



DIOCESE OF SYRACUSE Priest Personnel

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RE: FRANCIS DE LUCA

[redacted] (Liverpool) reported a concern re child sex abuse to Msgr. C. Lemon of Wilmington. The alleged victim is W-006 (turned 18 on [redacted]/06); the accused is Francis DeLuca (100 Pastime Dr., Syracuse 13208; phone [redacted]). Msgr. Lemon informed me of the accusation.

F. DeLuca has been in Syracuse for c. 13 years; returning here from Wilmington, pursuant to charges of inappropriate behavior. He attends daily Mass frequently at the Dominican Monastery and on weekends in various north-side parishes. I think he does not celebrate privately, but of this I am not certain.

The alleged abuse with W-006 (who is a blood relative of DeLuca) began c. 5 years ago and was repeated approximately "monthly". The place was DeLuca's residence. W-006's younger brother [redacted] is aware of the inappropriate behavior, witnessed some of it, but apparently is not himself a victim. The abuse of W-006 came to light in the late Spring of 2006; the last instance was in May or June, and since July there has been no contact between DeLuca and W-006 who had been the favorite (grand) nephew.

I met on 9/29 with [redacted] advising her that she might wish to report the allegations to law enforcement officials, and notifying her that we would report the accusation to the D.A. since the alleged crime was current. She subsequently did notify the Syracuse Police Department which after investigation arrested DeLuca on 10/19 charged him with criminal sexual abuse of a child and subsequently released him with a court appearance (arraignment) scheduled for 10/24 when D.A. will bring charges.



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On 10/4 I met with F. DeLuca who admitted the abuse, claiming it was limited to touch and masturbation (whether mutual not indicated).

Our victim assistance coordinator (Teresa Secreti) has met with [redacted] and W-006 [redacted]. W-006 [redacted] did have some (perhaps four) sessions with a counselor selected by his family. F. DeLuca was billed and paid for this assistance. The experience was not helpful; W-006 [redacted] was found to be universally angry. W-006 [redacted] did not do well with this counselor; currently he is resisting further psychological assistance, but T. Secreti continues to meet with him and is somewhat hopeful that he may eventually agree to some therapeutic intervention.

I have shared our information first with C. Lemon, more recently with T. Flynn (302-571-6675).

T. J. Costello
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