problems; human beings are simply too complex to do it as quickly as any of us would like.

With every best wish,

Cordially,

[redacted]  
Consulting Psychologist

[redacted]  
Enclosure

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Please return to:

ARCHDIOCESAN PERSONNEL BOARD  
1500 South 29th Street  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53215

PERSONAL DATA FORM - 1969

The information below is essential to the effective utilization of Diocesan Personnel and will be used with the strictest confidence.

(Please type or print your replies.)

1. Name Widera Siegfried Francis  
(Last) (First) (Middle)  
Year of Birth 1940 Ordination Class 1967

2. My personal preference with regard to PARISH work would favor my assignment to (mark as #1, the kinds of parishes in which you have the deepest interest;  
mark as #2, those in which you have a moderate interest;  
mark as #3, those in which you have little interest;  
mark as 0, those in which you have no interest):

- No Special Preference
- 1   Bilingual Parish (Specify) German
- 2   City Parish
- 2   Inner Core Parish
- 2   Suburban Parish
- 2   Changing Parish
- 2   Parish with two Associate Pastors
- Other (Describe)
- 2   Parish with one Associate Pastor
- 1   Parish without Associate Pastor

3. Among parish activities, where does your main interest lie?  
A (e.g. - C.C.D., Youth Work)

Youth  
Emotionally disturbed children & Youth  
Adults - informal climate

Entry for the Sexual Abuse Log

By Barbara Reinke

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June 3, 2002

I met with [REDACTED] who is the [REDACTED] outreach minister for six parishes in Walworth County and is closely connected with St. Andrew Parish in Delavan. A [REDACTED] woman had recently told [REDACTED] that a local priest had abused her husband when he was a child. [REDACTED] does not know the name of the victim or the offender, although there is suggestion that it maybe Fr. S. Widera. Nevertheless, she is concerned about her duty to report. I explained to her that there is no duty to report in this instance, and encouraged passing on information to this man about how Project Benjamin maybe able to serve him. [REDACTED] will be leaving Wisconsin at the end of June to return to [REDACTED]

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2. The Archdiocese further agrees to provide [REDACTED] with \$38,000 to assist with debts and loss of employment income that are directly related to emotional distress of dealing with the abuse by Widera.

3. The Archdiocese further agrees that Archbishop Timothy Dolan will meet with [REDACTED] at a mutually agreed upon time and place and that [REDACTED] will initiate plans for this meeting by contacting Amy Peterson.

4. [REDACTED] and the Archdiocese will each bear their own costs and any attorney's fees associated with the settlement, and there will be no payment to [REDACTED] other than that specifically enumerated in these paragraphs.

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November 16, 2005  
Date

Archdiocese of Milwaukee  
by: Dr. Barbara Anne Cusack

12-2-05  
Date

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2. The Archdiocese agrees to provide [REDACTED] with \$40,000. These funds shall be at [REDACTED] discretion for purposes including, but not limited to, any further needs for counseling, educational efforts, or other actions he deems therapeutic.

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8-28-04  
Date

*Barbara Anne Cusack*  
Archdiocese of Milwaukee  
by: Dr. Barbara Anne Cusack

9-3-04  
Date

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2. The Archdiocese of Milwaukee agrees to provide payment not covered by insurance for counseling and medication for [REDACTED] and her immediate family members (parents, siblings, spouse and children). The Archdiocese shall make payments to the counselor for reasonable costs, billed at the counselor's usual and customary rate. Notwithstanding any other provision in this Agreement, the Archdiocese's therapy payments owed under this provision shall be based upon treatment plans submitted by each individual and his/her counselor. The Archdiocese agrees to assist in retiring existing debt in this regard in the amount of \$15,000.

3. The Archdiocese of Milwaukee agrees that pastoral outreach to victims-survivors is essential and, as such, commits to facilitating and supporting an outreach program for victims/survivors of clergy sexual abuse in the Ozaukee County area, in conjunction with the pastors of the area parishes, parish leadership, victims/survivors of clergy sexual abuse, and other professionals. The goal of this coalition will be to create a regionally-focused outreach plan to best serve the needs of victims-survivors and their families in the Ozaukee County area. This includes the establishment of support groups for victims/survivors and their families, as well as a support network for any victims/survivors yet to come forward. Meetings to develop such a plan will begin by September 15, 2004.

█ has expressed her interest in assisting in the planning and execution of such outreach.

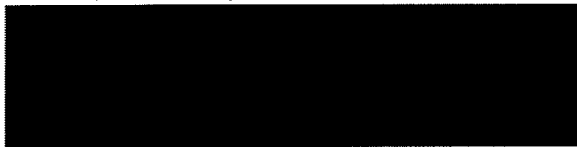
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Date 8/3/04

  
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Archdiocese of Milwaukee  
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8-5-04  
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2. [REDACTED] acknowledges receipt of previous assistance in the amount of \$6,000 given in sums of \$5,000 and \$1,000. These funds were provided for immediate and legitimate needs presented at the time.
3. The Archdiocese agrees to make available to [REDACTED] services at its disposal for credit and real estate counsel. The Archdiocese shall not be held liable for any financial or real estate decisions or transactions made by [REDACTED] as a result of such counseling.
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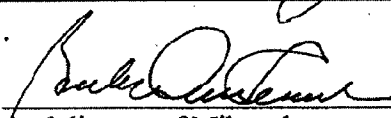
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[REDACTED]

Date 12-28-04

  
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Archdiocese of Milwaukee  
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Date 1-8-04

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2. The Archdiocese agrees to provide [REDACTED] with \$50,000 for use in funding past and ongoing therapy, counseling, and related expenses. At [REDACTED] request, this amount is being provided in a single payment. [REDACTED] understands and has been advised that this amount constitutes full and final payment for any therapy, counseling and related expenses [REDACTED] may incur at any time in the future.

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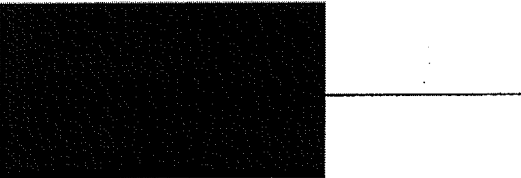
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Mar. 12, 2005  
Date



3/15/05  
Date

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Archdiocese of Milwaukee  
by: Dr. Barbara Anne Cusack

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[REDACTED] has brought to the attention of the Archdiocese that he was sexually abused by Siegfried Widera (hereafter "Widera"), a priest of the Archdiocese, during approximately 1974 - 1975 when [REDACTED] was a minor.

[REDACTED] and the Archdiocese entered into mediation to achieve reconciliation and restoration, to help repair the harm to [REDACTED] and to otherwise resolve and settle all disputes between them.

Accordingly, the parties to this Agreement wish to resolve and satisfy all claims of any nature that [REDACTED] has against the Archdiocese, and all of the Archdiocese's employees, agents, officers, directors, affiliates, and assigns, including, without limitation, all members of the Roman Catholic clergy and all parishes, schools, and religious orders, and any person or entity affiliated with the Roman Catholic Church in the territory of the Archdiocese, arising from the sexual abuse of [REDACTED] by Siegfried Widera without the necessity of further proceedings or expense of any nature, and all parties wish to generally release one another from all liability for any claims that may exist to the date of the signing

of this Agreement, including, but not limited to, any claims for sexual abuse of [REDACTED] by Widera.

So, in consideration of the mutual promises made here, and other valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties to this Agreement agree as follows:

1. The Archdiocese agrees to provide [REDACTED] with \$30,000. These funds shall be for [REDACTED] use in retiring past indebtedness which shall include but not be limited to paying the balance due on his truck, repaying outstanding student loans, payment of past due taxes, and payment of credit card balances.

2. The Archdiocese agrees to provide [REDACTED] with \$10,000 for use in [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

3. The Archdiocese agrees to provide [REDACTED] with an additional \$10,000 for use at his discretion either for personal or business use.

4. [REDACTED] and the Archdiocese will each bear their own costs and any attorney's fees associated with the settlement, and there will be no payment to [REDACTED] other than that specifically enumerated in these paragraphs.

5. In return for the payments set out above, and for the mutual promises contained herein, [REDACTED] releases and forever discharges the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Milwaukee, and all of the Archdiocese's employees, agents, officers, directors, affiliates, and assigns, including, without limitation, all members of the Roman Catholic clergy, and all parishes, schools, and religious orders, including, without limitation, St. Andrew Congregation and School and any person or entity affiliated with the Roman Catholic Church in the territory of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee from, and covenants not to sue

them for, all claims, causes of action, charges, and demands, whether in tort, contract, or otherwise, of any nature that he may have had at any time up to and including the date of signing of this Agreement, including, without limitation, any claim of any nature arising from the assault, injury, whether physical or mental, or any other activity by Widera.


6. The Archdiocese hereby releases and forever discharges [REDACTED] from all claims, demands, and causes of action of any nature that were in existence up to and including the date of the signing of this Agreement.

7. This Agreement supersedes all prior understandings and agreements between the parties, and constitutes the full agreement of the parties. No change to this Agreement shall be enforced against any party unless it is in writing signed by both parties.

8. The undersigned represent and warrant that each has read the foregoing Agreement; had an opportunity to discuss it with a lawyer; and fully understands its terms; voluntarily, freely, and without coercion signs the Agreement; and that Dr. Barbara Anne Cusack is an authorized representative of the Archdiocese and is duly authorized to execute this Agreement and Mutual Release.

[REDACTED]

Date 8-16-04

  
Archdiocese of Milwaukee  
by: Dr. Barbara Anne Cusack

Date 8-23-04

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## Allegation

Victim/Complainant: [REDACTED]

Allegation Against: Fr. Siegfried Widera (deceased), w/m, born 12-20-40, died 05-25-03.

[REDACTED] reports that between approximately 1966 and 1968, when he was four to six years old, he was sexually abused by Fr. Siegfried Widera on at least seven occasions. [REDACTED] family attended St. Mary Help of Christians Parish in West Allis, WI, where Fr. Widera was assigned as an associate pastor. [REDACTED] attended first grade at the parish school.

The abuse consisted of being exposed to pornographic magazines that Fr. Widera provided to [REDACTED] while Fr. Widera wore only his underwear. There was an instance of abuse at the swimming pool of the Eagles Club. Fr. Widera took off his swimming trunks and hugged [REDACTED] from behind, while rubbing himself against [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] then realized that what Fr. Widera did to him when he was a young boy was also sexual abuse.

[REDACTED] told his mother about the abuse by Fr. Widera when he was maybe twenty years old. He also told his wife, [REDACTED] that he had been abused by a priest. In 2002, Detectives from the West Allis Police Department contacted [REDACTED] He reported the sexual abuse by Fr. Widera but did not want to do anything about it at that time. [REDACTED] recently reported the sexual abuse to the Clergy Sexual Abuse Mediation System.

## Investigation

Interview of: [REDACTED]

On Monday, August 15, 2005, at 2:00 p.m., I interviewed [REDACTED] at his residence. [REDACTED] lives with his wife, [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] Milwaukee, WI. They have owned their home since [REDACTED] were first married on [REDACTED]. They have [REDACTED] [REDACTED] do not have any children together. [REDACTED] has a [REDACTED] year old daughter from a previous relationship, but does not have contact with her. He has [REDACTED] adult step-children from [REDACTED] very first marriage. They all live in the Milwaukee area.

[REDACTED] father, [REDACTED]. His mother, [REDACTED], lives by herself in St. Francis, WI. [REDACTED] related that his parents divorced when he was six years old. He has two sisters, and three half sisters. Two of his half sisters live in [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] graduated from [REDACTED] in 1981, and never went to college. [REDACTED]. He has previously worked as a [REDACTED] and as a [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] believes the sexual abuse by Fr. Widera occurred in about 1966 to 1968 when he was four to six years old. His family lived in the area of [REDACTED]. They attended St. Mary Help of Christians Parish at 1210 So. 61<sup>st</sup> St, West Allis, WI. Fr. Widera was an associate pastor at the parish. [REDACTED] thinks his mother may have introduced him to Fr. Widera because she was active in the parish, but he is not sure. He also does not remember Fr. Widera ever being at their house. [REDACTED] described his father as a brilliant man who did not go to church much. His mother

went to church regularly and got the children into Catholic school. [REDACTED] only attended first grade at St. Mary Help of Christians School. His parents then got divorced and his family moved to the area of [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] went to second and third grade at St. Hyacinth School. He doesn't remember his father being around after first grade. [REDACTED] didn't have any contact with Fr. Widera after moving from St. Mary Help of Christians Parish.

[REDACTED] said his mother allowed him to go places with Fr. Widera, who would sometimes take [REDACTED] out for ice cream or soda in his red and white Volkswagen bus. Sometimes Fr. Widera put [REDACTED] on his lap and let [REDACTED] steer the vehicle. Fr. Widera took [REDACTED] to the Eagles Club where they used the sauna or the steam room. [REDACTED] remembers going swimming with Fr. Widera on one occasion at the Eagles Club. Fr. Widera also invited [REDACTED] to the parish rectory connected to the church, and showed [REDACTED] his bedroom. [REDACTED] and Fr. Widera were alone on almost every occasion that they were together. [REDACTED] did go on a trip to Florida with Fr. Widera and another boy. The other boy was two or three years older than [REDACTED]. He does not remember the boy's name. [REDACTED] said Fr. Widera was a father figure to him and was very subtle in what he did.

[REDACTED] does not specifically remember what happened the first time he was abused by Fr. Widera because he does not remember in what order the different abuses occurred. [REDACTED] believes he was abused by Fr. Widera at least seven times. Most of the abuse consisted of being exposed to pornographic magazines. Sometimes, while in the rectory, Fr. Widera would lay down on his bed next to [REDACTED] with some Playboy and Penthouse magazines that he would show [REDACTED]. Fr. Widera would undress himself down to his underwear. [REDACTED] does not remember, but believes he stayed fully dressed. [REDACTED] said that while they looked at the magazines, Fr. Widera was maybe doing "something with himself". Fr. Widera had the pornographic magazines along with them on the trip

to Florida. While driving, he would show the magazines to [REDACTED] and the other boy. [REDACTED] said that on the trip to Florida, Fr. Widera seemed to concentrate more on the older boy who was with them.

[REDACTED] was at the Eagles Club with Fr. Widera several times. They would go early in the morning when there weren't many people around. [REDACTED] remembers the white tile in the steam room. He also remembers using the sauna with Fr. Widera on at least one occasion, and using the Eagles Club swimming pool with Fr. Widera one time. [REDACTED] was sexually abused by Fr. Widera while at the swimming pool. [REDACTED] believes that he and Fr. Widera were alone in the pool area at the time of the abuse. Fr. Widera took off his swimming trunks at one point. He then held and hugged [REDACTED] from behind for a few minutes, while rubbing his naked body against [REDACTED] body. Fr. Widera never said anything and was very subtle about it. He does not remember if Fr. Widera had an erection or not, but the rubbing made [REDACTED] feel uncomfortable. [REDACTED] believes he had his own swimming trunks on during this incident. Although he felt uncomfortable, [REDACTED] did not realize it was wrong at the time because he was young.

[REDACTED] did not mention anything to his mother about the pornographic magazines or the incident at the swimming pool. Fr. Widera was nice to him. [REDACTED] trusted Fr. Widera. He enjoyed going places with Fr. Widera. [REDACTED] never realized that he had been sexually abused by Fr. Widera

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] said he became rebellious at that age. [REDACTED] went on a road trip with the teacher. They drove out west, possibly to Texas. During what [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] said he felt shamed, guilty, and felt a sense of distrust. While in his teens, [REDACTED] mother either showed him an article or told him that Fr. Widera had abused a fourteen year old boy. [REDACTED] remembered the

times that he was with Fr. Widera, and because he was older, realized that some of the things Fr. Widera did with him and others were not appropriate. [REDACTED] still did not tell anyone about the abuses at that time. He believes that he was around twenty years old when he first told his mother [REDACTED] and then about the abuse by Fr. Widera. [REDACTED] has also told his wife, [REDACTED], that he was abused by Fr. Widera.

[REDACTED] said about three or four years ago, a male and female detective from the West Allis Police Department came to his house and questioned him about being sexually abused by Fr. Widera. He does not know how the detectives knew that he was a possible victim of Fr. Widera. [REDACTED] thinks that possibly the boy that went to Florida with him and Fr. Widera filed a complaint and gave the detectives his name. [REDACTED] said he did not want to do anything about the abuse at that time, but instead waited for everything to die down. He did not want his name mentioned with the other West Allis victims. [REDACTED] said he asked the Lord what He wanted him to do. His mother told [REDACTED] that maybe he could report it privately and maybe get some compensation. [REDACTED] thought he could help his mother if he got any compensation.

[REDACTED] believes his emotional problems are related to a combination of the sexual abuse by [REDACTED] Fr. Widera. The abuse by Fr. Widera had the most impact though because he was so young. [REDACTED] said he is high strung and disbelieving, which he feels has affected his marital situation and his ability to keep a job. [REDACTED] last job was at [REDACTED] He was

[REDACTED] has never had a job that lasted any length of time. The people he would work with couldn't see his position on different things. [REDACTED] said he is very opinionated. His longest employment was as a [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] said he has been serving the Lord for nineteen years. He had a supernatural encounter with an angel while considering suicide in [REDACTED]. He heard the voice of a blessed spirit who actually touched him. The blessed being felt like a blanket around his shoulders. [REDACTED] heard a voice say, "Get on your knees". He got down on his knees and his life changed. At that time, [REDACTED] said he was very messed up emotionally. The blessed spirit knew that he was lonely and needed work. Two weeks later, [REDACTED] met a girl and she helped him get a job. He said the supernatural encounter occurred on February 10<sup>th</sup>, which is the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. [REDACTED] admits that his religious practices could be considered extreme, "like the saints of old". He said he has profound and subtle gifts, including the gift to share messages with other people. During my interview with [REDACTED], he held a rosary and church music played in the background.

I checked the Consolidated Court Automation Program (CCAP) for the Wisconsin Circuit Court System and found that [REDACTED] has [REDACTED] entries. [REDACTED] by [REDACTED]

The other three entries are related to the Catholic Church. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
I checked the City of Milwaukee Municipal Court records and found that [REDACTED] had [REDACTED]  
non-traffic entries. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] said that he has been arrested [REDACTED] times for disorderly conduct, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] He explained that people would not leave him alone [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] which is something he likes to do. Some of the  
disorderly conduct citations were for speaking out and giving messages to people [REDACTED] He  
has no doubt that the Holy Spirit led him to speak out. [REDACTED] said that he has not been given any  
messages for a couple of years. He further said that he likes to attend different churches.

[REDACTED] has never been treated for any mental illness, but he did attend two years of  
counseling at the Mental Health Center. The counseling, which was related to one of his arrests,  
was set up by his attorney and the Court. At that time, they diagnosed him as [REDACTED] [REDACTED] does  
not feel that he has any mental illness, but said he does get extremely emotional at times.

[REDACTED] feels that the sexual abuse by Fr. Widera has affected his relationship with his wife,  
his inability to keep a job, and his money problems. He has absolutely no doubt about being  
abused by Fr. Widera. [REDACTED] said he has forgiven Fr. Widera, and would never do anything to hurt  
the Church. [REDACTED] is reporting the abuse by Fr. Widera at this time, because he feels that he should



be compensated for the abuse. When asked what he thought would be a fair compensation, [REDACTED] hesitated briefly, and then said \$25,000 minimum, without taxes. [REDACTED] said he is very close to Mary. He came up with that figure since March 25<sup>th</sup> is the feast of the Annunciation of Our Blessed Lady.

Interview of: [REDACTED]

On Thursday, August 18, 2005, at 1:00 p.m., I interviewed [REDACTED] at her residence, where she has lived for the past three years. [REDACTED] is the mother of [REDACTED]. She has been employed as a [REDACTED] Milwaukee, WI for the past twenty-one years. [REDACTED] has been divorced twice. Her ex-husbands are both deceased. Her last husband, [REDACTED] is [REDACTED] father. In addition to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] had two daughters, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] during her marriage to [REDACTED]. She has a daughter, [REDACTED] from her first marriage, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] said [REDACTED] never told her that he was abused by Fr. Widera until the last year, except for possibly bits and pieces. She doesn't know how she found out that [REDACTED] was abused. [REDACTED] heard stories about Fr. Widera and read articles about him on the internet. [REDACTED] was silent about the abuse, possibly because he didn't want to hurt the Church. [REDACTED] did talk about some of the different encounters he had in the Church, but not about the abuse. [REDACTED] said she just put two and two together, and as a mother knew something was wrong. [REDACTED] saw a leaflet at St. Aloysius Church, 92<sup>nd</sup> and Greenfield Av., which encouraged abuse victims to come forward. She then pushed for [REDACTED] to come forward and report the abuse.

[REDACTED] said [REDACTED] attended first grade at St. Mary Help of Christians School. Fr. Setnicar was the pastor of the parish at the time. [REDACTED] remembers that Fr. Widera was at the [REDACTED] house, but does not remember why he would have been there. She knows that [REDACTED] went to Florida with Fr. Widera and another boy, possibly in 1968 or 1969. [REDACTED] doesn't think that [REDACTED] went anywhere else with Fr. Widera. She does not recall that [REDACTED] ever went to the Eagles Club with Fr. Widera. [REDACTED] said she was always at home raising her family, so she is not sure

where [REDACTED] would go when he left the house. She is not aware of [REDACTED] being abused by anyone else. [REDACTED] said she doesn't remember why she moved away from St. Mary Help of Christians Parish after [REDACTED] attended first grade there. She later said it was because of her divorce, which she said was in 1972.

[REDACTED] said that [REDACTED] got picked on a lot. Even in first grade, he had a hard time controlling his emotions, but she said [REDACTED] could hold his own. As an adult, [REDACTED] has a hard time keeping a job because he evangelizes. He is very Catholic. [REDACTED] speaks in tongues and has the gift of exhortation. [REDACTED] doesn't know what really happened or how often it happened, but she believes that [REDACTED] was abused by Fr. Widera because [REDACTED] never lies.

I received a letter from the Clergy Sexual Abuse Mediation System shortly after my interview with [REDACTED] indicating that she had additional information to tell me. On Tuesday, August 30, 2005, at 1:35 p.m., I contacted [REDACTED] by phone. [REDACTED] said she doesn't know where her husband was at the time, but in 1968, when she was expecting her youngest child, [REDACTED] she cried the whole year. The crying did not occur with her other pregnancies. She is not sure if she was angry, but she was in a "real situation" at the time. The crying stopped after [REDACTED] was born. [REDACTED] gave birth to [REDACTED] at Mt. Sinai Hospital in Milwaukee. She thinks Fr. Widera might have visited her at the hospital, and that is how he got involved with her family. She remembers Fr. Widera telling her, "Enjoy it while the flavor lasts". [REDACTED] husband was at the hospital when [REDACTED] was born. She remembers Fr. Widera talking to him about her crying, and asking him, "Aren't you curious how this happened"?

[REDACTED] never asked for anyone to come to her house, but she remembers Fr. Widera being there. In 1972, after her divorce, she moved to [REDACTED] and lived there for thirty-one years. She said she may have been separated from her husband for a short time before the divorce.

█ went to kindergarten at a public school, but attended first grade at St. Mary Help of Christians School. He left St. Mary Help of Christians School because of her move to █

█ second husband, █ who is █ father, was a year older than █ She was married to him for eleven years. █ worked at █ He was a brilliant man, █

She said he took off with another woman while she was expecting █ but she remembers him being at the hospital when █ was born. He went to █ with the woman, █

█ married █ before he was divorced from █ and they had a daughter together. He died while living in █ █ said her ex-husband was in prison once or twice while in █

█ said she doesn't know what █ and Fr. Widera did when they were together because she was crying all the time while pregnant with █ It was a very difficult time in her life. Her daughters think that █ is "out in left field" as far as they are concerned. █ said

█ was given the gift of "tongue" when he was confirmed by Archbishop Weakland. █ knows the Bible verbatim. He has gone to evangelist seminars at Notre Dame, in Indiana, and at Franciscan College, in Steubenville, Ohio. █ has also made a trip to Rome, which was paid for by a friend.

Interview of: [REDACTED]

On Tuesday, August 30, 2005, at 8:00 p.m., I interviewed [REDACTED] by phone.

[REDACTED] is the wife of victim, [REDACTED]. She is employed as [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] acknowledged that she

has married [REDACTED]. She is legally married to [REDACTED] at this

time. [REDACTED] was also married and divorced from someone prior to her marriages to [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] met [REDACTED] in March of 1988 while she was attending college and working as a

[REDACTED] worked in [REDACTED]. They

found that religion was a common topic for both of them. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] started dating seriously possibly by the end of 1988. They married

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] said she has a bad temper, which is part of the reason for the [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] has always been in and out of work. He would minister to someone at work, and they would

let him go. [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] that he feels like a failure.

[REDACTED] first learned that [REDACTED] was sexually abused by a priest sometime in the late

1980's or early 1990's. The priest's name came up, but she did not remember the name. When

asked what she knows about the abuse, [REDACTED] said that [REDACTED] was around six years old. The

priest showed [REDACTED] magazines with pictures of naked women, and touched [REDACTED] inappropriately.

[REDACTED] doesn't remember how many times [REDACTED] said he was abused. She also does not

remember what activities [REDACTED] and the priest did while together. [REDACTED] felt uncomfortable

listening to [REDACTED] talk about the abuse. [REDACTED] didn't go into details about the abuse, because if he

tried to, [REDACTED] would change the subject. The abuse to [REDACTED] by a priest bothered her. [REDACTED] was thinking about turning Catholic at that time, and she did not want to have any negative thoughts about the Church. She became a Catholic around 1990. Periodically, during their marriages, [REDACTED] would talk about the abuse, especially when there was a case of priest abuse in the news. He, however, never wanted to expose something like that. [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] that he had to forgive the priest because he is a Christian. [REDACTED] knows [REDACTED] also talked to his mother about the abuse.

[REDACTED] believes that in addition to her temper, some of what they went through together in the past was related to the abuse. She said, "A lot of baggage came from the abuse". [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] is coming forward at this time for closure. He didn't want to do anything when everyone else came forward, because he thought it was like a circus with all the media attention. [REDACTED] wanted to be private. [REDACTED] left the decision to come forward up to [REDACTED]. She told [REDACTED] to make up his own mind, and told him that maybe he needed to talk to a priest or a counselor. She said [REDACTED] respects God's chosen priests. There is no doubt in [REDACTED] mind that [REDACTED] is telling the truth about the abuse. She said, "[REDACTED] is brutally honest". I mentioned the name of Fr. Widera to [REDACTED] and she said that is the name of the priest who [REDACTED] said abused him.

Interview of: [REDACTED]

On Wednesday, August 31, 2005, at 7:15 p.m., I interviewed [REDACTED] by phone. She is a sister of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] is aware of the allegation that [REDACTED] was sexually abused by Fr. Widera. She remembers Fr. Widera from St. Mary Help of Christians Parish. He looked the same when she saw his picture in the paper in recent years. Fr. Widera was very friendly, but he mostly hung out with the boys, for example, playing football with them. [REDACTED] does not remember Fr. Widera being at their house.

[REDACTED] said in 1968 she was eight to nine years old. There were many problems in her family at that time. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] had to take care of her sister and brother. Her sister, [REDACTED] was just a baby when their parents split up. The family had no money [REDACTED] remembers the abuse being talked about. She knew something was going on in her family, and there was talk in the neighborhood. She remembers her mom talking to [REDACTED] about the fact that he had to go to school. Years later when [REDACTED] was a teenager, her mom would bring up the subject of the abuse. The sexual abuse was never stopped being talked about. Her mom always blamed Fr. Widera for [REDACTED] problems. [REDACTED] never heard [REDACTED] talk about details of the abuse. She is aware that when [REDACTED] went to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] does not know what happened.

[REDACTED] said her mom is an avoider. She doesn't know how to handle crises. Her dad had a high IQ, but he also had a compulsive behavior. He did everything to the extreme. [REDACTED] is like their dad, by taking everything to the extreme. She feels he is a little overboard with his religion. [REDACTED] last contact with [REDACTED] was a couple of months ago, when she had him and her mom over

for dinner. She maybe sees [REDACTED] about once a year. [REDACTED] said she has no doubts about [REDACTED] being abused by Fr. Widera, because [REDACTED] has never been a liar.



Interview of: [REDACTED]

On Sunday, September 4, 2005, at 4:00 p.m., I interviewed [REDACTED] by phone. She is a sister of [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] said she learned that [REDACTED] was abused by a priest through hearsay. [REDACTED] never specifically told her about the abuse, but she learned about the abuse from her sister. [REDACTED] said she is the youngest child in the family and was only a baby when the abuse would have occurred. She was about nine or ten years old when she first heard about the abuse. She does not know the priest who abused [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] said she was so young at the time, that she was isolated from a lot of the information. She is aware that [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] The first time [REDACTED] was abused was by the priest. [REDACTED] believes something definitely happened to [REDACTED] but he kept things to himself. [REDACTED] very rarely sees [REDACTED]. She sees her mother about two times a year. [REDACTED] said her family is not very close.

Background of: Fr. Siegfried Widera (deceased), w/m, born [REDACTED] died [REDACTED]

Fr. Siegfried Widera was ordained to the priesthood on May 20, 1967, and was assigned to St. Mary Help of Christians Church in West Allis as an associate pastor. He was there until June of 1972, at which time he was transferred to St. Mary's Parish in Port Washington. In July of 1973, Fr. Widera was charged with and pled guilty to sexually assaulting a fourteen year old boy. On August 13, 1973, he was placed on three years of probation, and ordered by the judge to stay out of the Port Washington area.

According to the Superior Court of Orange County, California, case number [REDACTED] in early September of 1973 Fr. Widera was assigned to help out at St. Andrew's Parish in Delavan, WI. In June of 1976, another allegation of sexual abuse had been made against Fr. Widera by the parents of a fourteen year old boy. On August 20, 1976, Fr. Henke, the pastor of St. Andrew's Parish, reported to the Archdiocesan Personnel Board that Fr. Widera had an incident with an eleven year old boy a couple of months earlier. Shortly after this, Fr. Widera left for Costa Mesa, CA, where his brother lived. Fr. Widera served as a priest in California until he was removed from the ministry in 1985 after he was again accused of sexual misconduct.

In early April 2002, an Orange County man filed a lawsuit against Fr. Widera, alleging the priest had molested him and his brother in 1985. The news accounts detailed Fr. Widera's past, and additional victims stepped forward in Milwaukee, WI, and Orange County, CA. On May 24, 2002, the Milwaukee District Attorney's Office charged Fr. Widera with nine felony counts of Enticing A Child For Immoral Purposes and/or Indecent Behavior With a Child, case number [REDACTED]. A Wisconsin arrest warrant for Fr. Widera was issued. Those charges stemmed from Fr. Widera's assignment at St. Mary Help of Christians Church in West Allis, and involved three boys. After the charges were issued, Fr. Widera disappeared. According to the

U.S. Marshall's Office, Fr. Widera obtained a six month permit for his car to enter Mexico on July 12, 2002, and crossed the border in Ciudad Juarez. Ten months later, on May 25, 2003, Mexican law enforcement officials located Fr. Widera in Mazatlan, Mexico. They took him to a room at the Vista Dorada Hotel for questioning. Later that afternoon, Fr. Widera jumped from the third floor of the hotel to his death. In addition to the Wisconsin charges, Fr. Widera was wanted on thirty three felony counts of child molestation in California at the time of his death.

Additional investigation: West Allis Police Department Incident Report # [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated during my interview with him, that three or four years ago, two detectives from the West Allis Police Department contacted him. They questioned [REDACTED] about the possibility that [REDACTED] may have been sexually abused by Fr. Widera. [REDACTED] stated he did not know how his name as a potential victim would have surfaced.

A check with the West Allis Police Department found that there is a report on file regarding a sexual assault investigation involving Fr. Widera as a suspect. I obtained a copy of that report through open records. The report, Incident # [REDACTED] is titled, 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Sexual Assault of a Child (by Priest). The ninety-one page report, which is a series of individual reports made during the investigation, is dated from April 24, 2002 through April 12, 2004. There is extensive blacking out of the names, ages, and addresses of the victims and what appears to be anyone related to the victims. This West Allis investigation was the basis for the Milwaukee District Attorney's Office to charge Fr. Widera with the four felony counts of Enticing A Child For Immoral Purposes and the five felony counts of Indecent Behavior With a Child, case number [REDACTED]

The report indicated that the offenses occurred between January 1, 1969 and September 1, 1976, at the following locations: 1210 S. 61<sup>st</sup> St., West Allis, WI (St. Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church and rectory); 6014 W. Madison St., West Allis, WI (St. Mary Help of Christians gymnasium); 1669-1673 S. 108<sup>th</sup> St., West Allis, WI (formerly the Tyrolean Towne House Inn); and at 2401 W. Wisconsin Av., Milwaukee, WI (formerly the Eagles Club).

The West Allis sexual assault investigation began on April 24, 2002. A male victim came into the West Allis Police Department to report that Fr. Widera had sexually assaulted him. He reported that some of the sexual assaults which involved inappropriate touching occurred in

Fr. Widera's bedroom at the rectory of St. Mary Help of Christians Parish, starting in early 1970; (page 11). It was also at the rectory that Fr. Widera first gave him a pornographic magazine to look at; (page 14). The reporting victim told detectives that Fr. Widera had a membership at the Eagles Club, and would often take him there to go swimming, especially between 1970 and 1972. He was sexually assaulted on some of those occasions; (pages 18-19).

A second victim that West Allis detectives interviewed during the investigation reported being sexually abused by Fr. Widera while at a swimming pool. The victim stated, "He would rub his genitals against us - like a dog (humping)!" The victim also told detectives that Fr. Widera provided pornographic magazines to him. The report states, "The magazines showed graphic photos of nude women. WIDERA provided these magazines to [name blacked out] between January - March 1970 through May or June 1972"; (page 24). The second victim remembers going swimming at the Eagles Club with Fr. Widera, and remembers the sauna, but said he was never molested at the Eagles Club; (page 25).

On page 30 of the West Allis police report is a heading titled, "Possible Additional Victims/Witnesses". The narrative states, "On 05-01-2002, [name blacked out] told me that he remembered the names of three altar boys that went on trips with them and might have also been victimized by Father WIDERA. They are: [names blacked out]". The next paragraph in the report is an interview the West Allis detectives conducted on 05-05-2002. The interview is with [redacted] wife, [redacted]. Her first name was inadvertently not blacked out near the end of the interview. In addition, the detectives made a reference to an arrest and two restraining orders filed by priests or other church members, which is listed on CCAP under [redacted] name. It is apparent the detectives were trying to make contact with [redacted] but he was not living with [redacted] at that time. [redacted] told the detectives that [name blacked out] is a very devout

person who was committed to God, and would sometimes get in trouble when he saw somebody or something in the Church that he did not think was right. She asked the detectives if they were there to investigate [name blacked out]. The detectives told [redacted] that they were investigating a priest. She stated, "Well that's funny. We (she and [name blacked out]) just talked on the phone the other day about the priest that abused [name blacked out]. He (the priest) was in the news". [redacted] went on to tell the detectives that she first learned about the sexual abuse one or two years after they met. She didn't remember the priest's name, but recognized the name of Fr. Widera after the detectives mentioned it to her. [redacted] further told the detectives that [name blacked out] did not give her a lot of details, but said Fr. Widera had introduced him to pornography when [name blacked out] was a young boy. [redacted] reported that "[name blacked out] explained to her that there was a lot of hurt inside that he had to deal with through God. [Name blacked out] first worked to forgive Father WIDERA for the abuse but is still dealing with the abuse issue himself". It is apparent that [redacted] was the blacked out name on the report throughout the West Allis detectives' interview with [redacted]. She further provided the detectives with a phone number where they could contact him.

The next interview, on page 31 of the police report, took place on 05-08-2002. It is the statement of a victim/witness. Based on the location of this interview in the report, as well as, the content of the interview, it is clear that [redacted] was the person interviewed by the West Allis detectives. There is a sentence in the first paragraph that states, "[Name blacked out] is very religious and when I initially contacted him, he did not want to talk to me as he did not want to hurt his religion with any more abuse revelations". The next paragraph relates to his family. "He desperately wanted a father in his life. [Name blacked out] said that Father WIDERA was that father figure in his life for about one year. [Name blacked out] added that he only attended

[blacked out] grade at ST MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS parish school because his mother moved the family after that". [blacked out] talked about Fr. Widera's red and white Volkswagen bus and the smell of yeast from a certain section of the freeway. The report states, "This memory was special to [name blacked out] because Father WIDERA would place [name blacked out] on his lap and allow [name blacked out] to steer while driving in this area of the expressway".

[blacked out] told the detectives that one time Fr. Widera took him to the Eagles Club to go swimming. "He (WIDERA) took his trunks off and swam around the pool naked. Then he took my trunks off and held me close to his body. He looked at my body and hugged me". [blacked out] indicated that it happened only once while swimming, but he remembered feeling very uncomfortable about it.

The interview further indicated that Fr. Widera took [blacked out] into his bedroom at the rectory at St. Mary Help of Christians Parish, where [blacked out] was exposed to pornography. "[Name blacked out] said that sometimes Father WIDERA would get out some Playboy and Penthouse magazines. Father would allow [name blacked out] to page through them on the bed and look at the pictures. [Name blacked out] told us that Father WIDERA would usually take his trousers off and lie on the bed next to [name blacked out]. WIDERA would watch [name blacked out] as [name blacked out] looked at the pictures in the magazines. [Name blacked out] thought that Father might have undressed him [name blacked out] down to his underwear too (when the magazines came out) but [name blacked out] was not certain. [Name blacked out] stated, 'I really didn't understand what he (WIDERA) was doing'". [blacked out] told the detectives that it didn't happen all the time, just once in awhile.

During the interview, [blacked out] talked about the Florida trip that he went on with Fr. Widera. The report states, "[Name blacked out] told me that for the most part, Father WIDERA was very

good to him and just had occasional incidents where he did things that made [name blacked out] uncomfortable. [Name blacked out] said that Father WIDERA even took him and another boy to Florida on vacation. [Name blacked out] estimated that the trip would have been taken in the summer of 1968 or 1969. [Name blacked out] told me that was the first time he had ever been to Florida. [Name blacked out] said that Father would allow him to look at pornographic magazines at the rest stops but for the most part, Father seemed more interested in the other boy. [Name blacked out] does not remember that boy's name or anything about him – only that the other boy was older than he [name blacked out] was”.

There is another interview with an abuse victim on page 66 of the West Allis police report. That victim attended St. Mary Help of Christians Parish and spent time with Fr. Widera. The victim talked about going swimming with Fr. Widera, and of being tickled and touched inappropriately by Fr. Widera while the victim was naked. He further talked about going places with Fr. Widera, such as to his parent's house in South Milwaukee. The report also states, “[Name blacked out] told me that Father WIDERA had wanted to take him on a trip to Florida one summer but [name blacked out] dad said no right away. At the time [name blacked out] was disappointed that he could not go and did not understand why his father said no. To the best of [name blacked out] knowledge, his father never indicated or stated if he suspected WIDERA of any inappropriate conduct”.

There is a section towards the beginning of the West Allis police report entitled: CHARGING SYNOPSIS. It appears that a paragraph in that section of the report is a summary of the detectives' investigation relating to [REDACTED]. The paragraph on page 7 states, “[Name blacked out] thought he was around [blacked out] or [blacked out] years old when he was sexually molested by WIDERA. [Name blacked out] estimated that the assaults occurred in



1968 or 1969; however, both the [name blacked out] brothers recall [name blacked out] going on trips with them and Father WIDERA and [name blacked out] was in the [blacked out] so the assaults most likely occurred during the 1970-1971 school year, when [name blacked out] was [blacked out] years old. [Name blacked out] said that he witnessed Father WIDERA touch [name blacked out] genitals over [name blacked out] clothing inside the Sacristy after mass. Father WIDERA also provided pornographic magazines for [name blacked out] to look through while both he and WIDERA were lying on WIDERA's bed, partially unclothed in the Rectory. [Name blacked out] said that he remembered Father WIDERA took him swimming at THE EAGLES CLUB and removed [name blacked out] swim trunks. WIDERA held [name blacked out] naked body against his own in the pool".

at the age of seven and a half years old. [REDACTED] said after first grade, his family moved to the area of [REDACTED]. He attended second and third grade at St. Hyacinth School, which is at 1414 W. Becher St. [REDACTED] mother, [REDACTED] said she was divorced in 1972 and moved to [REDACTED] that same year, which would be consistent with [REDACTED] completing third grade. In the CHARGING SYNOPSIS section of the West Allis police report that appears to be related to [REDACTED] the detective wrote that the assaults most likely occurred during the 1970-1971 school year. The detective appears to be basing that time frame on information she received from a different victim. [REDACTED] would still have been in school at St. Mary Help of Christians School until June of 1970. He told the West Allis detectives that "Father WIDERA was a father figure in his life for about one year". A more accurate time frame for when the abuse occurred would most likely be from 1969 to 1970. [REDACTED] would have been seven to eight years old. Fr. Widera was assigned to St. Mary Help of Christians Parish during those years.

The investigation also showed:

1. ██████ said about three or four years ago, two detectives from the West Allis Police Department contacted him and questioned him about being sexually abused by Fr. Widera. ██████ did not know how they would have known that he was a victim. A check with the West Allis Police Department showed that on 05-08-02 two detectives did interview ██████ about sexual abuse by Fr. Widera. ██████ name was given to them by another victim.
2. ██████ said Fr. Widera exposed him to pornographic magazines on several occasions while in a bedroom at the rectory of St. Mary Help of Christians Parish, as well as, while traveling in Fr. Widera's Volkswagen bus. In 2002, at least two other people from St. Mary Help of Christian Parish told the West Allis detectives that Fr. Widera exposed them to pornographic magazines while at the rectory or in his Volkswagen bus. ██████ said Fr. Widera would undress himself down to his underwear while he looked at the magazines. ██████ does not remember, but he believes he stayed fully dressed. In 2002, ██████ told the West Allis detectives that he thought Fr. Widera might have undressed him down to his underwear too.
3. ██████ said while on a swimming outing with Fr. Widera at the Eagles Club, Fr. Widera hugged him from behind, and rubbed his naked body against ██████ body. ██████ said he believed he had his own swimming trunks on during the incident. In 2002, he told the West Allis detectives, that Fr. Widera was swimming naked, then took ██████ trunks off and held ██████ close to his body. At least three of the other people that the West Allis detectives interviewed said Fr. Widera had taken them swimming at the Eagles Club.
4. ██████ said he went on a trip to Florida with Fr. Widera and another boy who was two or three years older than ██████. His mother, ██████ said that she let ██████ go on a trip to Florida with Fr. Widera. In 2002, ██████ told the West Allis detectives that he went to Florida with Fr. Widera and an older boy. One of the other people the West Allis detectives interviewed said that he was asked to go to Florida by Fr. Widera, but his father wouldn't let him go.
5. ██████ said he had a supernatural encounter on February 10, 1986, which is the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes is actually on February 11<sup>th</sup>.
6. ██████ believes he was about twenty years old when he told his mother that he had been abused ██████ by Fr. Widera. His mother, ██████ said ██████ never told her that he was abused by Fr. Widera until the last year, except for possibly bits and pieces. ██████ said, however, that as his mother, she knew something was wrong. She is not aware that he was ever abused by anyone else. ██████ said he told his wife, ██████ about the abuse. ██████ said ██████ told her about the abuse in the late 1980's or early 1990's. ██████ sister, ██████ said she remembers the abuse being talked about in the family when she was about eight or nine years old, which would have been around 1968. ██████ sister, ██████ said she was born in 1968, but heard about the abuse from ██████ when she was about nine or ten years old.

7. [REDACTED] mother, his wife, and his sister [REDACTED] all said they believe that [REDACTED] is telling the truth about being abused by Fr. Widera because he does not lie. [REDACTED] sister, [REDACTED] believes something definitely happened to him.

trunks on during the incident at the Eagles Club, or if he was undressed down to his underwear while looking at the magazines in Fr. Widera's bedroom, but he was very young at the time. In fact, although the swimming incident made [REDACTED] feel uncomfortable, he said he did not realize it was wrong at the time because he was so young.

In May of 2002, West Allis detectives contacted [REDACTED] as a possible sexual assault victim, while conducting an investigation regarding Fr. Widera. They were led to [REDACTED] through an interview with another victim. The West Allis detectives filed a report that contained numerous interviews from other victims or witnesses. Those interviews showed that Fr. Widera did provide pornographic magazines to young boys, he did take boys swimming at the Eagles Club, he did take boys on trips across the country, he did have a red Volkswagen bus, and he did touch boys inappropriately, both over their clothing and by skin to skin contact. The West Allis police report verifies that other young boys at St. Mary Help of Christians Parish were sexually abused by Fr. Widera in the same manner as [REDACTED] described.

[REDACTED] never talked to anyone about the sexual abuse in detail, until he was approached and questioned by the West Allis detectives in May of 2002. There is indication that his mother and sisters were aware of the sexual abuse in the 1970's. [REDACTED] wife learned about the abuse in the late 1980's or early 1990's. [REDACTED] does not have a close knit family, but they, along with his wife, believe he is telling the truth.

██████ is very religious. Some people believe that he takes his religion to the extreme. Nevertheless, ██████ is credible and appears to be sincere. The West Allis police report supports the allegation that ██████ was sexually abused by Fr. Widera while at St. Mary Help of Christians Parish. Preponderance of the evidence is defined as: Is it more likely than not that the incident occurred? ██████ allegation of sexual abuse meets that burden. It is more likely than not that ██████ was sexually abused by Fr. Widera.

WIDERA, SIEGFRIED F.

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3/2/72 - telephone - requests transfer.

7/31/73 - telephone per Archbishop - that S. Widera needs to be transferred immediately.

8/14/73 - telephone per Archbishop - that S. Widera on 3 years probation. Sees Dr. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] two times a week. May not return to area of Port Washington by order of judge. Staying with parents 762-7092.

8/15/73 - interview with F. Paulus - rejected S. Widera as A.P. at St. Mary, Elm Grove.

8/16/73 - telephone per J. Waldbauer - informed him of S. Widera being refused by F. Paulus.

8/22/73 - telephone per J. Emmenegger - inquired whether S. Widera going to S. Papelbon. No.

8/30/73 - telephone JWaldbauer to S. Widera to assure him Board is still working on an assignment.

8/31/73 - telephone per P. Lippert - he and J. M. Murphy would like to offer S. Widera place to work but with them not take anyone away.

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WIDERA, SIEGFRIED

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- 9/6/73 - telephone per J. Waldbauer - that S. Widera will be helping out at St. Andrew, Delavan.
- 9/19/73 - telephone per E. Hanke - says to list S. Widera as A.P. Pro Tem.
- 10/2/73 - telephone - S. Widera will be at Delavan 3 or 4 more weeks.
- 10/22/73 - telephone per J. Rathke re helpout - told him to contact S. Widera himself.
- 10/23/73 - telephone per F. Schmidt - requests S. Widera as A.P.
- 10/29/73 - telephone - will call Tuesday re whether he will go to St. Catherine, Milwaukee.
- 11/2/73 - telephone - Dr. [REDACTED] seems opposed to S. Widera going with C. O'Brien. J. Theisen told S. Widera why the Board had suggested it and Widera feels he wants to talk to Dr. [REDACTED] again. Also talked to J. Thompson, who suggested the following parishes: Holy Apostles, St. Frances Cabrini, St. Michael, Beaver Dam and St. William, Waukesha.
- 11/5/73 - telephone - Dr. [REDACTED] feels C. O'Brien not a man for S. Widera to work with because he is a reformed alcoholic. Not dealing with just another transfer. Next step for S. Widera could be Waupun. Feels staying with E. Henke perhaps best for S. Widera. J. Theisen suggested possibility of T. Hickey. Dr. [REDACTED] thought that would be o.k. too.
- 11/7/73 - telephone - E. Henke open to keeping S. Widera. Would like to keep it as it is now, on an unofficial basis.
- 11/8/73 - telephone - S. Widera happy to stay on at Delavan per J. Waldbauer Dr. [REDACTED] also pleased. If situation changes they will let Board know.
- 1/30/74 - telephone per J. Thompson - that S. Widera becoming too popular and posing threat to J. Kramer.
- 3/15/74 - telephone from parishioner, St. Andrew, Delavan [REDACTED] requests that S. Widera remain.
- 9/6/74 - telephone - J. Thompson - concerned about S. Widera's status. Also concerned about the deaf being taken care of. Ask's that J.J.W. call him next week.
- 11/7/74 - telephone - J. Thompson - check on status of S. Widera in Delavan.
- 5/6/75 - Personnel Board recommended that S. Widera be assigned to A.P., St. Andrew, Delavan.
- 5/19/75 - telephone - S. Widera - accepts A.P., St. Andrew, Delavan, but wants no publication in Herald Citizen.



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8/20/76 - telephone - E. Henke - informed that S. Widera has had an incident with an 11 year old boy a couple of months ago. Henke is concerned that the talk may become vicious against him in such a small town because news travels fast. D. Weber knows about it and is asked to be consulted.

8/20/76 - telephone - S. Widera - plans to leave St. Andrew Parish, Delavan, on Monday, Aug. 23; he plans to go to his brother's place; Hans Widera - [REDACTED] - Costa Mesa, California 92626 - [REDACTED].

8/23/76 - telephone - E. Henke - says S. Widera at [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED], Milw., Wis. 53221.

9/28/76 - telephone - Re. S. Widera - [REDACTED] reports that Widera is "hiding out on the west coast". Widera asks [REDACTED] if he should remain there. [REDACTED] raises question that Board may ask him about direction relating to dealings with Widera.

10/18/76 - telephone - S. Widera - wonders what is available if he were to return; he feels that he may ask for a leave of absence or work in a California parish.

11/16/76 - telephone - S. Widera - is open to going for treatment, just as long as it would not be a reduplication of what his contact with [REDACTED] is and has been. He wonders what financial help is available for such care.

11/19/76 - telephone - [REDACTED] - was meeting with S. Widera when he called. They agree Siegfried should go on "sick leave" and leave the area for at least a year of "sick leave" with ongoing psychtherapy. After that time, Siegfried can decide if he wishes to enter the active ministry again and if he does, to do so outside of the Milwaukee Archdiocese; Dr. [REDACTED] will put this in writing to the Board. He asks that we cover his Blue Cross-Blue Shield as well as the benefits from the St. Michael Priest Fund that a man on "sick leave" is eligible for.

11/26/76 - Interview - S. Widera - is considering a move toward sick leave, going to California and continuing consultation with a psychiatrist at UCLA.

12/3/76 - telephone - S. Widera - plans to see the Archbishop.

12/3/76 - telephone - Archbishop informs the Board that: S. Widera - will spend some time with his parents in Florida and then go to California to continue psychotherapy with the contact of [REDACTED]; the Archbishop plans to contact Bishop Johnson of Orange to see if there might be something available for Widera.

12/17/76 - telephone - Archbishop: has called Bishop Johnson in Orange about a possibility for S. Widera.

1/20/77 - telephone - W.E.C. - S. Widera has faculties and residence with \$175 per month salary at St. Pius V Parish, [REDACTED] [REDACTED], Buena Park, California 90621 [REDACTED], effective 1/12/77 on an indefinite time limit

WIDERA, SIEGFRIED

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3/25/77 - telephone - The Archbishop reports: (a) Appointment of S. Widera as A.P., St. Justin Martyr in Anaheim, Cal., effect. 4/11/77.

12/16/81 - corresp. - R. Sampon reports that S. Widera is now excardinated from Archdiocese of Milw., and incardinated into Diocese of Orange, Ca., effective 11/23/81.

OFFENSE NARRATIVE CONT.

Port Police located subject 11:49 PM date. 7-1-73

at 11:50Am., 7-1-73 I arrived at the Port Washington Police Department where I met with Ptm Haig. I was advised that Mrs. [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] had come to their office after hearing stories that her son, [REDACTED] was being forced to commit indecent acts by Fr. WIDERA, and that he was with him now. These acts, or some of the incidents, occurred on STH 57 in the area of the Village of Fredonia. Ptm Haig supplied me with a copy of his original complaint. Mrs. [REDACTED], her daughter, [REDACTED], and 2 of her girlfriends accompanied me to the Sheriff's Office and at 12:05Am., 7-2-73 gave me written statements attached. Sgt Trombley was advised, and he in turn contacted Det. Hackbarth who interviewed [REDACTED] in the presence of his mother.

at 12:50Am, date, I called Mrs. [REDACTED] and at my request she came to the Sheriff's Office in order to interview her sons, who were with Fr. Widera when he was asked to come down to our office, after being stopped by the Port Police.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Thomas J. Sedlmeier*  
Thomas J. Sedlmeier Dep Shf

7-2-73--12:10 AM, I along with Officer Klopp of the Port Washington PD questioned [REDACTED] about any sexual act committed with Father Widera. He did admit that there had been acts committed by the Father such as the Father playing with [REDACTED] Penis and that he had been forced to commit acts of sodomy upon the Father. These acts should have taken place in our County and Possibly in Sheboygan County. I then called Det. Hackbarth and had him come down to the office to assist in the interviewing of the [REDACTED] boy and others involved as this could possibly cover over into other Counties..

Det. Hackbarth questioned the [REDACTED] boy and wrote down what he stated to him myself and Officer Klopp. This statement was read by his mother and then signed to [REDACTED]

In the meantime I had Officer Sedlmeier talked to the [REDACTED] boys with their mother present and they gave him a statement, confirming what the [REDACTED] boy told us.

Det. Hackbarth, myself and Officer Klopp then questioned Father Widera. Before asking him any questions I gave him his statement of rights which he signed in front of myself and Officer Klopp.

After talking to Father Widera for a considerable length of time he did admit that he had played with a number of boys privates and that he had allowed at least two or three boys to commit an act of sodomy on him. He stated that this was to help them in their curiosity about sex. These acts of sodomy were committed in Ozaukee County on STH 84, on STH 57 and possibly on CTH K. The acts of playing with the boys privates occurred in these same areas and also in the City of Port Washington and Sheboygan County as well as Milwaukee County.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Eugene C. Trombley*  
Sgt. Eugene C. Trombley

EX102

IN COUNTY COURT, BRANCH 2. [REDACTED] COUNTY

<b>APPEARANCES</b> Plaintiff - appeared by James LaPointe, District atty. Defendant - appeared in person and by Atty. Charles Polidori.	STATE OF WISCONSIN <span style="float: right;">Plaintiff</span> AUTHENTICATED CLERK OF COURT VS. FRANK STEGERIED WIDERA [REDACTED] Port Washington, Wisconsin <span style="float: right;">Defendant</span>
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DATE OF JURISDICTION	COMPLAINANT
7/2/73	Robert W. Hackbarth

DATE OF ARREST	OFFENSE
6/30/73	Section 944.17 - Wisconsin Statutes - Sexual Perversion

CLERK OF COURT	PLEA OF ACCUSED
Robert W. Hackbarth	Guilty

DATE OF RETURN	PLEA OF ACCUSED
7/2/73	Guilty

PLAINTIFF'S WITNESSES

DEFENDANT'S WITNESSES

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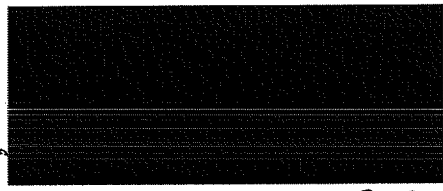
7/2/73. Criminal Complaint filed. Case called at 11:15 a.m. Plaintiff appeared by James LaPointe, District atty. Defendant appeared in person and by Atty. Charles Polidori, 2922 W. Forest Home Ave. Milwaukee, WI Phone number 672-0100. Complaint read. Attorney for defendant presented statement to the court. Court advised defendant of maximum penalty in this matter. Matter returnable on July 16, 1973 at 8:30 a.m. for either setting date for preliminary or waiving preliminary. Atty. for defendant waived the statutory time for holding the preliminary. Defendant released on his own recognizance.

July 16, 1973. Case called at 10:27a.m. Plaintiff appeared by Joseph McCormack, assistant to the district attorney. Defendant appeared in court in person and by Attorney Charles Polidori. Defendants father also appeared. Defendant waived the preliminary hearing. Information filed with the court. Defendant waived the reading of the information. Defendant entered a plea of guilty. The court advised defendant of the maximum penalty if found guilty of such crime. The court questioned the defendant. The court will accept defendants plea. Mr. McCormack and Mr. Polidori presented statements to the court. The court will withhold imposing any penalty at this time and ordered that a pre-sentence investigation be held. The court set this matter for sentencing on Monday, August 13, 1973 at 4:00 p.m.

August 13, 1973. Case called at 4:00 p.m. Plaintiff appeared by James M. LaPointe, District Attorney. Defendant appeared in court in person and by his attorney Charles Polidori. Mr. Robert Rathburn probation agent appeared in person. Mr. LaPointe presented a motion to the court to amend the complaint to allege the maximum penalty provided for this violation, to-wit: maximum penalty of not more than five (5) years imprisonment or not more than \$500.00 fine or both. Motion granted by the court. Mr. LaPointe recommends a term of 5 years be imposed and sentence stayed and be placed on probation for a period of five (5) years. Mr. Polidori presents a statement to the court. The court places defendant on probation for a period of three (3) years and defendant is to continue his program with Dr. [REDACTED].

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September 16, 1976. Notice of Case Status Change filed. Defendant discharged 8-13-76.



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5-28-77

STATE OF WISCONSIN

COUNTY COURT

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STATE OF WISCONSIN,

Plaintiff  
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*Atty Charles Polidori*  
CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

-vs-

FRANK SIEGFRIED WIDERA

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Port Washington, Wisconsin

Defendant.

12-20-1940

STATE OF WISCONSIN

OZAUKEE COUNTY

SS.

ROBERT W. HACKBARTH, upon information and belief being first

duly sworn, on oath says that on the 30th day of June 1973, in the County of Ozaukee, Wisconsin, FRANK SIEGFRIED WIDERA did feloniously committed an act of sexual gratification involving the sex organ of [redacted] and the mouth of [redacted] of [redacted] COUNTY, WISCONSIN

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Contrary to Sect. 944.17 of the Wisconsin Statutes and against the peace and dignity of the State of Wisconsin.

The basis for complainant's charge of such offense is the written report of Sgt. Eugene Trombley of the Ozaukee County Sheriff's Dept. whom complainant believes to be reliable that he investigated a complaint of sexual perversion by [redacted] Port Washington, Wis. that her son had been involved in immoral acts with one Frank Siegfried Widera and upon investigation of Officer Klopp of the Port Washington Police Dept. who obtained a statement from [redacted] dated July 2, 1973 and upon the statement given to the complainant at 1:00 a.m. on July 2, 1973 that [redacted] Frank Siegfried Widera, and [redacted] went from Port Washington to Random Lake on Sat. June 30 and in the course of [redacted] (see reverse side)

*Robert W. Hackbarth*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of July 1973.

County Judge

Approved for filing [Signature] District Attorney

S U M M O N S

THE STATE OF WISCONSIN TO SAID DEFENDANT:

A complaint, copy of which is attached, having been filed with me accusing the defendant of committing the crime of [redacted] contrary to Sect. [redacted] Wis. Stats., and I having found that probable cause exists that the crime was committed by the defendant.

You, [redacted] are, therefore, summoned to appear before Branch [redacted] of the Court of Ozaukee County at the courthouse in the City of Port Washington to answer said complaint on [redacted], 19 [redacted], at [redacted] o'clock in the [redacted] noon, and in case of your failure to appear, a warrant for your arrest will be issued.

Dated [redacted], 19 [redacted].

County Judge

EX1030

State of Wisconsin, [redacted] County Court, [redacted] County

STATE OF WISCONSIN, Plaintiff, vs.

JUDGMENT OF CONVICTION, SENTENCE WITHHELD, PROBATION ORDERED

Frank Siegfried Widera Defendant.

File No. \_\_\_\_\_

The defendant, following his plea of Guilty (guilty) (nolo contendere) (not guilty was tried and) was found guilty of the crime(s) of

did feloniously committed an act of sexual gratification involving the sex organ of Frank Siegfried Widera and the mouth of

committed in this County on June 30, 1973, in violation of Sec. 944.17 Stats.; and

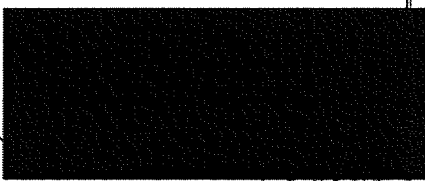
On August 13, 1973, the Court inquired of the defendant why sentence should not be pronounced, and gave the Plaintiff's Attorney, the defendant and his attorney an opportunity to be heard; and

Upon all the files, records, and proceedings, the Court found the defendant eligible for probation pursuant to the provisions of Section 973.09, Stats., and pronounced Judgment and directed it be reduced to writing as follows:

"IT IS ADJUDGED that the defendant is convicted as found guilty, and sentence is withheld, and the defendant is placed on probation for the period of three (3) years, in the custody and control of the Wisconsin Department of Health and Social Services, subject to its rules and orders, and subject to making payments for

Restitution \$ \_\_\_\_\_, Costs \$ \_\_\_\_\_, Support \$ \_\_\_\_\_, in the manner prescribed by the Department and subject to the following conditions:

Defendant is to have no contacts either professionally or socially in [redacted] County. Defendant is to continue his program of psychiatric therapy with Doctor [redacted] and that defendant report regularly to the professional counselors of the Department of Health and Social Services.



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"The Sheriff is Ordered to deliver the defendant into the custody of the Department as it directs."

Dated August 13, 1973

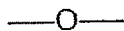
BY ORDER OF THE COURT [redacted] (Deputy) Clerk of Courts

Judge Warren A. Grady District Attorney James M. LaPointe Defense Attorney Charles Polidori

TO THE CLERK OF COURTS: Send a copy of this Judgment together with copies of Defendant's Probation Questionnaire (Form C-38) to: DIVISION OF CORRECTIONS, P.O. Box 669, Madison, Wisconsin 53701

EX103b

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES  
DIVISION OF CORRECTIONS



Discharge

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

It appearing to the Department of Health and Social Services that:

FRANK STEPHEN WIDERA No. 57475-A  
hereinafter referred to as the aforesaid, violated Statutes of the State of Wisconsin, was convicted, and sentenced.

It further appearing that the aforesaid has satisfied all judgments of conviction against him to date:

Now, therefore, it is ordered that effective August 13, 1976 the aforesaid be, and hereby is, discharged.

Any civil rights lost as result of such judgments of conviction are restored by virtue of this discharge, under the provisions of section 57.078 of the Statutes of the State of Wisconsin.

WISCONSIN DEPT. OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Date AUG - 5 1976

Allyn R. Bielaff  
Allyn R. Bielaff, Administrator  
Division of Corrections

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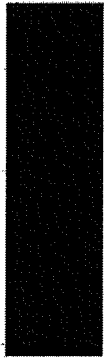
NOTICE OF CASE STATUS CHANGE

THIS IS TO INFORM YOU THAT THE CASE OF Frank Siegfried Wilcox

7-193,265  
Termination Number

NO. Prob. 57475-A WHO WAS RECEIVED FOR OUR SUPERVISION ON 8-13-73

WAS discharged ON 8-13-76



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Ex 116



INFORMATIONAL MATTERS

1165. Widera, Siegfried

He has just been transferred to St. Edward's Rectory, [REDACTED], Dana Point, California 92629. Telephone: [REDACTED]. (Milwaukee telephone number: [REDACTED]) Our conversation was a follow-up to a discussion we had at the golf course on Monday. The Bishop of Orange has invited him to seek incardination and he wanted to know what procedure there would be. It is now approximately five years that he has been gone from the diocese following psychological problems. He states that he has not received any further professional help in California but he intends to do so in the near future. He said that he has experienced no personal problems since he has been in California. He likes it there and seems to be getting along well with the priests and the people of the diocese. He has a brother living very near to his rectory with whom he associates at least once a week. The rest of his family has split up and are in various parts of the country. Only one brother remains here in Milwaukee. I told him that I wanted to discuss this further with the Archbishop and the Personnel Board but at the same time I encouraged him to write me a letter of formal request for this. We have gotten along successfully without him for four or five years and I think that we ought to let him join the Orange Diocese for his good and the good of this Archdiocese.

8/26/81

EX 126

1179. Personnel Board

1. They recommended the following assignments:

2. They recommended that Siegfried Widera be released to the Diocese of Orange.

9/11/81

893. Widera, Siegfried

On November 24, 1992 Barb Cusack sent the file of Siegfried Widera from the Chancery to our office. She recently received a call from Delavan concerning an allegation from years ago. She is not sure if it is a new allegation.

RTV

✓ 462. Siegfried Widera

On July 27, 1993 I spoke with Sr. Rose Steinfast who communicated some caution about Siegfried's current status in the Diocese of Orange, especially in view of the present historical review.

RJS

EX 131

## Select Widera Sexual Abuse Intake Reports

- 10/3/02 Sexual Abuse Intake Report alleging abuse by Widera at St. Mary's and various locations around Wisconsin from 1969-1976 when the survivor was 9-16 years old. Widera touched the survivor's genitals and put his genitals between the survivor's legs and masturbated.
- 7/31/03 Sexual Abuse Intake Report alleging abuse by Widera at St. Mary's in 1971-1972 when the survivor was 11-12 years old. Widera hugged her, kissed her, and forced her to undress. On several occasions Widera forced her to touch his penis and rubbed her hand on his penis until he ejaculated.
- 12/22/03 Sexual Abuse Intake Report alleging abuse by Widera at St. Mary's in 1969-1970 when the survivor was 8-9 years old. Widera touched the survivor's genitals on a number of occasions.
- 4/29/04 Sexual Abuse Intake Report alleging abuse by Widera at St. Mary's in 1973 when the survivor was 8 years old. Widera forced the survivor to put his mouth on Widera's penis and Widera also touched the survivor's penis. The abuse took place a number of times in the rectory, Widera's car, and at St. Mary's. Says there were other boys in the neighborhood who were molested by Widera. Archdiocese will provide financial assistance with therapy and the survivor will proceed with mediation.
- 7/7/05 Sexual Abuse Intake Report alleging abuse by Widera while he was at St. Mary's in Port Washington, WI in 1971-1973 when the survivor was approximately 11-13 years old. Widera touched and rubbed the survivor's buttocks and he locked the survivor in a dark room with other girls and touched the survivor's chest.