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Where ever he was touching

Right. hugging how long caressing, what does that mean

Ok, In parking he would usually stop and as I already stated with the dialogue he would begin to caress and hug and the hugs would probably last anywhere from three minutes to five minutes, it would just be a holding and it would like this is to be some show of affection, that this ok that I am consoling you in the fact that things aren't ok then from that he would either begin to fondle me with my clothes on, on top of my clothes, and that would be like by breast or just caressing all over and then sometimes tried to kiss me sometimes trying to french kiss me, and then backing off, and that would be one parking scene, then maybe given a week or two weeks there wasn't a real pattern as to the consistency of when the predictability of when he was going to do this or when he wasn't going to do this so then another two, three weeks would go by and or whether it would be from a basketball practice or some outing that we'd been on, then it would be a new spot in town, well let me show you this other part of the city and once again the parking situation would occur, he would advance from his general procedure starting to hug, then his caressing, which would be anywhere from three to five minutes just

Caressing again

Caressing and in the sense of over my clothes an then it would move to over my clothes to under my clothes to

Where under you clothes

Unsnapping my bra and fondling my breast and then that would be the length of that setting, and then given another two or three weeks, another spot in town, you know as far as seeing the light of the city, he had this thing for lights, and obviously the lights went out,

What kind of lights, city lights?

The city lights, yes parking

██████ To fondle you?

██████ Yes, and so what I see is that, it is a real progressive type of thing, first it would start with over the clothes, under the clothes, then loosening my bra, then it would move from the upper portion of my body to the lower part of my body,

██████ With all your clothes on?

██████ With all my clothes on, all my clothes were always in the car

██████ But he would put his hand under all of your clothes?

██████ Yes,

██████ And touch your breast?

██████ Yes, and then it got into, moving to another parking situation, and this could be it just depended on his own cooling off period to whether or not anything was going to be said, that was the determining factor, was to whether or not I was going to expose this, and I mean I couldn't even address it then, and I would just think who would I expose it to, and he believed

██████ And you were how old at this time?

██████ At this time I was 13 and a half and going into high school, and then I remember being a freshman in high school and this was like in the summer of like going into my freshman year, and once again being in one the parking spots, whether on the south hill or being on the north side, and there were a variety of places, and that, I guess that was the intriguing part about him, was that he knew all these forlorn places, and all these just kind of places, that he knew about, I mean he really knew his way around town like nobody I that I have ever known

██████ Which makes you wonder, how often he'd been there, but anyway...Trying to get the specifics for you but it's questionable

██████ Yes, and so, another incident had occurred, and so rather staying with the upper portion of my body, I guess he felt it was safe to take another rung on the ladder, so he just began to fondle me with my



clothes on, on the lower, my legs, and then tried --  
masturbation on the outside of my clothes

██████ Masturbating you?

██████ Yes, and then continued and went in my clothes and  
did masturbation, and that was pretty much the  
essence of that instance, and then continuing

██████ Was that a one time incident?

██████ No, and then continuing on situation in parking  
was, he manually took my hand and wanted me to  
masturbate him

██████ Under his clothes?

██████ Yes, under his clothes, and then once again I am  
about in the middle of my freshman year, 14, 14 1/2,  
and basically from that point on it was on again,  
off again when ever he felt it was convenient to  
step in and out of the family at this point he did  
and like I said previous to this, the regularity of  
seeing us at that point, I don't know if he thought  
it was to critical or not because of being caught,  
because of my association with other people that I  
had at that time, different teachers, family  
dynamics were so out of control, I can not

██████ He backed off again?

██████ Yes, but its not saying that he completely stopped,  
because he didn't, and this went up through the time  
when I was a senior in high school, which at the  
time I would have been 16 1/2 , 17

██████ Mostly in the car ██████

██████: Yes,

██████ In the car, you would kind of know, it was that  
kind of sense that this is going to happened

██████ Yes if my brother wasn't there, I knew this was  
going to happen, I would just kind freeze, I can  
remember bodily putting myself against the right  
side of the car, yes I can remember one time as a  
freshman, there were two other people involved in  
this but he got this wild idea that he wanted to  
take us three down to Oregon, and I remember staying  
in a

Threes?

There was another girl and a guy, and myself

Your brother?

No, not my brother, and we ended up staying in a clouster nunnery down there, convent, and if I remember right it was \_\_\_\_\_ (name of nunnery), I don't remember anything sexually happening, I just thought it was odd that he had the liberty to take all three of us on this road trip

That the parents would let you?

Yes, and now that astonishes me, and nothing in that sense occurred, I guess the fears that I had that it was going to , because of everything that had happened at this point, and at that time it was real scary, and I remember him taking us around and showing us, there was a seminary down there that had clothes, and we met people, but there were other contacts that he had, there were other kids, that he was kind of keeping tabs on, I remember going to a couples house, they weren't married, but they were into drugs, and remember being in their house and I thought this is obscure to see this aspect and to see somewhat of a condoning of a specific lifestyle, and not real blanent, but the under tones of acceptance, that was my observation at the time, and I remember being really terrified, and I am away from home now and anything can happen, but nothing happened, but I still to this day think it is really strange that he had too much liberty.

You're talking of a time period of time between 12 1/2 and yes,

Between 1968 and 1973

Ok and you were 12 1/2 to

12 1/2 to 16 1/2 , 17 years old

Do you have any sense of the numbers of times that he may have masturbated you?

I don't, I know it was alot

Like five, what your sense, what's your guess even if (tape out)



[REDACTED] We were just asking you if you had any sense what the number of times that Berard masturbated you?

[REDACTED] I would say it's not less than 10 times, and the sense that I have about it to, as I matured and became more of an adult, that there was more of a risk for him to become physically involved with me, and he's very tangible and even to this day, he's more than willing to give a hug, what is suppose to be a regular hug, but I don't even feel safe in that he's not

[REDACTED] He's not safe

[REDACTED] Ya

[REDACTED] I just wanted to say that, he is not safe, and he's not just not safe for you [REDACTED] I just don't want this to be all about you, it is about you, what happened to you but I think it is important to know that just because something that happened to you, this is about him

[REDACTED] Yes,

[REDACTED] How are you doing?

[REDACTED] I'm fine.

[REDACTED] I think one of the concerns I have is in kind of the details of the questions is, I don't want you to walk out of here thinking it was no big deal

[REDACTED] It is a big deal. It's a real big deal

[REDACTED] Ok

[REDACTED] And you know , I know that from an adult perspective, and knowing that as well, and like I said over and over again I don't want to hear or see the effects of what he has done to me on someone else again

[REDACTED] You might

[REDACTED] Yes, yes, to me it's just a real violent, robbing of someone's identity

[REDACTED] Well Loren do you still have some need for some specifics, or do you feel you have a sense of what went on

██████████ Pretty much complete, just two thoughts are in my mind, and could you just briefly say the role that Berard had in relation to you other than what you have already described. Did you say he was a teacher at times or mostly just a friend?

██████████ Generally speaking at St. Anns he was like a parish caretaker in a sense that he took care of the church, visited people in the parish, in grade school per say, I don't remember him teaching at all

██████████ And in relation to you, particularly is what I am saying.

██████████ In relationship to me, he was a family friend, he also was a religion teacher at one point which was really unique in high school, because I never had him in that capacity as a religion teacher

██████████ And how long

██████████ And that was a one time shot

██████████ One day, you mean, one class

██████████ One class, yes, and to me that was just obscure, other than that basically, family friend, and parish caretaker, groundskeeper

██████████ Would you consider him a confidant at that time, as a kid, could you trust him?

██████████ Ya, well I trusted him as friend you know in the sense of a role model, would be a better way to say it, he was a role model in the sense of what I thought a constructive male figure was when in light of all the step-dads that we had had at that point, I mean there wasn't anything constructive about them, and I thought that he was a good role model in the sense of a religious figure, and going back to thing about being a confidant, ya I felt safe enough to be able to disclose and I know my brother as well felt safe enough to disclose family situations and that's basically what it was

██████████ So the betrayal came, let me see if I can, the betrayal came in using your confidence and your trust using that as a way to begin to abuse you, as a way in

██████████ Yes,

It was like somehow having that trust and talking about what happened in the family as a way to come in and get closer to me.

That is where you used the word grooming, is that right

Yes,

I think that is important, that, betrayal quality, safe and then not safe

Yes, because it was a real mixed message at times, you how much can I really be safe with saying and you know and disclosing of myself and what's going on in the family because I, at different points I have to honestly say there was a concern

His concern, was genuine

Yes, and that's where the twistedness of the situation comes in for me, I can say yes by all appearances this seemed genuine, as a child it seemed genuine and safe, his concern for us, but was that what appeared to be to genuine and safe, was that really just a means of his own self gratification in light of the sexual abuse, and you know that's something I can't answer now, you know because he is not a safe person to me now, he is a scary person, real scary

You might as well go for this you have to walk out of here in about twenty minutes

Ok, you mentioned that Berard put your hand, manually took your hand and put it on his penis, was that a one time incident, or did that happen more than one time

It happened more than one time.

Do you have any idea about

I'd say that would be like under five times

Were there any other incidents of sexual interaction that you can think of that you haven't mentioned?

Not that I can remember at this point. No

That was plenty.

[REDACTED] I have bits and pieces of things but you know a, I can't really say

[REDACTED] do you a sense that you've pretty much, that this is probably the extent of it, that there isn't something that you are going to remember, Because sometimes,

[REDACTED] Yes, yes

[REDACTED] Did you have a sense that you pretty well, that you have some real graphic memrances, and this is not dream state or

[REDACTED] No it's not, it's not my imagination

[REDACTED] And you don't have a sense that you are going to wake up with some new revelation, ya, it's pretty concrete

[REDACTED] Ya, it's pretty concrete, I guess sense of feeling, if I had to describe the feeling, it's like being a piece of glass that was taken in someone's hands you know I equate this with stain glass work, to take a very expensive piece of glass you know of worth and to have someone take that and handle it and say this has potential for something and then to take that piece of glass and smash it on the cement, and that's my gut level feeling of to what has happened, and I guess to tie in with the feelings especially from a spiritual aspect, that really bothers me, it really bothers me,

[REDACTED] Can you think of any other questions, that are important?

[REDACTED] No, I think get ahead of myself of thinking what's next in terms of just our own healing process, what's next in terms of responsiveness, from you community, I guess I was wondering what you are hoping for [REDACTED] in terms of meeting Father Loren, are there anymore steps that you need from the Franciscan community.

[REDACTED] I would just like to have those questions answered that I addressed in the beginning as to whether or not, he has received therapy, if there's going to be an ongoing therapy, if there is any kind of monitoring going on with his being around children, and a sense of what kind of retribution for his counseling



You mean financial

Yes,

Restitution

Yes,

Is that a distinction, what we're

Restitution, I think was the word you were searching for

Yes, yes

Are you asking [REDACTED] Is it, a is the Franciscan community willing to pay for counseling, your healing process ]

Yes,

That's is what your asking about

Yes,

Ok, I wanted to make sure that I wasn't speaking for you in regard

And I guess you know, the big thing is, has this issue ever been addressed before about him

Ya, I think that's a kind of wondering you've had is, has he been accused, has anyone else come forward

Has he been called on the carpet?

Would you like to know that if they have

Yes, and why has he been allowed to function in the same capacity, if that be the case then, why hasn't there been some legal action.

I was wondering, the three of us have been talking and all of a sudden I tried to image Brother Berard sitting here and I guess, and I don't think you need to go through this, that isn't it, do you have a sense that you could maintain your own clarity in his presence ]

Yes, I could

Could I go back to the counseling. What have you already done as far a counseling, what might be, just some general parameters, what is still necessary, I know you can't pin point that

You were in group for how long about a year  
A year

That's where this kind of started. When came to me to get into this ACOA group I had to interview, and in the interview, I started asking as I do with everybody abuse, sexual abuse, and at that point you were able to talk some about step-dads, and I think Brother Berard, I am not sure in came out in the first interview, but so it's been about a year of therapy

With you

With me, group and then what in the last couple three months you begin to have some, stopped group, about three or four months ago, longer

Yes

And then we have done some individual counseling to begin to really address some of the issues especially about Brother Berard and the sexual abuse, that has kind of been a real key, and your pondering doing a sexual abuse group here at the center starting next month, and again in terms of longevity I'd say I'd like to somewhat conservative about a year or so but I think it's probably going to take a year or two, because my sense is here that you are at the beginning of this, I would like to be able to tell you you're not, but I sense you're at the beginning, of beginning to get the impact of this, even to get this really happened, the significance, so my sense is if you can continue addressing the specifics of the sexual abuse, kind of head on for a year or so, I think there is a real potential to get beyond that, My sense it's pretty early, early phase of this

Yes, I feel like a little baby, you know learning how to walk

Were you trying to get into this in terms of counseling, are you trying to get a sense of a monetary figure too



Yes, sure,

Ok, I know you want specifics, what's your sense of what you paid out in counseling in the last year I could look at my reports to but do you have a sense of what, weekly for about a year at \$25.00 what about \$2,000.00 for group and then

And then individual

Individual, what another \$400.00, ya has been put out, She has put out about \$2,500.00, is that about right?

Yes,

And if we are looking into the next year it would be another \$2,000.00 for group, And my sense is that it would probably be important to do some individual, so we're kind of up there in that price range

Yes, it's alot

It is alot

See again we can talk finances and cost but it's just such but it isn't the cost, that's not even close to saying what the cost is, but it's important to get some specifics. I don't want to minimize what the other costs have been

I really think you know, the big costs is, given certain situations not have to have happening

Say that again

I really feel that if certain situations hadn't occurred with Brother Berard especially from a religious stand point, because that really took on a lot of bearing, that like say situations with drug abuse and alcohol abuse and just I look at my own tendencies today, how hard driven I can be like with trying to jam so many things into a days time I guess you could say it was like a workaholic at different times, not really have established set boundaries and the effects on different areas, it can be real crazy making, and being able to express with clarity what my feelings really are rather than locking up, and I can't help but think that, going back to what I originally said that things may have

been different, and this is where I am at now and to keep walking.

Sure

That was one of the things when sitting down trying to put some of this stuff into some kind of form as to as to what really happened. It's just like I could hear the little kid in me, at 12 1/2 just scream and I thought this is scary stuff, this is real scary stuff

one of the things, that again, down the road is the potential to be able to confront Brother Berard now again, and have him and part of that being in a safe enough manner, what he, and I don't even know if this would even happen, but whether if he can apologize, and take full responsibility to what happened, in a real safe-kind of setting, obviously he has to be willing to do that, but I think that might be real important, to your healing process for him to claim responsibility,

Yes,

That's generally

Yes, whether it be verbally, written or what ever, or in person,

Again, I think we are down the road, I think it might be real important whether you can get it or not, to get him to assume responsibility. For him to say, this was my fault not your fault, it's real important for people who have been abused as children to have a perpetrator claim responsibility. Sometimes that's not even safe doing face to face, it would depend, but I think that is one of my hopes, that at some point, depending on what happened to Brother Berard, whether his capacity to be able to make, to be able to take responsibility for this, to own it, for your sake, it also makes it on a whole level

Yes

So I guess what I am thinking, again I am thinking ahead, but it might not be a bad idea for me at some point to be in contact with his therapist, even he is ever in therapy, to see his potential

He would be



[REDACTED] Yes, that I would be in contact with, his you know, again I am out there in the future, but that might be real helpful to maybe arrange something that would be helpful to [REDACTED]

Because I think that's one of the things that has been set up in the past with him is that, How could you expose me, type of thing, that attitude, whether it be spoken or unspoken always to check you out

You can't expose me [REDACTED] well you have. How much do you want him to know about this interaction, Is that up to the community?

Well,

Ya, well I think that might be up to you [REDACTED] how much?

What is going to be the process from this point

Well, from this point, I would like to get this typed up or at least allow the [REDACTED] to hear it and those who are an authority to be working, then we will address the situation, probably by, bring Berard into a therapy situation, but first of all we have to find out what has already taken place. Now that we have the specifics here, now we'll find out what therapy has already taken place and then appropriate therapy from this point on, perhaps a therapy program, that would be several months

Ok, I really feel that in light of this, that he should be made accountable, and made responsible, and yes, I think he should be fully aware of this stuff that has gone on.

Could he read this manuscript?

That's fine.

I think it might be important to have a copy sent to [REDACTED] first, if you have and comments or anything made before it's giving to , especially Brother Berard, I think that's real important.

Yes, very

At this point, another thing that might be addressed just briefly, is at this point [REDACTED] are you looking at any kind of litigation.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
I guess that's dependant upon the fact of whether or not the issue has been addressed before, and if he has been allowed to function in the same capacity, that has been addressed.

[REDACTED]  
If somebody else has already come forward in the community and said, Hey this guy's unsafe, he's molested my children, he's molested me, and that, somebody else stepped forward and nothing happened, is that what you're saying, so that litigation would come as a result some kind of leverage, to have something really happen. That is your intent right now,

[REDACTED]  
Yes

[REDACTED]  
I did want to make that clear

[REDACTED]  
Yes

[REDACTED]  
But sometimes people don't get counseling until they're forced

[REDACTED]  
But that's pretty much my determining factor

[REDACTED]  
Like what happens from here is what. Father [REDACTED] you don't know at this point what had been the history with him, you're really just coming in pretty fresh,

[REDACTED]  
Right, exactly, It just has to look into

[REDACTED]  
Ok, ok

[REDACTED]  
But it will be

[REDACTED]  
And as it is will [REDACTED] be apprized as to what, I suppose that will be up to your judgment to but, say there has been some other allegations, you know that there have been other people that have said that he had abused me or my children, would [REDACTED] be priviledged to that information, I guess I don't know

[REDACTED]  
Or is that like confidential stuff

[REDACTED]  
You probably don't know but it's an important question

[REDACTED]  
It is an important question



[REDACTED] Because you know, what's to say that he's not protected in this

[REDACTED] Are the Franciscans protecting him? Well if they have been and they might have been I can't speak for whether they have or haven't, I don't think anybody can anymore, it's just there's too much

[REDACTED] Absolutey not, from this point on

[REDACTED] This right now, but also in history, there is just too much with priest and brothers, it's just with any man, who have abused women, children, just can't be covered up

[REDACTED] You are specifically asking to know, that something will be done, and you would like to know what that is

[REDACTED] Yes, and I would also like to know, if, have there been previous accounts brought to the attention of, and I guess that would be the spring board, if there has been, then I would persue litigation against him.

[REDACTED] You're saying if at all, or if this isn't taken serious, or not in a treatment program, ok

[REDACTED] Yes, then I would pursue litigation

[REDACTED] You mean if he had not

[REDACTED] If the issue of sexual abuse had been addressed prior to this, that there were other families or other children involved, and he has not completed therapy or it was just kind of swept under the carpet per say that I will pursue litigation

[REDACTED] The likelihood of him abusing other children is very very high,

[REDACTED] Ya ya

[REDACTED] I say that because I don't think you're unique

[REDACTED] That's my sense about it, you know the fact that about has it ever been addressed and if that be the case if it was addressed then whay has he been allowed to function in the same capacity, without any kind of monitoring.

[REDACTED] And it might be that no one has come forward [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
Yes

It can be that people just abuse one child, and that's more a rarity, but at least my understanding of people who abuse children, that generally there is a pattern to, usually high frequency, it's pretty amazing, that one man can keep a number of children in that process at the same time. I hope that's not the case here but

[REDACTED]  
I don't have any other questions

I am just assuming that you will send us a copy, transcript of this transcript, and then I would imagine that you would be the next person to pursue any litigation. I have your phone number, Do you have [REDACTED] phone number too

[REDACTED]  
You can have it

[REDACTED]  
Ok

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