



SUPPLEMENT

Mendota Heights
1101 Victoria Curve
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Telephone: 651-452-1366

Case Number: 16000322
Title: CRIM SEX CONDUCT

INCIDENT INFORMATION

Charges/Citation:

Address:

Incident Type: Criminal Sexual Conduct - Adult Victim

Parties Involved:

Start Date:

End Date:

Reported Date:

Witness

OFFICER INFORMATION

Name	Agency	Badge	Role
Chad Willson	Mendota Heights	2238	Investigator

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NARRATIVE

On about 02-15-17 I, Inv. Chad Willson #2238, was notified by the Dakota County Attorney's Office (DCAO) that a person called their office to report there might be a witness with information related to the Bertrand case. The person who took the call misunderstood the intent of the call and referred them to their local California police dept. I obtained the number of the caller and made contact.

The caller, [REDACTED] called to report her friend had dealings with Jacob Bertrand and Santa Sophia Church in San Diego. I left my number with Ludwig and asked her to give it to her friend. On about 03-01-17 I made contact with the witness, [REDACTED]

I explained the reason for my call and the nature of the report I was investigating. [REDACTED] explained that she recently left Santa Sophia because of sexual harassment and mental anguish. Jacob Bertrand was a key participant in the ordeal. [REDACTED] said she was unable to discuss the case details because of a settlement agreement and referred me to her attorney, Ken Hoyt. I spoke to Mr. Hoyt and explained I would like to interview [REDACTED] as a witness in this case. I advised Hoyt I would have the DCAO speak to him to arrange the details in setting up an interview. I was later advised by DCAO that [REDACTED] was not under any constraints in providing an interview. I called Hoyt's office to set up a time. Hoyt stated he did not know of any reason why he needed to be involved and [REDACTED] was free to speak to me without jeopardizing anything in her settlement agreement.

[REDACTED] was familiar with the case against Bertrand because she had read the criminal complaint when Bertrand was charged in Dakota County. [REDACTED] was employed at Santa Sophia from 2004 to 01-13-17 with general housekeeping and cleaning duties on the parish campus, specifically the priest living quarters. I learned that [REDACTED] witnessed Jacob's behavior as Monsignor Callahan received the report of sexual abuse from Pendergrass, addressed the sexual abuse, and the events that unfolded as a result of the report.



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Jacob Bertrand came to Santa Sophia on July 1, 2013. As a housekeeper, [REDACTED] was responsible for cleaning Bertrand's apartment. Shortly after Bertrand arrived, [REDACTED] noticed the sheets on Bertrand's bed were covered in semen stains. [REDACTED] offered to purchase new sheets for Bertrand but he refused. Bertrand did nothing to hide the sheets from [REDACTED]. Bertrand was so messy she organized his belongings for him and to make cleaning easier for her.

As [REDACTED] got to know Jacob, he urged her to set her ringtone for him as the song *Come on Eileen*. [REDACTED] said he sang this song enthusiastically the whole time she knew him. I researched the song meaning and lyrics and learned it is based on a true story about the sexual relationship between two 13 year olds. The songwriter was raised Catholic and served as an altar boy in church. The song is about the taboo subject of sex, the line between love and lust, and being free from a buttoned down society. [REDACTED] grew more uncomfortable as she got to know Jacob and his personal habits.

In December of 2013 at a Knights of Columbus event, [REDACTED] served as a volunteer. The event required cocktail or semi-formal attire and [REDACTED] reported wearing a skirt, nylons, etc. She was called to help unplug a drain or toilet. While doing this, Jerry Kay, took photos of [REDACTED] from behind while she was bent over and sent them to Jacob Bertrand. [REDACTED] learned of this incident through gossip about six months later and eventually contacted Bertrand, Human Resources, and Monsignor Callahan about the incident and harassment she suffered as a result. [REDACTED] named Bertrand as one of the harassers.

In a letter dated 10-01-2014, Pendergrass sent a summary of Mastrogiacomo's account of the sexual assault to Monsignor Callahan since Bertrand was a priest in the San Diego diocese. In a meeting with church staff in mid September of 2014, Callahan informed employees that Bertrand would be gone from the parish for about six months to one year. As questions arose, Callahan said "We've received letters and Jacob might not be a priest anymore." At some point Callahan also stated Jacob did not fully disclose with the counselor.

On about 11-23-14, Bertrand was sent to a treatment program. The stated reason was "to deal with the effects of the arson fire" which occurred about one year prior. In a church bulletin Bertrand wrote "I worked with the Diocese to undergo a full psychological evaluation" As a result, Bertrand requested a leave of absence and left for a residential treatment program.

In an announcement to the Santa Sophia parish on 03-15-15, Monsignor Callahan announced that Bertrand had been reassigned to another parish and would be replaced by another priest.

About one month later, in December 2014, with Bertrand gone, [REDACTED] was asked to pack Bertrand's belongings to prepare the room for another priest. While doing this she needed to determine what was garbage and what should be boxed. [REDACTED] came across three or four leather bound journals. Paging through the books to learn what they were, she discovered several written confessions with the names of teenagers on them. This is reportedly a

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violation of Canon law. There were also several marriage annulment documents that had not been filed, meaning annulments were not granted because the papers weren't filed.

There were about four other boxes in the room, which were not there in the past, that were not covered but contained Bertrand's belongings and documents. [REDACTED] noticed four handwritten sticky notes written by Bertrand and dated 10-02-14 on top of one of the boxes. The notes appeared to be confessions stating "I have sexual thoughts about my parishioners, over use of iPad, sleeping in, behind on my prayers, engage in self gratification to completion, and lie to cover up problems." [REDACTED] said she felt she had a duty to turn the notes over to Monsignor Callahan. When Callahan saw the notes he reportedly said "Ah, that makes sense."

In the time frame of December 2014 to May 2015, [REDACTED] met with Monsignor Callahan and reported the content of the sticky notes as well as Bertrand's other behaviors she witnessed. These included a number of beer bottles laying around the room instead of in the trash, leaving the room without shutting off the water, backing his car through a garage door, and a blond haired woman seen sneaking away from Bertrand's residence carrying her shoes in the early morning hours, about 0400hrs.

On 06-15-15 [REDACTED] wrote Jacob a letter or email and "called him out" on his behavior and his treatment of her. On 6-23-15, Monsignor Callahan sent [REDACTED] an email confirming that he had given the letter to Jacob and Jacob read it. She did not know it then, but her letter addressed many of the behavior issues that were reported by Rachel Mastrogiacomio and, to some extent, April Paje. Witness interviews show that Bertrand has issues with sexual impulse control and he confirmed himself that he will lie to cover up problems. Bertrand replied to an April 14, 2016 Facebook photo of a card game where a friend refers to him bending the rules with "Only with a willing accomplice..."

I was provided with photos or copies of several email correspondence [REDACTED] received from Bertrand and Callahan which confirms the things she told me that are related to this investigation. My interviews with [REDACTED] were recorded and downloaded to the department server. Photos and documents have been scanned to the case file.

Forward report, interview recordings, and scanned documents to DCAO for review.

PARTIES INVOLVED

PERSON 1

Role(s): Witness

Last: [REDACTED] First: [REDACTED] Middle: [REDACTED] Date of Birth: 1962-12-26 (54)
Sex: Female Race: Height: Weight: Hair:
Residence: [REDACTED]