

ROLAND COTE INTERVIEW

5/2/02

JB: Newport Police Department. I am here with Detective Jason Armstrong and we're also here with Father Roland Cote and we are in Nashua. Um, Father, how do you pronounce the name of the church here?

RC: St. Aloysius.

JB: St. Aloysius. Um, we have discussed and spoken for a few minutes with Father off tape. Ah, let me just say right now that it's ah May 2nd, possibly 1:45 in the afternoon. Father, you (inaudible) recorded right now on video tape.

RC: Yes.

JB: Okay. We asked if you would be willing to be audio recorded because we wanted to talk about some things that we've spoken to you about when we first came in and that's regarding an individual in [REDACTED] named [REDACTED]

RC: Huh, huh.

JB: Are you aware of who [REDACTED] is?

RC: Yes I do.

JB: Can you tell us to the best of your knowledge the first time you came to meet [REDACTED]n?

RC: Well I'm not exactly certain, but I think it might have been ah when he was hitchhiking. I might have picked him up and um yep that's when I would have met him the first time.

JB: And you own, partly own a house in Newport?

RC: Yes I do.

JB: When was that house constructed? Do you recall?

RC: Well it probably began in somewhere in the summer or fall in 1982 and it, I began to um live in it, occupy it in 1983. June of 1983.

JB: And where were you assigned at that time?

- RC: At that time I was here at St. Aloysius as an Associate Pastor.
- JB: And you were living while the house was being constructed, you were living where?
- RC: I was living here.
- JB: You were living here.
- RC: Huh, huh.
- JB: You moved into the house about when?
- RC: Um, well I didn't, I wouldn't call it moving in. I, I occupied it sometime around June of 1983, but what I mean by that is I continued to live here as my primary residence, but I would take my days off up there. So that's what I mean by I began to occupy. I wasn't living there seven days a week or anything.
- JB: And um, the first time you say you may have met ah picked up [REDACTED] possibly hitchhiking, do you recall where you went after you picked him up or ah.
- RC: As far as I know I, I would imagine I took him home or wherever it was that he was going.
- JB: Now do you recall an occasion him doing some work on your property?
- RC: Yes.
- JB: What, what do you recall him doing at that time?
- RC: I recall him doing some racking. Doing some painting. I think that was probably closer to when I put on the last addition in 1991, but anyway, um I also recall him helping me cut brush and burn it.
- JB: So you think that possibly the first time it was at your house was around 1991? Is that accurate?
- RC: Oh, no, no, no. No because I'm sure I had him do work before that. The last time I recall him being there.
- JB: I see.

RC: Was probably around 1991 when the last addition was put on the house and we had a lot of staining to do outside and so I recall him helping me to some staining of the house on the outside.

JB: Do you recall the first time he was?

RC: Not really. I'm sure it would have been after you know um, my first encounter with him, which I would think may have been his hitchhiking and I would imagine that I took him home. I can't imagine taking him anywhere else. Ah, I'm sure, well I'm not sure, but I would imagine that um I probably asked him if he was ever available to do chores because I, I have used two or three other people ah who were not working available to do chores like I described to help me with that kind of thing and we probably set up a timeline. May have gone to pick him up so that he could do one of these chores. Now I wouldn't imagine that that was before 1984 because certainly when I got the house finished in 1983, I was very happy to be able to do these chores myself, but then it began to just kind of overwhelm me and I didn't have time to you know to keep it up as much as I wanted to and I really in order to get it done I started looking for you know, let's see if I can find some help here.

JB: So you think the first time he was at your house was in 1984?

RC: I would think so. I mean I can't imagine why I would have had him over the house before that. Ah, I'm positive that you know the first time I would have had him over the house was to do chores.

JB: Um, what about the first time that he was at the house at least on one occasion where there was some sexual activity that took place between the two of you, is that correct?

RC: Yes, yes.

JB: And was that the first time that he was at the house?

RC: I really don't recall. It might have been. I, I really don't know. It happened with, I would think probably four or five times, but ah I don't recall if it was the first time or not.

JB: Four or five times over a space of how many?

RC: Over a space of probably five or six years.

JB: Okay. And um, how old do you think [REDACTED] was at that time?

RC: I had no doubt in my mind that he was at least 18.

- JB: The last time ah was, the last time that there was some sexual contact between the two of you, how close to was that before he went to State Prison or after he was out of State Prison or?
- RC: I'm not positive cause I don't recall when he went to State Prison. As a matter of fact I wasn't aware he was in State Prison until at least a year after he had gone cause I wondered how come you know I wasn't seeing him anymore ah and all of a sudden I got a letter from him, so um I, I really don't recall if it was before or after. Um, but I'm quite certain that the last time there was any sexual activity it was probably in 1991, when the last addition of the house was put on and we had a jacuzzi put in.
- JB: And had he used that jacuzzi?
- RC: Yes.
- JB: Um, the acts that took place. What are we talking about?
- RC: We're talking about um ah certain physical contact in the sense of ah I would give him ah a rub down and there was a little bit of oral sex on my part.
- JB: And did that, did it happen the same way each time the four or five occasions?
- RC: Yes.
- JB: And was there a transfer of money?
- RC: Absolutely. Ah, he made it very clear that he was available for more than just simply yard work. Ah, and that um you know if I was interested.
- JB: How much did you pay him?
- RC: Oh, I don't recall exactly. I think maybe \$15 or \$20. I'm sure it wasn't more than \$20.
- JB: So you were paying him \$15 or \$20.00 for the sexual intercourse?
- RC: Yes.
- JB: That was involved. You said that there was some oil involved also. You were rubbing down with oil?
- RC: No. No.

- JB: Okay, just rubbing, rubbing each.
- RC: I was just rubbing him. There was very little anything from him. There was nothing from him.
- JB: That was going to be my next question. Were you clothed all the time or were there an occasion when you were not clothed?
- RC: Well certainly in the jacuzzi I was not clothed. Um, I really don't recall. I don't, I don't think I was unclothed.
- JB: Was there
- RC: Outside from the jacuzzi.
- JB: But did you allow him in the jacuzzi with his shorts on or clothes?
- RC: Oh, no we both got in naked. Yep.
- JB: And ah was there times when he would come to your house and not do any yard work, just have sexual?
- RC: I think it happened once or twice.
- JB: And was there alcohol that was provided during these occasions?
- RC: He would ask if it was okay if he had a drink and I would let him have a drink, but um it was nothing more than that.
- JB: Of alcohol?
- RC: Yep.
- JB: And ah drugs? Marijuana?
- RC: Once or twice he smoked marijuana when he was there.
- JB: Was that provided at the house?
- RC: No.
- JB: Or was that something he brought?
- RC: That was something he brought.

JB: Was there ever any occasion when you provided marijuana or any drugs to him?

RC: Absolutely not.

JB: Was there anybody else in, while you were in Newport, was there any other people around his age or younger, any activity or sexual activity you were involved with anyone else with?

RC: Around his age ah which I suppose at the time to be 18, there were probably a couple of other people.

JB: Was there anybody that would have been younger than 18?

RC: Absolutely not.

JB: And as far as you know this activity [REDACTED] was 18, if he was a willing participant, there was no.

RC: There was no doubt in my mind.

JB: Coercion or coerce against him or anything like that?

RC: No. You know I mean.

JB: He never said

RC: He's certainly physically stronger than I am.

JB: And he never said that he didn't want to participate or anything?

RC: Absolutely not to the contrary. To the contrary. He invited this for the exchange of money.

JB: Yep. No particular. We'll be turning the tape off now. It's almost 2:00 p.m.

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RE: Diocese of Manchester/Father Roland Cote
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Please find enclosed a copy of the complete investigative file, letter of decision, Priest Notification Letter and Audio Cassettes relative to the above-captioned case.

Our office remains available for any questions or concerns that you may have.

Respectfully,



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Re: Complaint of [REDACTED] against Father Roland P. Cote

Dear [REDACTED] and Attorney McGrath:

On April 17, 2002, this office received notice from N. William Delker, Senior Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Justice Bureau, of allegations by [REDACTED] that he had been sexually assaulted by Father Roland P. Cote in 1981 or 1982. [REDACTED] says he was fifteen or sixteen years old when the first assault took place.

Upon receiving the complaint from Attorney Delker, I assigned this investigation to Newport Police Lt. Jim Brown and New Hampshire State Police Detective Jayson Almstrom. Lt. Brown and Det. Almstrom completed their investigation on May 2, 2002 and the final reports were filed with my office on May 6, 2002.

SUMMARY OF [REDACTED] ALLEGATION

[REDACTED] alleges he was fifteen or sixteen years of age when he met Father Ronald Cote who picked him up while hitchhiking from Newport to Claremont. [REDACTED] says that, on the day of their first meeting, Father Cote offered him employment at his cottage in Newport, New Hampshire hauling brush. [REDACTED] accepted the job offer. [REDACTED] says, that after hauling brush at the cottage, Father Cote offered him a rum and coke which he accepted. Mr.

[REDACTED] says that Father Cote then began touching him on the leg which progressed to Father Cote touching his genitals and then Father Cote performing fellatio oral sex on him. [REDACTED] says that the sex acts took place in the livingroom of Father Cote's cottage. [REDACTED] says that Father Cote paid him forty dollars for the yard work. [REDACTED] further says that Father Cote performed fellatio on him approximately twenty times over the next five years and that all the acts took place at the cottage or in the Jacuzzi later added at the cottage. [REDACTED] says that he was not forced or coerced to engage in the sexual acts described.

SUMMARY OF FATHER RONALD P. COTE'S RESPONSE TO ALLEGATIONS

On May 2, 2002, Lt. Brown and Det. Almstrom interviewed Father Cote and confronted him with [REDACTED] allegations. Father Cote acknowledged a sexual relationship with [REDACTED]. Father Cote said he first met [REDACTED] when he picked him up hitchhiking and offered him yard work. Father Cote said that [REDACTED] accepts and subsequently performed various tasks for Father Cote such as hauling brush, raking and staining the house. Father Cote indicated that he started building the cottage in Newport in the fall of 1982 and had it completed in the spring of 1983. Father Cote indicated that the sexual relationship between he and [REDACTED] started in 1985 or 1986 and continued over a five-year period. Father Cote stated that during that period he had sexual contact with [REDACTED] approximately five or six times. Father Cote stated that he could not recall exactly how the relationship turned sexual but did recall that [REDACTED] had told him that he was willing to do more than just yard work for money. Father Cote said the sex acts included his rubbing [REDACTED] down and performing fellatio on him. Father Cote said he believed that [REDACTED] was eighteen years old or older at the time of their first sexual encounter. Father Cote said that he would pay [REDACTED] fifteen or twenty dollars for the sex. Father Cote said [REDACTED] never touched him in a sexual way.

LAW AND ANALYSIS

New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated (after this RSA) 632-A:3 (Supp. 1981/1982), entitled Felonious Sexual Assault, reads in pertinent part: "A person is guilty of a class B felony . . . if he engages in sexual penetration with a person who is thirteen years or older and under 16 years." Thus, the elements the State must prove, in order to convict a person of the crime of Felonious Sexual Assault are: (1) that the defendant had sexual penetration with another; and (2) that the other person was thirteen, fourteen or fifteen years of age at the time.

The term "sexual penetration" as used in RSA 632-A:3 (Supp. 1981/1982) is defined in RSA 632-A:2 (Supp. 1981/1982) which reads, in pertinent part: "'(s)exual penetration' means sexual intercourse, cunnilingus, fellatio . . . or any intrusion . . . of any part of the actor's body . . . into the genital or anal opening of the victim's body."

The crime of Felonious Sexual Assault, as set forth above, is commonly termed "statutory rape." Felonious Sexual Assault differs from many of the other types of criminal sexual assault in that the consent of the alleged victim to the sexual penetration is not a defense.

The State, by enacting RSA 632-A:3, has fixed the age at which a person may consent to sexual penetration at sixteen years of age. In essence, this provision, prohibits an adult, such as Father Cote, from engaging in sexual penetration with a person who is below the fixed age of consent. This prohibition applies even if the alleged victim willingly participates in or even starts the sexual acts. The rationale behind this statutory scheme are the concern that minors below a certain age are unable to make mature judgements about important matters such as when to engage in sexual penetration and the State's recognition of the vulnerability of children to such harm.

Father Cote and [REDACTED] both acknowledge sexual acts between them (fellatio) which, if committed by Father Cote on [REDACTED] before [REDACTED] sixteenth birthday, would be Felonious Sexual Assault by Father Cote upon [REDACTED]. The issue thus becomes one of determining if any of the incidents of fellatio took place before [REDACTED] sixteenth birthday. Father Cote and [REDACTED] both agree that the sex acts took place at Father Cote's cottage on Skyline Drive in Newport, New Hampshire.

While I have reviewed the entire investigative file, I find the following points particularly persuasive in reaching the conclusion that when Father Cote first performed fellatio on [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was sixteen years of age or older.

[REDACTED] date of birth is [REDACTED]

- Father Cote purchases the Skyline Drive property on June 3, 1982. According to the deed there was no building on the property when it was purchased by Father Cote in June of 1982.

- Father Cote was issued a building permit, by the Town of Newport, for a small dwelling on the Skyline Drive property on July 29, 1982. Thus, approximately two months before [REDACTED] sixteenth birthday, construction had not yet started on the cottage at the Cote property.

[REDACTED] in his April 25, 2002 interview with Lt. Brown and Detective Almstrom, said Father Cote asked him why he was not in school on the day of their first meeting/ first instance of fellatio at the Cote cottage. [REDACTED] also said that he was wearing shorts on that day.

[REDACTED] according to records from the Newport High School, left school on March 19, 1982 for placement at the Youth Development Center (after this YDC).

-YDC records, reviewed by Lt. Brown, show that:

- Between March 16, 1982 and August 27, 1982, [REDACTED] was housed at YDC.
- Between August 27, 1982 and September 9, 1982, [REDACTED] was on extended furlough from YDC with his mother.
- Between September 9, 1982 and November 8, 1982, [REDACTED] was placed on ARP (Administrative Release and Parole) with his mother.
- Between November 8, 1982 and April 14, 1983, [REDACTED] was placed with his mother.
- Between April 14, 1983 and [REDACTED] was returned to YDC and housed at Kings Cottage until his release on his 17th birthday.

[REDACTED] in the May 1, 2002 interview with Lt. Brown and Det. Almstrom, acknowledged that:

- he met Father Cote "about a year" after he was furloughed from YDC.
- that the cottage had been established and furnished for a period of time when he first went there with Father Cote.
- the lawn was well established around the cottage when he first went there with Father Cote.
- that it was summer when he first met Father Cote.

As noted above, the investigation clearly shows that the State cannot prove-beyond a reasonable doubt- that any of the acts of fellatio took place before [REDACTED] sixteenth birthday on [REDACTED]. The cottage where Father Cote performed fellatio on [REDACTED] was not under construction as of July 29, 1982. [REDACTED] at the time of the first act of fellatio, describes the cottage as well established, furnished and with an established lawn. In addition, [REDACTED] says that the first incidence of fellatio took place "about a year" after his furlough from YDC. [REDACTED] was furloughed from YDC on September 9, 1982.

I have, in examining this matter, also determined that there is not probable cause to believe that Father Cote has committed the crime of Felonious Sexual Assault upon [REDACTED]. The fair import of the evidence in this case is that the acts of fellatio between Father Cote and [REDACTED] took place, at the earliest, in the summer of 1983 and that the acts of fellatio were consensual. [REDACTED] does not allege, nor do the facts suggest, that the Father

Cote, when performing fellatio upon [REDACTED] so by use of force, the threat of force, coercion, the abuse of the priest/parishioner relationship, the abuse of a position of authority, or under any other circumstance prohibited by the criminal laws of New Hampshire.

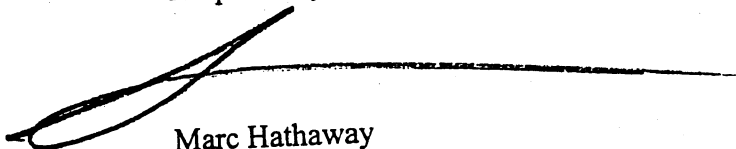
During the course of this investigation [REDACTED] has alleged that Father Cote provided him with alcohol and controlled drugs. I will not address the merits of this allegation because it is clear, irrespective of the merits of the allegation, that the alleged crime is not capable of prosecution because it is outside the applicable statute of limitations.

During the course of the investigation [REDACTED] has acknowledged the unlawful use of controlled drugs, alcohol and his involvement in a burglary at the residence of Father Cote. No action will be taken with respect to these matters as all are outside the applicable statute of limitations.

During the course of this investigation, Father Cote has admitted to acts of prostitution with [REDACTED]. This admission, even if true, cannot be the basis for a criminal prosecution of either Father Cote or [REDACTED] as these acts fall outside the applicable statute of limitations.

If I you have any questions or wish to further discuss this matter please contact me.

Respectfully,



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JB: Lieutenant Brown, Newport Police Department
JA: Detective Jayson Almstrom, New Hampshire State Police
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Lt. Brown of the Newport Police Department. I am here with Detective Jayson Almstrom and we're also here with Father Roland Cote and we are in Nashua. Um, Father, how do you pronounce the name of the Church here?

RC: Saint (phonetic spelling to follow) Al - o - wishes.

JB: Um, we have discussed and spoken for a few minutes with the Father off tape, ah, let me just say right now that it's, um, May 2, it's approximately 1:45 in the afternoon. Father, are you aware that your being recorded right now on audio tape?

RC: Yes.

JB: Ok. We asked if we would, if you would be willing to be audio recorded because we wanted to talk about ah, some things that we had spoken to you about when we first came in and that's regarding an individual in Newport named [REDACTED].

RC: Mmm, hmm.

JB: Are you aware of, of, do you know who [REDACTED]?

RC: Yes, I do.

JB: Can you tell us to your best of your knowledge the first time you came to meet, ah [REDACTED]

RC: Well, I'm not exactly certain, but I think it mi, it might have been when he was hitchhiking. I might have picked him up and, um, yeah, that's when I would have met him the first time.

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JB: When was that house, ah, constructed? Do you recall?

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RC: At that time I was here at St. Alloyissus as an associate Pastor.

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- JB: Mmm, hmm. Um, what about the first time that, he, he was (telephone ringing) at the house, at, at least on one occasion when there was some sexual activity that took place between the two of you,

RC: Yes,

JB: is that correct?

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(pause)

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RC: No,

JB: Ok.

RC: no, no using

JB: Ok, just rubbing, rubbing each, rubbing him down?

RC: I was just rubbing him, there was very little, ah, anything from him. There was nothing from him.

JB: That was going to be my next question,

RC: Sure.

JB: were you clothed all the time or was there occasions

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JB: when you were not clothed?

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RC: Ya know.

(pause)

JB: Jayson?

JA: No, I think we're, I think we touched over everything.

JB: We'll be turning the tape off now, it's almost 2 PM.

tape ends.

This is Lieutenant Brown of the Newport Police Department. I'm with Detective Trooper Jayson Almstrom of New Hampshire State Police and [REDACTED] Today is May 1, 2002. It's approximately 11:45 in the morning, um, [REDACTED] are you aware that you're being audio recorded again?

[REDACTED] Yes.

JB: [REDACTED] we're here to follow up some questions about our previous interview that we had. Um, we had a couple of additional questions. Trooper Almstrom and I listened to the audio tape that we did the other day and we had a couple follow up things that we wanted to ask you about. Is that alright?

[REDACTED] Yes.

JB: One of the things that we are looking at is, is, um, the time line and trying to understand the time line as best we can. I know we discussed that and you told us, ah, in your best recollection the, the events as they took place. Um, we wanted to talk to you a little bit about some things, um, and ask you some questions about, let's talk about the house, again, on Skyline Drive. Um, you said that you were removing brush from the backyard. Is that right?

[REDACTED] The woods.

JB: From the wooded area?

[REDACTED] The woods. If you're pulling in the driveway, it, I remember this whole thing to detail. You gotta, like a little lawn here and then it goes into the woods more.

JB: OK.

[REDACTED] and that's what he had be doing was picking up the brush out in the, there's white birches, a lot of white birches.

JB: So that lawn is, is his lawn and then you go off of his lawn out into the woods

[REDACTED] Which, I believe is his property, too.

JB: Yeah, um, and so he had, so at that point he's got his lawn there and on the lawn he has the, ah, the bench, is that right? The picnic table?

[REDACTED] The picnic table at the time, yeah.

JA: Around the house, ah, was there like gravel, I mean was it just newly construction, I

mean, was some gravel

█ It's stone.

JA: OK. Was there a lawn around the house, a pretty good established lawn, I

█ Yeah.

JA: It didn't look like the house was just

█ He was, was just in and out.

JA: ok, but, I mean, did it look the house had just been built, you know, like under, you know like, ah, under construction, the grounds around it like

█ No, no.

JB: So it had been established for a period of time?

█ Yeah.

JA: So the lawn was, was pretty well established?

█ Yes, yes.

JA: Ok. Alright.

JB: Um, did you ever work on the, on, ah, anything else other than the brush? I know you had said

█ Yeah.

JB: Wh, what else did you do?

█ We stained his cottage.

JB: When did you do that? (pause) in relation to the first time that, that you met him, how long

█ A couple years maybe.

JB: Oh, a couple years later, ok.

[REDACTED] Yeah.

JB: Um, (pause) when you were hauling the brush the first time, where was that lo, that was out in the woods?

[REDACTED] Yeah, there's piles. We ma, I made piles out in the woods and some of him he had me put in the middle of the lawn.

JB: What was that from?

[REDACTED] Out in the woods.

JB: Yeah, I know, but what was, had they been doing a logging operation out there

[REDACTED] No, he wanted to clear, to clear it out cause he wanted nuttin' but white birches.

JA: So did you have a chain saw?

[REDACTED] He wanted to get the birches, so, he, clippers, clippers.

JA: You had clippers.

[REDACTED] Nice clippers, it was only nothing, ya know bigger than

JB: Yeah, small saplings.

[REDACTED] And the stuff that, that was dead that had fallen down.

JA: Yeah.

[REDACTED] Ya know, cause he wanted white birches.

JA: Was there leaves on these, the brush and stuff like that, I mean, ya know was it, was there

JB: We're trying to figure out a time of the year, maybe.

[REDACTED] Th, they were dead. It was summer, it was summer.

JB: It was summer but, everything was dead?

[REDACTED] The stuff that was on the ground.

JB: Oh, ok, the stuff that was there, but you remember it being summer the first time that you

were there.

██████ Mmm, hmm.

JB: Cause I know that you had said that you were wearing shorts and

██████ Mmm, hmm.

JB: and, ah,

██████ I (unintelligible)

JB: and that he was wearing shorts.

██████ Future down the road, later on down the road, he wouldn't let me wear shorts.

JA: Why is that?

██████ Because I couldn't get into the, the tub thing with cutoffs.

JB: Oh yeah, yeah, right. What, so what did the house look like as you remember it from the first time that you were there, the inside of the house, what did it look like?

██████ Just, you walked in a different door. The first time I was there the door was on a different side of the building.

JA: Mmm, hmm.

██████ And later on down the road, they had that renovated.

JB: Mmm, hmm.

██████ Had that, and they, they, it was just like you walk in, you walk into a little teeny kitchen

JA: Mmm, hmm.

██████ and then you go in, there was just a livingroom thing, a bathroom off to the left and a loft bedroom, that's all that existed when I first went there.

JB: Everything was finished and everything was established and

██████ Yeah. yeah.

JA: Did he have a couch in there? I mean, what did he have for furniture?

█ Yep, he had a couch.

JA: OK, did he have a TV?

█ Mmm,hmm. TV, VCR,

JA: OK.

█ his phone.

JA: Was any, was the TV ever on?

█ Yeah.

JA: Yeah.

JB: So was, he had cable and everything, and he was

█ I don't know about cable, I know he, he put in movies.

JB: Yeah, I remember you had said that, he had, um,

JA: Were there ever any TV shows that may have been on, I mean, if you, if you were

█ No, no

JA: just watching TV?

JB: And a phone and everything? Did he, do you know if he had a phone there?

█ Yes, he had a phone

JB: Number.

█ something like that

JB: Mmm.

JA: I know

█ (unintelligible)

JB: Cause, I know, he, you said that he used to call you, right, isn't that how you set up

[REDACTED] Mmm.

JB: to meet with you again, to have you come do some

[REDACTED] I lived, I lived on [REDACTED] if you need to trace that back, what time did I, when would I live in there?

JB: Yeah.

[REDACTED] Cause wha, I, if I remember right, we moved directly from [REDACTED] when my Dad died up to [REDACTED]

JB: Do you know who the landlord was by any chance back then?

[REDACTED] Mmm, mmm. I remember [REDACTED] right beside us.

JB: Yeah, that's right.

[REDACTED] The whole slop of them.

JB: Yuh. Um,

[REDACTED] Cuckoo Mom or Dad.

(Laughs)

[REDACTED] Cuckoo brother.

JB: Mmm, hmm. Did you do work in the winter for him?

[REDACTED] No, not a whole lot.

JA: Do you remember going over there in the winter time at all?

[REDACTED] Yeah, later on I remember going there and, and pulling snow off the new glass thing he built.

JA: Ok, how long, and we might already went over this, but how long after when you guys first met did he have the solarium and the jacuzzi in?

[REDACTED] Whew, probably three years.

JA: Three years, ok. And so

probably three years, yuh.

JA: Ok, so you had come over and, and, that's when you (unintelligible) and the glass was off the solarium?

Pulling snow off

JA: Pullin the, pulling the snow off.

(unintelligible) right, it was a grow room or something, cause he had this big flowering plant that bloomed once a day

JA: Mmm, hmm.

and stuff like that.

JA: Ok.

In the winter we would sit and we, we, we'd drink, (nervous laugh), have drinks. I know, I can't blame him for my, my addictions and I can't cause I was, everybody has a choice, right, eventually in life you have a choice, ok, do I want to pick up or don't I want to pick up. Right?

JA: Right.

JB: Mmm, hmm. Yep.

Just I was kinda young to understand the choice things. But I never really understood it until I was thirty-two years old. (laughs)

JB: Listening to the, to the tape, ah, and we were listening to it some on the way down here, ah, from our previous talk,

Mmm, hmm

JB: you had mentioned that a lot had happened to you then and you had gone through a lot in your life and you talked about your time in jail and you talked about YDC, mentioned YDC. We didn't talk about YDC at all during the first interview, um, why don't you tell us about YDC and, and ah, your time, how often you were there and things like that.

I think I did two commitments there. It's back then with the six months commit, well you

were committed until the age of eighteen but after you do a certain amount of time and I, I got sent there for the [REDACTED] thing. I broke into [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

JA: Mmm.

[REDACTED] He, he, he was from the [REDACTED]

JB: Do you remember when that was?

[REDACTED] Oh, my God.

JB: This was the first time that you went to YDC?

[REDACTED] I got arrested for it. Yeah, that was my first time ever going to jail, was for that.

JB: And your, ah, your recollection about meeting Father Cote was that before or after that time?

[REDACTED] After.

JB: So you met Father Cote after this, the first time that you had gone to YDC?

[REDACTED] Mmm, hmm.

JB: And then you said you went again?

[REDACTED] I believe so.

JB: And, um

[REDACTED] Cause my Mom said she couldn't handle me.

JB: So she had, she, they released her in your, ah, you in her custody or something like that, or placed her with you or

[REDACTED] Furlough, they called them furlough

JB: They furloughed you to her?

[REDACTED] Mmm, hmm

JB: And, um, how long then were you with her?

[REDACTED] It was just for the weekends.

JB: Your mother.

[REDACTED] Just for week, and then did they eventually place you with her or did they place you somewhere else?

[REDACTED] They, yeah, they let me back out with her.

JB: And how long

[REDACTED] Father Cote was way before, like two years, almost two years, if this helps, before we got in the car accident.

JB: Almost two years before the car accident?

[REDACTED] Yeah, [REDACTED]

JB: Oh, before that car accident.

[REDACTED] Before that, that was, I think I was sixteen then.

JB: Um,

[REDACTED] Fifteen, sixteen the year that happened.

JB: So, after, how long after your furloughed do you, do you meet with Father Cote, about how long a period a time do you think that's, ah

[REDACTED] I don't know.

JB: You would have just come home then as, was it a subs, it's a substantial time later, that, that you

[REDACTED] About a year.

JB: About a year after you are furloughed.

[REDACTED] When, when, when you, when you're, um, when you're abusing substances on a daily basis, the whole, the whole thing about time moves in to that.

JB: Mmm, hmm.

JA: Mmm, hmm.

[REDACTED] And, and I did, I lost sense of years, it's like, and they told me this would happen when I got clean. It's like you're being born again, [REDACTED] you're like a newborn baby cause now you're seeing things, even the trees look different. Ya know.

JB: Mmm, hmm.

[REDACTED] Things like that and I never be, I'd never believe it but I do today because I live it. (laughs) ya know.

JA: I jus, I want to touch on something you just said, um, you said Father Cote was two years after you had gotten into the car accident, with, with, the guys there? Who were the two, the guys you got into the accident with?

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] ney.

JB: Where was that?

[REDACTED] Where?

JB: Yeah.

[REDACTED] Somewhere between Exeter, down on the seacoast, Hampton, cause we went down in there.

JB: Was that the real bad accident that [REDACTED] d

[REDACTED] We got two ounces of Coke that day.

JB: And he got hurt really bad in that, right?

[REDACTED] Yuh, had his head, [REDACTED] got hurt, too, cause he went face first through the windshield.

JA: And you said you were sixteen or seventeen at that time?

[REDACTED] Fifteen or sixteen.

JA: Fifteen or sixteen.

[REDACTED] My mother would remember because she had, they wouldn't let me leave the hospital when I regained consciousness.

JB: Mmm.

[REDACTED] I had stitches all the way down my head and arms and stuff.

JB: Wow, I remember that accident, I remember hearing about that accident.

[REDACTED] Um, they never charged him for the Coke, or the pot, or the Tequila.

JB: Mmm.

JA: Huh.

[REDACTED] or the accident, noth, none of the drugs was ever (unintelligible) never charged for.

JA: They figured he was good enough out of the

[REDACTED] He was in a coma for a year and a half there.

JB: What road was that on, do you know?

[REDACTED] Coming out of Hampton, the interstate, it was the interstate.

JA: 101?

[REDACTED] I think it was 93, maybe. Cause they brought me to Concord Hospital.

JA: Ok.

JB: Oh.

JA: That would have (unintelligible) So when you said

[REDACTED] that's where I regained consciousness was at Concord Hospital.

JA: So after this, so after this accident takes place, you said then, then you met Father Cote about two years after that, your sayin. Is that what you said?

[REDACTED] About a year, not, no, I believe I met him before that though. I don't know, it

JA: Ok.

[REDACTED] It's all a fog, it's, it's, I don, years and years of substance abuse will affect you.

(laughs)

JB: Um, I know that you said you only could meet with us for a few minutes, and so we don't want to hold you up but one thing that, ah, I'd like to do, if it's alright by you, is ask you to sign a, ah, an authorization for us. We have, actually have two of em, one is an authorization for us to, to ah, to speak with anybody from [REDACTED] about when you left school an, and anything like that about records and things like that, ah, I'll let you take a look at that.

JA: Just a handwritten one, we, we didn't have time enough, when we were coming up through the car. We wanted to get right up here for ya. Um,

JB: But it's just so that we can look back and find out any dates that you may or may not have been at school.

[REDACTED] Ok.

JB: And ah, why don't you just sign somewhere down below there if you would.

JA: And just print your name underneath it.

[REDACTED] Ok.

JB: The other one I, I typed up before I, ah, we came down here. And this is for YDC

[REDACTED] Ok.

JB: so that we can look in any, any records that may be at YDC.

(Pause)

JB: Ok. Thank you, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Yeah. They started counseling tomorrow with the Child and Family Services.

JB: Oh yeah.

[REDACTED] Supposed, they'll do it for forty dollars a week. The other one was two hundred.

JB: Mmm. What's that going to do now?

[REDACTED] Counseling?

JB: Yeah.

█ To help me get over this.

JB: But it's for Child and Family Services you said. It's through them? Mmm.

█ Yeah, New Hampshire Child and Family Services.

JA: Mmm, hmm.

█ Cause without insurance, it's hard to find even a dentist,

JA: Oh yeah.

█ That's why, to, to have my tooth pulled, I was told I had to, yeah, two hundred and thirty-eight dollars. I had to come up with it before they'd do it and I was in intense pain. I, my sick puppy mind, got thinkin' I, I, gotta go get fucking trashed out of my mind, I'll take care of the pain. Jim Bean will always work. Then, then, then, that's, that's when I said nope, nope, went to the bank got the money, got an emergency appointment and had it done because ya know, that's a terrible feeling.

JB: Mmm.

█ to be out straight.

JB: You'd still be in pain if you'd did it yourself.

█ Yeah.

JA: Infections, you'd lose more teeth and (laughs)

█ (unintelligible) do it that way.

JA: Ok, can you think of anything else to, that needs to go on the tape, anything else █ that, that you can think about? No. Ok, we'll shut the tape off, it's right now is 12:03.

Tape ends.

JB: Lt. James Brown, Newport Police Department
 JA: Det. Jayson Almstrom, New Hampshire State Police

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

This is Lieutenant Brown of the Newport Police Department. I am at State Police Headquarters with Trooper Detective Jayson Almstrom and also here with [REDACTED], the date is April 25, 2002, the time is about 1:55 PM. [REDACTED] you know that you are being audio recorded right now, is that right?

[REDACTED] Yes.

JB: Ok, and we had asked to meet with you here today cause we wanted to discuss with you some of the information that we've received about something that's happened to you in the past. Um, first let me ask you, we want to talk a little bit about the chronology of events about when certain things happened. Let's go back to, um, the first time that you met this person. Tell us who, who we're talking about and when, ah, how long ago you think we're talking, or an event or something like that that may have been in your life if you remember something, um, or just tell us about this person in general when you first met him, how you came about to meet this person and who we're talking about.

[REDACTED] Ok, um, we're talking about, um, Father Roland Cote, as I got to know him by. Um, the first time I met him, I was hitchhiking from Claremont, New Hampshire in to Newport cause I was seeing a girl by the name of [REDACTED] who lived over there on [REDACTED] with her stepmother [REDACTED] and, um, (snickers) I was hitchhiking back, he picked me up, hitchhiking, Father Cote did and asked me if I was interested in doing some work, yard work and I says, "yeah" and he took me to a cottage up off from the Unity Road and I know it's Skyline Drive and I did some work out in his yard, hauled some brush out of the woods. He asked if I wanted something to drink, I'm like, "yeah". I believe I was fifteen or sixteen, I'm not exactly sure as to my age cause a lot's transpired in my life since then, um, asked me if I wanted something to drink. I said, "sure", he came out and gave me a rum and coke and had a drink himself and we sat on the picnic table and then he asked if I wanted to go inside and cool off a little bit cause it was cooler inside. I went inside, he started rubbing my leg, worked his way up my leg to my penis, my dick. (nervous laugh) Sorry about, I might use some bad language or something to

JB: That's alright, you're free to talk openly with us.

[REDACTED] and, um, he, he, he started sucking my dink. I asked him if it was alright, you know, cause it's a bad thing for a Priest to do that and he had a collar on and stuff and we had a conversation that it wasn't a sin in God's eyes to do that. It wasn't wrong for him to do

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that. And I, boy, oh, boy, oh boy, I had, I grew up all my life on [REDACTED] there in, Catholic Church. I didn't go to Church the way I should have after my father passed away but as a child I went and there wer, I dou, I was all mixed up because I wasn't, I got, got one of the men from the cloth that I would go in to confess to telling me that it's alright to do what he was doing, ya know, and ta, so he did it and paid me, forty dollars, he said it was for the yard work.

JB: And where did this take place?

[REDACTED] Where? In a cottage on Skyline Drive.

JB: Where at the cottage?

[REDACTED] At that time, the cottage only was like two rooms, the livingroom part.

JB: Ok. And that was the, the first time that you had met him?

[REDACTED] Yes.

JB: Did you meet him after that?

[REDACTED] Yes.

JB: Can you tell us about that?

[REDACTED] Whenever he was at the cottage, he would get in touch with me, call me at, I was living on [REDACTED] corner of [REDACTED] a big white place, since torn down and he was calling asked me if I wanted to do some work and I'd, yep. We'd go up and do a little bit of work, and things were just, it would all happen on, ya know. The same way almost but, I mean, there was times when he, he smoked pot with me, time when he gave me that rush stuff in a bottle, which I just learnt that I, I never had that, I had lots and lots and lots of drugs in my life, ya know, tried them but I, not, not that, the Rush, ah, I, I didn't like it but you're supposed to snort it when you're about ready to have an orgasm and he, he would never, he would never want me, ask me, approach me in any way to touch him though, but he would have an orgasm by blowing me and that's, that's a sickness, that's a, I didn't know it was a sickness, I, I didn't know what he was doing, ya know, but, ah, he would, he would get off by doing that to me.

JB: So he was touching himself at the same time as he was touching you?

[REDACTED] No, he wasn't touching himself because he had, no he, he would have like he'd rub my boobies, my tits and stuff like that because his hands weren't free to touch himself. He just. got off

JB: Yeah.

█ I don't know.

JB: So, how many times do you think this happened?

█ Twenty.

JB: Over how long a period of time?

█ Five years, four, five years, (pause) til I went down for my first State Prison debt.

JB: So the last time it happened was how soon before you went to State Prison do you think?

█ Probably a week or two.

JB: So a week or two before you went to State Prison was the last time it happened?

█ Before I got arrested.

JB: And it started probably four to five years before that time?

█ Approximately, yeah.

JB: Had other people seen Father Cote with you during that time frame, during those four to five years?

█ Yes,

JB: Had other people seen you with him?

█ yes, yes, my brother's, my mother were well aware I was doing work for the guy. They didn't know what was going on and I come home and give my Mom some of my money cause my, like I said, my Dad had just passed away. He had a business and when his business went, my mother's whole way of living was altered. Ya know.

JB: You say that your Dad passed away and that you had met Father Cote, do you know how long a period of time that was, from the time that your Dad passed away until the first time that you had?

█ A year or two.

JB: So a year or two? So your mother was well aware that you were doing work with him,

um, had other people seen you two together?

Yeah, the other Priests.

JB: The other Priests?

There's, there's two other Priests that kiss each other, that lived there. Openly faggot, mother-fuckers. Excuse me, but, they would do it right in front of me.

JA: Do you know what their names were at all?

No,

JA: no,

he introduced them, but that was it. This was a long time ago. They were younger guys.

JA: Did you see them do anything else besides kissing, I mean any, any sexual acts in front of you or anything?

No, but I, I, throughout the years they had a bedroom added on for those two.

JA: Ok.

And then they had a sol, solarium and he bought a spa to put me in, or to offer people, a jacuzzi thing.

JA: Mmm, hmm. Did they ever see you and, and ah, Father Cote having sex or anything like that?

Not sex, they saw us together but never

JA: Together, ok. And you never saw those other two Priests having sex or anything?

No, no, no.

JA: Just kissing?

Mmm, hmm.

JB: Did

I saw them holding each other.

JB: Did, ah, did Father Cote ever give you any gifts, any letters, any, anything like that, did he ever give you any gifts other than the money that

He wrote to me and sent me money when I was in Prison. Yes, he did do that, the prison would have records of that.

JB: Do you happen to have, still have that letter?

Nooo. That was my first sentence. I got out of that in 89, yeah.

JB: What was that letter about? When he sent you that letter?

It was, it's a May God Be With You. He t, to used to pray with me.

JB: Mmm.

Ya know, I was, I was hurt and I was mixed up because my Dad, ya, and I was in confusion because m, I didn't know where to go as far as my life. I knew I had had a restraining order put on me from high school, ya know, that they didn't want me on the property and ah, I, I, was doomed to something, ya know. I wasn't doomed, but I just didn't realize I had choices

JB: Mmm.

and that I could'a reached out to people but I just didn't.

JB: So, the whole time, and e, the last time that he saw you, you said was, was when you went, that was the last time you saw him was when you went to State Prison?

Before I went.

JB: Yeah, and so he sent you a letter while you were in prison

Mmm, hmm.

JB: Um, so as of the last time that you've talked to him, he still seemed like he was close to you or that he cared about you, is that right?

Somewhat, the last time I talked to him on the phone was about two years ago.

JB: Oh, really.

I was living in Manchester and I had gotten engaged

JB: Mmm, hmm.

[REDACTED] to my fiancée' still to this day. I, I ain't gotten married yet. Thank God.

(laughter)

[REDACTED] I was married once before too, so, to a [REDACTED] (ghs) and, um, but I called him and asked, me and my counselor were trying to figure it out, cause I been, I, I st, I was seeing a counselor at the same time in regards to this issue at the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and, but I never told them that it was a Priest, I disguised it as being someone else but, I, we talked about it and then he wanted to increase my times seeing him to even more times a week, three times a week he wanted to see me and, I, then I ended up getting, had my parole violated for being with a convicted felon.

JB: So, but you talked to him on the phone?

[REDACTED] Yes, I called him and asked him if he could refer me to a marriage counselor. I wasn't sure if I was rubbing it in saying ha, ha, I'm not a faggot like you

JB: Yeah.

[REDACTED] a, so have, we haven't worked that out

JB: How did he respond to you when he first heard from you?

[REDACTED] "How ya doin, it's been a long time", then I explained what I, what my conversation was about, ya know, why I was calling and he gave me some n, names of someone, the street behind, over to Manchester on the west side. But I never went to him, never went, cause we got violated like a week later. Me and my fiancée'.

JB: Mmm.

[REDACTED] To this day (unintelligible) let us out, let us live together. That's how it went. Cause we didn't have permission. Now I ask permission for every little thing I gotta do.

JB: What's, what's your date of birth [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

JB: And your address now is what?

[REDACTED]

JB: And do you have a phone there?

[REDACTED]

JA: That your cell phone?

[REDACTED] No, it's a [REDACTED]

JA: Oh, ok

[REDACTED] It's just that Concord is, um, a AT&T Broadband Digital System.

JA: Alright.

[REDACTED] I have a phone, cable all that stuff hitched up into one payment, that way I only gotta pay that payment.

JA: Yeah.

JB: At that time when this was first starting, when this was first happening, did you talk to other people about it?

[REDACTED] No, no.

JB: Have you talked to anybody, other than recently to the Attorney General's Office and to your attorney? Have you talked to other people?

[REDACTED] No, but there's things my brother told me about somebody else that Father Cote tried something with, can't remember whether it was [REDACTED] I can't remember which one of those two it was, but they went back that, within a day or two after and kicked in his door and stole stuff from the guy. I can't remember who, I can't, this, you know, I can't remember exactly who they were because this was years ago. I could ask [REDACTED] and confront [REDACTED] with it, but then [REDACTED] gonna start asking me questions and they don't know, I, I,

JB: Yeah.

[REDACTED] my mother don't know this, my brothers don't know this and I don't know how idiotic shit head [REDACTED] gonna react, I mean what's he, is he gonna go get a bottle of Jim Beam, get it in him and then go hunt this dude down

JB: Yeah.

█ Ya know.

JB: You don't wanna do that.

█ Him, █ and █ share an apartment, so

JB: Where are they at?

█ They, █ work for the same company and █ making guns (laughs).

JB: Well, I guess one question that, that comes up is, is why come forward now?

█ Part of gettin me better, I gotta clean out my closet, so that they tell, my counselors, my sponsors told me. You have to clean your clos, your closets out. Which is all the dirty stuff and the dirty stuff includes this, includes my Dad kicking the shit out of me, and it includes my Dad beating up, ah, █ nning to the police. █ sending me back home and then getting another beatin because █ sent me back home and the resentments that I've held over the years for that episode, because of that, is, I held, I did hold resentments, in my mind I did, towards the pol, whole police as a whole, not just █ but police as a whole, ya know? And it's, it's stuff like that that I have to clean out, otherwise it's gonna come back and kick me in the butt and I, I, who, who knows where I'm gonna be at that time and if I'm gonna pick up again or if I'm just gonna go beserk like Dreaga did up there in north, ya know? No, I, I, I'm productive today. I am, I'm a ver, I'm a productive person, ya know. I work hard for my money, I, everything I have I own. Ya, ya know.

JB: Mmm. Why, why start with an attorney?

█ I didn't start with an attorney. I started with █

JB: Ok.

█ Yeah.

JB: Did they, an, your, your, ah, understanding with your attorney today, is what? What has your attorney told you or what kind of an agreement do you have with, with the attorney?

█ Civil charges, criminal charges and a, a, civil suit or something like that. Didn't have to put no price or nothin. He says if we end up with money out of it, he gets one third percent. Other than that, we, we, we, I mean I si, I don't know what I signed yesterday. I signed a bunch of papers

JB: Ok

and there going to be put on hold or something for a couple months or something, so that Marc Hathaway can do what he's gotta do without alerting this guy. I don't know, it's, that's the way they explained it to me. I, I'm on a different side today, ya know,

JB: Mmm, hmm.

and I'm not familiar with this side, I'm familiar with the opposite side that, the criminal side, ya know, but not

JB: Well, Marc, Marc Hathaway can, ah, get that information or details from your attorney. Um,

There was, there's never been no price or nothing. I, I want him off the street and my attorney guaranteed me that, yes, he will be taken off the street from hurting other people, ya know, and they kept moving the guy around throughout the years. The guy was moved like three different times. I remember him being in two different areas throughout New Hampshire, Vermont and Massachusetts, ya know, and now, he's fu, he's sittin there King Sylin in the middle of Nashua, New Hampshire which is one of the biggest cities in the State and who knows how many children he's hurt already and could end up like I ended up. (laughs) That's devastating to think about, if you look at my track record from my past, yeah. It, it is, it's a devastating thing. And if I can stop that from happening to another child, I, I, would, I would love to. I, I, I, I'll tell, I told the Attorney General, I'll tell everybody, yeah, I, I think of putting a slug in the guys head. Of course, the thought comes to my mind, but that's wrong, I could never do that, ya know, I could never do that. He has a disease, see living with pedophiles in State Prison, cause they don't have a PC no more,

JB: Mmm, hmm.

you live with them, you inter react with them and living with them, I realize, it, it is, it is, it's a disease, just like my substance abuse problem was a disease, alcoholism is a disease, pedophilia is what they call it, I worked with two of em, that I was in prison with, right now at the Ninety Nine, ya know, and I gotta keep my personal vendettas cause I, I hate them for what they done, but not who they are, ya know. They, they did bad things, they took something from people, it was like, for me it caused me mass confusion because I just didn't know, I used to go and talk to Father Savage when I was real young, real, real young and at, at St. Mary's and it was, I don't know, years and years ago and I, I could confess to him and tell him things and clarify my, and purify myself. It was after my Dad died we, we went like a lot, Sunday school, we were Catachism and all that stuff, us boys did and I felt relieved, but I, I ca, I haven't been there is Catholic Church since. I won't since this stuff started.

JB: You mentioned something about an accident. Can you tell us about that?

█ Yeah, one, one of the times we were, I gone up and do, done work for him, after I, I, I never finished the job. The job never got finished to this day that I know of (laughs) clearing out those, cause that's what had me doing was clearing out his woods and he had miles and miles of woods there, if you ask me. I don't know exactly how many acres he has but there was a lot of woods and he had me going in there pulling brush out, bringing it out and sticking it in a pile. Ok. I did it. He gave me money for it.

JB: Mmm, hmm.

█ And after a while I grew a dependency upon smoking marijuana, but one day he introduced, he had, we were sitting around asked me if I wanted to smoke a joint. Sure, and I smoked a joint of marijuana with him. About, an hour after that, I don't know exactly how long, he brought me home, dropped me off, and I found out the next time I went and saw him, which was like a week or two later, I had found out that he had crashed his car on his way back home that day, that evening. It was later on in the evening. He had gone off the road and drove into a hou, a tree, a white birch, cause he told me he had to buy white, excuse me, replace a white birch or something on someone's lawn. Cause he was so stoned.

JB: And you don't know, do you know where that was?

█ On Unity Road. It was right off because he pointed it out to me like the next time, where we had met before, he sa, see that's where I went off the road.

JB: When you first turned from Unity to Skyline Drive?

█ No, no it was on

JB: It was on

█ the stretch by Stone's.

JB: Ok.

█ On the right hand side if you're going into to Newport, it's on the right hand side.

JB: Past Stone's?

█ Yep.

JA: Did he have to get the vehicle towed or anything like that. do you remember?

Police came, and he had to have an insurance people and stuff like that.

JA: Do you remember if anybody towed the vehicle, if he had it down at anybody's, any wrecker place

No.

JA: or anything like that? Did he total it? I mean what was the damage to it?

Smashed up the front, yeah.

JA: Ok.

JB: But in police, so the police came?

Yes.

JB: And do you have an idea of what year we're talking about here?

No.

JA: What was it for a vehicle, what did he have for a vehicle? Was it a pickup truck or a car?

I think he had a , no, he, he had a car, a white car, I think, at that time.

JA: Ok.

White or tan, he had a couple different cars, he never had a truck.

JA: Four door, two door, small or big?

Medium, medium car, yeah.

JA: medium size.

JB: So, when this accident happened, how far along into your relationship, if I can call it that, with him were you?

It, i, you can't call it a relationship, cause it wasn't no relationship.

JB: Mmm, hmm.

A relationship is something I have with my fiancee', ya know.

JB: Right

█ This, this was, this was no relationship.

JB: Well how, how far along into this was this accident? You said that you'd

█ About a year, a year and a half.

JB: Ok

█ maybe, approximately.

JB: Ok. And, um, you talked before about this burglary that took place where somebody went in

█ Mmm, hmm.

JB: and, and, ah, and did these things. How far into it was that?

(pause)

█ towards the end.

JB: That was towards the end?

█ Like six or eight months before it ended.

JB: So that was

█ I think the burglary happened a couple times, because one of the times, am I immune from prosecution on this?

(laughter)

█ I shared in the wealth of one of the burglaries on Father's Day. I remember it was a Father's Day and we were sitting at █ place in Bradford, New Hampshire. █ had the little place where she was selling the herb out of.

JB: And what was

█ We got cases of booze out of there and we sat there and me and █ yeah.

JB: There's some names from the past, huh?

█ Yup, we got twisted.

JB: Um, so there was a couple burglaries then, that you, at least that you know of from that, at that house and one of them was a couple months before the end and the other one was around that same time or?

█ No, probably six or eight months before that. I think only one of them he reported.

JB: Mmm, hmm.

█ because he asked me, he asked me about the first one. Cause I had no knowledge of that I don't think.

JA: Is that the one you think █ went into? Or did they go into it after you were in jail.

█ They didn't go into it, they,

JA: They busted it up or something?

█ yeah, I was told that he tried something with one, it was one of those two guys

JB: ok.

█ that he tried something with. Touching them

JA: right.

█ on their friggin leg

JA: Mmm, hmm.

█ and they got out of the car and said fuck you, da, da, da, and then gathered up some people, ballsy people, whatever you want to call it

JA: Mmm, hmm.

█ and just went in and took what they wanted and left.

JB: And that one was, how, how close to the end, about a year or so?

█ Yeah, I think one of my brothers was a player in one of those B & E's, ya know, I'm just not sure.

JB: We're just kinda using that as, as, trying to figure out time frames?

█ Mmm, hmm, you're time frames, they're hard for me to figure out, and it's hard.

JB: The reason we try to figure out time frames is, ya know, we have, um, a responsibility to look at certain dates and see if this, if the statute of limitations is still there. Just like, just like a burglary where we can only go back a certain amount of years, ya know, if somebody admits to some, a burglary that happened ten years ago, ya know, we may not be able to do anything, but, and so, each crime has their own, ah, statute of limitations. The only crime that doesn't have a statute of limitations is murder. Um, and ah, sexual assault is a little bit different then the regular types of crimes, that has a little bit different, ah, statute of limitations so it's important for us to try and figure out as closely as we can the time frames here because it's different after you turn a certain age. Um,

█ Well, I've noticed like in the past month as the days go on and I talked to Peter, my, my attorney about it, or I, I sit home and I think about it or even at work, things, things reoccurred in my mind, it's just, you guys only know the tip of the iceberg

JB: Mmm, hmm.

█ of the substances, I, like I married a █ girl. I met the █ girl at (unintelligible) Coliseum. (Unintelligible) at an ACDC concert and she was selling LSD. I fell in love with her acid. And I was buying a thousand hits at a time in New Haven, Connecticut, ya know. I don't know how many hundreds of hi, I mean, I 'd eat twenty hits of acid at a time and just, just be, and I, I've lost it. I can't get it back. They told me that

JB: Mmm.

█ My counselors have told me your brain cells don't come back, ya know, but you can even strengthen what you have, ya know.

JB: Had you been using marijuana before you, you met this Priest?

█ No, I had been drinking alcohol, though, I, I'd been drinking alcohol since I was, I think I was six years old. I'd take drinks off my, when I lived on █. █ we used to live. Years and years ago.

JB: So the first time you had marijuana was, was with him?

[REDACTED] I believe so. I'm not exactly sure, but, it made it feel better. Believe it or not. It made, cause I could relax. Ya, and, and that's what happens to this day, they want me to see if you've ever been counseling and, I mean, I'm not a fuckin nut. I'm not a nut. And I don't need to see where they send all these patients from the State nut house, ya know, but because people, I, I have nightmares, I have dreams, yeah, not, about this, yes, but about other things that I, that I done in my life, ya know, that keep coming back to haunt me. Someday, when I know ten years is transpired through everything I've ever done, I will come up and say, listen to this stuff. And I will tell you everything I ever did. Just to clear it off the records or whatever it may be done, but I'm not, I don't belong in State Prison no more, you guys got what you wanted, ya know, you, you wanted me rehabilitated and they succeeded. It took twelve, fourteen years and what, YDC, County Jail, two stints in State Prison, but I got it, ya know. I, ya know, bullheaded or something. But it's, it finally kicked in, ya know.

JB: Well, we are glad to hear that. That it, that you're, you're doing good.

[REDACTED] And even if Marc Hathaway did not have a restraining order against me, well, whatever, saying that I can't go to Newport. I have nothing there. I have bad memories. What, ya know, what am I gonna go hug all those potheads and drug addicts up there? Cause, I ask questions, I talk to my brother [REDACTED] on the phone. I haven't seen him, but I talk to him on the phone and the same people are still doing the same fuckin shit. They, they were doing when I was,

JB: When you

[REDACTED] Yeah, back then and I don't know, they can't look and see where drugs and behaviors like that get people, by looking at [REDACTED] or the many of other people that have come out of Newport and got put into prison, ya know, cause, cause there are a few.

JB: They had to come to their own reality, huh, and their own

[REDACTED] Hit bottom, you gotta hit bottom.

JB: Yeah.

[REDACTED] Be sick and tired of being sick and tired.

JB: Mmm.

[REDACTED] Wondering if their gonna catch me on this one, ya know. And that wonder always carries along with you for years.

JB: Mmm. hmm.

Cause you know it can always come back up. Somebody could say the wrong thing to the wrong person, or I could get drunk. I was renowned for that, running my face when I'm drunk, ya know, and saying the wrong thing. And boom, ya know. I, I never hurt people to the extent of physical, like killing people or sexually abusing people. I've never done that, no. I couldn't do that. I couldn't fantasize doing that.

JB: Did this type of thing ever happen around anybody else?

On me?

JB: Yeah.

No, no.

JB: So, who, who was the first person that you told?

[Redacted]

JB: That was your

[Redacted]

JB: counselor [Redacted]

Then when I got violated and put back into prison, I wanted to pick up the counseling, where I had left off. And I told [Redacted] about it.

JB: [Redacted] (unintelligible)

[Redacted]

JB: and that's [Redacted] counselor, is that what you said?

yeah, it's related with [Redacted].

JB: And the next person you just said?

[Redacted]

JB: And he's?

NH State Prison counselor, psychotherapist.

JB: And when were these two, when did you tell these two people?

██████████ was about two years ago

JB: Mmm, hmm

██████████ And ██████████ as after ██████████ that was about a year and a half ago. Cause I, I, wh, when they put me back in, it stopped my counseling and the meetings I had had with ██████████ that I, made me very emotional, cause I, I don, I've had this macho image all my life, ya know, ██████████ gotta be this, and this, and this. The drug dealer, or whatever, ya know what I mean, the partier, or that I ain't supposed to cry, I ain't supposed to have feelings, I ain't supposed to feel my feelings.

JB: Yeah.

██████████ Ya know, but he made me cry, a lot. He brought a lot of shit out of me but he did it in a, in a gentle fashion so to say. He, he wasn't making fun of me and that's what I always scared of, was that, hey, no one's gonna believe me because a Priest is higher than a Priest, especially sitting in the town of Newport, New Hampshire where you got Judge John Fairbanks putting my ass in prison, or in jail for doing wrong, when he's doing wrong himself. Ya know, that does, something else, ya know, think of that on a criminal mind, ya know, who, who is this guy, it's like the Bible, judge not, thou shall not be judged. This guy is judging me, but look, take a look in the mirror brother. (laughs) Ya know.

JB: And wa, was it just ██████████ it you

(talking over each other)

██████████ and I never told him it was a Priest.

JB: Neither one of them.

██████████ No, I told er, a, an uncle but none of my uncles would ever, ever think of touching me because a Priest is high up there, ya know what I mean. People are laugh, back then people would laugh in your face. They honestly would, they would laugh at you if you made an allegation of something like that. Um, I was abused by a Priest

end of tape

██████████ Find out when he was stationed up by the Vermont, um, Canadian border cause that's where he was when we first started seeing each other.

JB: Mmm, hmm, ok.

[REDACTED] Whatever year that was (unintelligible)

JB: This is, ah, this is Lieutenant Brown again. I'm still here with Detective Almstrom, New Hampshire State Police and [REDACTED]. We're still continuing our interview, it is ten minutes after three at this time, on April 25, 2002. Um, [REDACTED] we were just talking about, and the reason why we've gone back on tape is because we're trying to establish a chronology of events and you were just talking about that, um, (sighs) Father Cote was apparently stationed up by the Canadian Border at some, at some time, ah, early in the 1980's and, ah, wer, you also mentioned that he had this house in Newport. How long had he, do you know how long he had had this house when you first started going up there?

[REDACTED] He just acquired it.

JB: He had just acquired it? And,

[REDACTED] He was having it built, yeah.

JB: And, um, but he was, he was apparently stationed up in the Canadian Border in?

[REDACTED] On the Canadian Border. I thought, I think he said West Stewartstown.

JB: And, um

[REDACTED] I, I, I, believe that's where he told me

JA: Ok, there is a town up there

[REDACTED] he was, (unintelligible) he lived (unintelligible) West Stewartstown.

JA: You

[REDACTED] I live, I lived in [REDACTED] and never even saw West Stewartstown.

JB: The person that

JA: There's a jail up there.

JB: The person that had owned the house before him, that was, who was that? Do you know who that person was?

█ Naw, I think it was the █ something

JB: Back then, was the name something like █

█ Yeah, and they were people that, I remember distinctly telling me that they gave him the land or sold it to him cheap enough to where, it was something, a gi, a gift from the people at his church, the church that he attended.

JB: Ok. You, ah, you talk about, we talked about a number of these incidents, you said probably twenty times in four to five years

█ █

JB: What's that?

█ █

JB: █

█ That was the guy's name, the gentleman's name was █

JB: Ok.

█ Cause I, I remember that cause I went and borrowed some tools from him one time.

JB: Alright. Um, you mentioned that these sexual acts took place maybe twenty times over a four or five year period, ah, you said sometimes he would provide you with pot to smoke?

█ Yes, marijuana.

JB: And that occurred on some of those occasions?

█ Yep.

JB: And alcohol on

█ every occasion.

JB: every occasion?

█ Yep.

JA: Now you stated these, ah, sex acts were only, um, by him sucking your penis?

█ Yes.

JA: Um, did it ever entail any anal sex, any, any other, any other sex at all?

█ No.

JA: No, no other (unintelligible)

(talking over each other)

█ He, he would rub my tits

JA: Ok.

█ but other than that, no,

JA: Ok.

█ he wouldn't go no where near my, no.

JB: Did he, did he ever threaten you or, in, in anyway?

█ No, no.

JB: The reason why you stopped going there was, why?

█ I got put in prison.

JB: And that was just a couple months after the last

█ time that I saw him, yeah.

JB: Do you have anything else? It's

█ Ah, in my first sentence, I think I went in 80, end of 85. 86, 87, 88, 89, cause I got out June 21, 1989, maxed out on the two to four, I did all of it.

JB: Mmm, hmm.

█: So I did four years, so the time is it's, I know I was under age when this happened. Under sixteen years old. I know that, the more I think about it.

JB: What makes you say that? Say that again, the reason why you would think that.

Cause I went to prison in, I believe it was 85 or 86, I got my first sentence for beating up on [REDACTED]. The charge, well I got charged with the [REDACTED] deal, but in the process of the [REDACTED] ordeal, um, some stolen guns from over in Kellyville had come up and I got put in prison for the burglary charge. [REDACTED] (unintelligible) [REDACTED]

JB: You said that there was two other people that you know of that, ah, this Father had, had, ah, touched inappropriately.

[REDACTED] No, that it was one of the two, I couldn't

JB: One of the two.

[REDACTED] remember which one it was.

JB: Give me the two names again, you said it was [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Yeah, [REDACTED]

JB: Do you know how old they were?

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] is younger than me, [REDACTED] was about my age.

JB: And, how close are you going in jail, this was relatively close to you going in jail th, that you heard about this?

[REDACTED] Mmm, hmm.

JB: And you went in at what age? When you went into jail. How old were you?

[REDACTED] When I went into what jail?

JB: Th, at prison.

[REDACTED] the prison?

JB: Yeah.

[REDACTED] I think, I, just turned eighteen since, sat in the County Jail, so ah, it was pretrial, a, a, it, its just gotten all mixed up in my head.

JB: Have you talked to either one of these, [REDACTED] lately?

█ No.

JB: Do you have any other things that you can think of that we should talk about regarding this?

█ No.

JB: Do you have anything else?

JA: No.

JB: Alright then, we'll stop the tape right now at, ah, 3:18.

Tape ends

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OFFICER BROWN

DATE 5/2/02

NEWPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT

Non-custodial Interview Form

NAME Roland Cote

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