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From: "Ovide Lamontagne" <OVLAMONTAGNE@dmb.com>
To: <VThomas@DerryNHPolice.com>
Date: 1/27/03 9:11AM
Subject: RE: [REDACTED] /Fr. Michael Ledoux Complaint

Dear Lieutenant Thomas,

Thank you for taking my call this morning regarding the above report.

Please find attached a report form completed by Gordon MacDonald, Esq who represents the Diocese of Manchester regarding a civil claim being asserted by Attorney Carmen Durso on behalf of Mr. [REDACTED]. This form was forwarded Saturday to Anthony Fowler of the NH Attorney General's office. Please feel free to contact Attorney MacDonald directly at [REDACTED] regarding this matter if you need additional information.

I have sent a copy of this email to Tony Fowler of the AG's office and Atty MacDonald.

Thank you,

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From: "Ovide Lamontagne" <OMLAMONTAGNE@dmb.com>
To: <afowler@doj.state.nh.us>
Date: 1/25/03 4:48PM
Subject: New Report: Claimant=[REDACTED], Accused=Fr. Michael Ledux

Tony,

Please find attached a new report which just came to our attention at the end of the week. Specifically, as you will see, this is a claim which was forwarded to us through a Massachusetts civil lawyer who represents the claimant.

Although he was working at St Thomas Aquinas parish in Derry where the conduct allegedly took place, the accused priest is not a diocesan priest. He is a Franciscan priest and is presently out of State. Father Arsenault has been in contact with his Provincial. I assume you will want us to notify Derry police but I will await further instructions from you.

In addition, we would be interested in notifying the Parish community about this (particularly given how relatively recently this occurred), but we will refrain from doing so if it is likely to impede an investigation by law enforcement. We will await your position on Parish notification.

Finally, please note that the complainant apparently does not want to be contacted directly. You'll see a reference to this in the notes at the end of the Report form.

I look forward to hearing from you about how best to proceed.

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**DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER
OFFICE OF THE DELEGATE OF THE BISHOP**

REPORT OF COMPLAINANT

Date of Intake: 1/24/03

Received by: Gordon MacDonald

Name of Complainant: [REDACTED] (Maiden Name):

Address: [REDACTED]

Telephone # _____

DOB: [REDACTED] SS# _____ E-mail: _____

Identity of Accused: Fr. Michael Ledoux

1. Location (City/Town) of Alleged Abuse: Derry, NH
Place of Alleged Abuse: St. Thomas Aquinas
Date of Alleged Abuse: 1987 or 1988
Nature of Alleged Abuse: One instance of priest performing oral sex on victim. Other instances of attempts, taking place in NH and MA.

2. Location (City/Town) of Alleged Abuse: _____
Place of Alleged Abuse: _____
Date of Alleged Abuse: _____
Nature of Alleged Abuse: _____

Complainant has been informed that information will be sent to law enforcement (Attorney General's Office and possibly local law enforcement) Yes No

Specific Concerns: The victim should not be contacted directly. His counsel requests that all law enforcement inquiries be directed through him. Carmen Durso, Esq., 617/728-9123. The Diocese of Manchester learned of this complaint through Mr. Durso on 01/23/03. The Provincial Superior of the Franciscan Friars (Rev. Robert Campagna, OFM) was contacted by the Delegate, Fr. Arsenault, on 01/24/03. Fr. Arsenault learned that the Province has known about the accusation since August or September 2002. Fr. Arsenault expressed his upset that the Franciscans had not notified the Diocese of Manchester directly and will address this in writing to the Provincial. The attorney for the Franciscans is Jim Geoli, and he can be reached in Chicago, IL at 312-840-7080 or 312-399-3006 (cell).

Fr. Ledoux was assigned to St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in Derry, NH in 0486 and left NH in 09/89. Although the parish community has not been notified of this accusation, Fr. Arsenault wishes to work with the current pastor, Fr. Joseph Lorenzo, OFM, to do so as soon as possible, but with permission from the Office of the Attorney General to do so.

Date/Time Reported to Ovide Lamontagne (603-695-8516) _____

Copy of Report to Fr. Arsenault _____