

Samuel Cabot
(Living Friar)
LEGAL (abuse) FILE

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4/19/03

Spoke:

[Redacted]

4/21 spoke to [Redacted]

"I'm not supposed to talk with you"

gave her IRT # and my #

To: Tom West, OFM, Vic. Prov.
From: [Redacted]
Allegation(s) regarding Sam Cabot
April, 2, 2003

IRT } call Bob
or }
vs }

Check the Sam Cabot file regarding the allegations of [Redacted] One family, Bob's, spoke with me when we began working with Bro. Sam. I told them that we would inform them about what we were doing with Bro. Sam. The IRT had not finished his case so I did not get back with them. Could you do it.

Sam denies the other allegation and the polygraphs did not prove either yes or no. This involves [Redacted] is the mother of [Redacted] I have not spoken with them - nor has the Archdiocese of LA. It might be good if someone (either you or someone from the IRT) gets the phone number and makes contact. IT's complicated because Samuel does not admit to this allegation.

Talk to [Redacted]

I'll be in Mexico until Saturday, the 12th.

Take care. [Redacted]

IRT - contact victims

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To Radhule Weininger PhD
From Tom West OFM
Re Victims of Sexual Abuse by Sam Cabot OFM
Date April 15, 2003

Dear Radhule,

I am getting back to you about the victim/survivors the IRT asked about. Attached is the report from the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. As it indicates [REDACTED] is the victim. She does not have a phone. Her Mother is

[REDACTED] also reports abuse.

These are the only victim/survivors that have been identified.

Peace,

Tom West OFM

sent by mail

Interview with Br. Sam Cabot, July 31, 2002

Josef Prochnow was present for the interview and will accompany him to the meeting with Dr. McGovern for the psycho-sexual exam.

1. Sam admitted to the allegations regarding [REDACTED]. He did not admit to those regarding [REDACTED].
2. When he returns home, he will resign from his week-end work at Serra Retreat.
3. An appointment has been for him to have a psycho-sexual examination with polygraph. (Dr. Kevin McGovern – Portland – August 19th and 20th.)
4. Regarding his work during the week not connected with the Church, as there are many safe-guards present, he will stay working until we get the results of the exam of Dr. McGovern. *2 wks
Brian
B.*
5. I will phone [REDACTED] in Las Vegas tonight or tomorrow.
6. I will speak with Brian B., the attorney, regarding the case. — ✓



*Called
Daniel R.
2 wks*

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December 2, 2002

Keith I. Linn, Psy. D.

Please be advised to give or share all test results and information gathered by you and McGovern & Associates to:

 and
Doctor Israel Rosales, Psy. # 12747 that pertains to
Samuel Charles Cabot.

Thank you for your kind help.

Samuel Cabot

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Dr. Israel Rosales
1734 Fillmore St.
San Francisco, CA 94115
December 4th, 2002

I spoke with Brother Sam Cabot last night and he gave permission to send this report to you. Could you please check your calendar for dates you may have time open and I can ask Sam to come to SF and we can visit you. I would like to see Samuel under the auspices of the IRT before I leave office January 12th.


Sincerely,



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Regarding Samuel Cabot, OFM

Samuel informed me that when he spoke with the partner of Dr. McGovern after the second polygraph he informed him that he is a heart patient – ~~he~~ had a multiple by-pass. He has an irregular heart and hasn't been able to have a normal EKG for the past nine years.



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TO:

[REDACTED]

FROM:

FR. WARREN ROUSE, O.F.M.

DATE:

23 December 2002

Cardinal Mahoney attended our regional deanery meeting and, after a few remarks, wanted a dialogue with the priests.

I asked him if a retreat center such as Serra could be used as an after-care center for friars involved in some degree of sexual misconduct.

His answer: he considers a retreat center to be a form of public ministry and therefore unacceptable for after-care.

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August 20, 2003

Msgr. Craig Cox, JCD
The Archdiocese of Los Angeles
3424 Wilshire Blvd.
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RE: Brother Samuel Cabot, OFM

Dear Monsignor Cox:

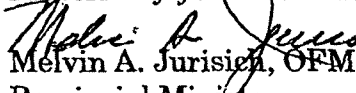
I wish to inform you about an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor involving one of our friars, Brother Samuel Cabot, OFM. The allegation came to the Province through the Archdiocese's hotline. Actually there are two victims: one alleging abuse 1977 and the other in 1981. Brother Sam admits only to the 1981 allegation.

As soon as the allegation surfaced, Bro. Sam was sent for evaluation at TARA (Sr. Fran Ferder and Fr. John Haegle). He was placed under the direction and supervision of our Independent Response Team. His therapist is Dr. Tim Burke. There is a former probation officer who checks with him and his superior every two weeks.

He is presently residing at Serra Retreat, Malibu. He is under the obedience of the Guardian of the fraternity. The Guardian as well as the Director of Serra Retreat are aware of his circumstances. He is not engaged in any pastoral ministry. He does have a job off the retreat property: he does maintenance work for a company. The company has its own policy that no employee be alone with children. He follows that policy and, we are presently evaluating whether he should continue in that position.

I am enclosing the guidelines that he is bound to follow and are used in his monitoring.

Fraternally yours in Christ,


Melvin A. Jurisich, OFM
Provincial Minister

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Clergy Misconduct

Suspected Child Abuse

Victim-Survivor [REDACTED]

Initial call:

[REDACTED] friend of family

7-17-02 message left on tape received 7-18-02
7-19-02 Contact made

Family:

Phoned [REDACTED] 7-19-02 left message to call.
No return call. Called again 7-25-02 made contact.
[REDACTED] confirmed their wish for the matter to be reported.

Perpetrator:

Brother Sam Cabot, OFM

Report to Barraclough:

Made by [REDACTED] Detective contacted the victim(s)
Tuesday, July 24, 2002. [REDACTED] lives in the Las Vegas area.

The [REDACTED] family has known of the abuse since about 1998 (4 ½ years). The relationship with the Franciscan Community prevented them from coming forward. [REDACTED] confronted Brother Sam around 1998. At the funeral of the [REDACTED] grandfather [REDACTED] shared with family friend [REDACTED] that she had been abused by Brother Samuel Cabot, OFM. An uncle of the children is a Franciscan. The [REDACTED] men especially are perceived to have strong ties with the Franciscans.

[REDACTED] is currently in her 20's. She was adopted as a small baby with the help of Brother Sam. In 1981, when [REDACTED] was 4 years old, Brother Sam sexually abused her.

Brother Sam was a guest in the [REDACTED] home overnight approximately once a month. The abuse occurred in her family home in her bedroom around 5:00 a.m. in the morning. The abuse consisted of fondling, touching of genitals and digital penetration. This occurred over a 4 ½ year period from 1981 – 1985. Their home at the time was in Santa Barbara according to [REDACTED]

On May 8, 2001, [REDACTED] a friend of the [REDACTED] family reported to child Protective Services the Sexual Abuse of [REDACTED] and her cousin [REDACTED] who is now married. Child Protective Services in Santa Barbara told [REDACTED] that it was not their jurisdiction so nothing could be done.

[REDACTED] is said to have the clearest memories of the abuse. She is chemically dependent and has suffered emotionally over the years. At age 13 she expressed her anger according to her Mother [REDACTED] and her husband did not understand the source of

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her anger. [REDACTED] said that when she found out a few years ago from [REDACTED] that she had been molested by Brother Sam she was "so hurt that she had not been able to protect her baby". [REDACTED] expressed great pain when I was able to reach her by phone In Nevada. She explained that her Father-in-law was so bonded with the Franciscans that no one felt they could do anything while he was alive. [REDACTED] had confided in family friend, [REDACTED] her abuse after the funeral of her grandfather. Grandfather denied earlier that anything could have happened to [REDACTED] by Brother Sam.

[REDACTED] confronted Brother Sam when she was in her early 20's, approximately 3 or 4 years ago. [REDACTED] asked Sam, "Why did you do this to me?" Sam replied, "I didn't do anything you didn't like". [REDACTED] said, "[REDACTED] was so afraid she stopped contact with him". The family has not been in contact with him since.

[REDACTED] the victim does not have a phone so contact [REDACTED]

II Victim – Survivor:

[REDACTED]

Ages 6-8 abused

Abuse:

Fondling, hugging, digital penetration
Denies oral copulation or intercourse.
Denies pornography

[REDACTED] is married and has at least one child. She is more concerned for her cousin [REDACTED] to get help. I spoke to her at [REDACTED]

Sr. Sheila McNiff
Assistance Ministry Coordinator
July 25, 2002



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Dear [REDACTED]

It is with sadness that I am writing to pass on to you a complaint of sexual misconduct lodged by [REDACTED] that came into our hot line here at the Archdiocese alleging misconduct by Brother Sam Cabot, O.F.M.

The allegation concerns two individuals [REDACTED] who were purportedly abused by Brother Cabot in Santa Barbara in the period from approximately 1981 through 1985.

This complaint came to us through our hot line established to receive complaints of sexual misconduct. The initial phone call came from [REDACTED] a friend of the family. Sister Sheila McNiff, SHCJ, in her capacity as our Coordinator for Assistance Ministry, followed up with [REDACTED]. Enclosed, please find a two-page summary of the results of Sister Sheila's conversations.

Please note that [REDACTED] has made a report to the police.

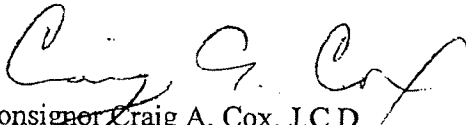
Since Brother Sam Cabot is a member of your community, I am forwarding this to you so that you can implement your own policy to investigate the matter and to initiate the appropriate pastoral outreach to [REDACTED] and others in the family.

I would appreciate it if you would confirm your receipt of this letter. Also, would you please be so kind as to inform me of the current status of Brother Cabot?

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Please feel free to get in contact with me or with Sister Sheila if you, or the delegate you assign to handle this matter, have any questions. Thank you for your attention to this matter. May God bless you and the ministry of the Franciscans!

Yours in Christ,


Monsignor Craig A. Cox, J.C.D.
Vicar for Clergy

enclosure

cc: Sister Sheila McNiff