

Ombudsman Report

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Case Code 0034  
Accused Fr Denis McAlinden (Fr)  
Complaint Rec'd 10/05/1999  
Alleged Abuse Sexual

CCER CaseNo CP-15-01-0118

Age at Time of Incident 10  
Age Now 61

Towards Healing Findings

Abuse Category Sexual

Findings Substantiated

CCER Report

Report Date  
Report To CCER - Catherine Hilberding

Accused Details

Name Fr Denis McAlinden (Fr)  
Birth Date 24/01/1923  
Gender male  
Position at time of event Cleric - Diocesan  
Current Position

Current Status
Not Competent
Died
In Ministry
Child Related Employ
Unknown <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other

Comment Regarding Stat  
Retired from active ministry 1/3/93, whereabouts unknown, NSW Police are looking for him.

Current Contact Details

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Management Plan / Other Information

15/9/03 - Fr Malone says accused retired from active ministry 1/3/93. present whereabouts unknown. NSW Police have been informed of his situation and are looking for him. Only possible contact addresses are Seafront Rd, Seacroft, SKEGRESS, LINCOLNSHIRE UK. (UR18 address) 2299 and UR18 1, 10

Brief History of Complaint

AE states that over a 12 month period Fr. McAlinden sought out her company by offering to take her for a drive with a couple of other girls. After approximately a year of this behaviour Fr. McAlinden would drop the other two girls home and then took AE to a secluded back road and initiated sexual contact by removing her underpants. AE was aged 11 at this time. He touched her genitals and after a time inserted his penis into her vagina and ejaculated. He then drove her home. At that time AE hated what had happened. She was confused. She felt that it was not right, but believed that Fr. McAlinden wouldn't do anything wrong. Therefore, she thought that it must be OK. She then thought to tell Fr. McAlinden that she didn't have her parents permission to go in the car with him. However, AE found herself trapped and on two occasions at school Fr. McAlinden placed her hand on his penis till he came to orgasm. About 12 months afterwards the sexual activity stopped between Fr. McAlinden and AE. She told her parents and they made an appointment to see the then Bishop of the Diocese to discuss the matter. However, AE cannot remember any action being taken re this sexual abuse. AE advised that this abuse has had widespread affect on her life for almost 30 years. She has been depressed and has been medicated for most of that time. She suffers depression and anxiety. She hated having sex with her husband and was unable to talk to her children about sex. AE would like to see something done to punish Fr. McAlinden for the hell he has caused her to live with. Thinks it should have been done before this.

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