

I never told anybody about this situation because I was embarrassed and nervous maybe even afraid to say anything. The reason why I am coming forward now is because I don't want other boys to have to go through what I've been living with all these years."

19. On October 29, 1991 a call was received at the District Attorney's Office from [redacted] indicated that his son [redacted] now age 19 and living in [redacted] has related that he was sexually molested by Father Lavigne in the past.

20. On the same date this officer called [redacted] and conducted a preliminary interview by telephone. [redacted] described being sexually assaulted by Father Lavigne. As a result of this preliminary interview, this officer traveled to [redacted] on November 9, 1991. At this time a complete written statement was obtained from [redacted]

21. On October 29, 1991, this officer had the occasion to interview [redacted] indicated the following:

[redacted] heard rumors about Fr. Levigne being gay before he met him. Then they met and became good friends. [redacted] never had any problems with Fr. Levigne. [redacted] Stated Fr. Levigne never tried anything with him (Inappropriate/Sexually). Fr. Levigne never made him feel uncomfortable. [redacted] was supposed to take a trip to Arizona or Colorado, with Fr. Levigne but he never went.

22. On October 29, 1991 this officer interviewed [redacted] indicated the following:

[redacted] Disclosed that they were inseparable for 3 to 4 years while [redacted] was in High School. He was with Fr. Levigne all the time. [redacted] Went to his house in Ashfield, and went to the movies. When asked if he ever took a long trip with Father Levigne, [redacted] stated he was supposed to take a trip out west with Fr. Levigne but he couldn't go because he got a job. [redacted] Went to Vt. with him, Antique hunting. He slept at the Rectory many times. Fr. Levigne did give him back rubs and he gave him wine a couple of times (but only 1/2 a glass). (Denied the back rubs and the wine - Initially.)

23. On October 31, 1991 this officer interviewed [redacted] gave the following statement:

"Sometime in late 63-early 1969 there were family problems within our family. At this time I was living on My mother had gotten hold of Father Lavigne for support and to console the family. On several occasions one older brother and myself would go with Father Lavigne to the Parish Rectory at St. Mary's in East Springfield. At these times we would sleep over (I don't recall if we both sleep over at the same time) in Father Lavigne's room. He was always pleasant toward us and never hit or threughten us. When it came time to go to bed, he would give us a large T-shirt to sleep in. I would leave my underwear on, and he would tell me that, that was unnessary because I had no clean underwear for morning.

We would sleep in the same bed, which at that age I thought nothing wrong. Father Lavigne would start tickling my back and legs over my buttocks and it would give me goose bumps and would repeat the same on my chest and testicales and penis the front of my legs. When he was finished he would say "now it's your turn to scratch and tickle me". And I would.

In the morning he would feed us breakfast in the Rectory kitchen, do a few chores and take me home. As I remember this took place on about 8-10 times over a period of a year until my older brother told my mother that Father Lavigne was funny. And she never made me go with him again. That was the last time I saw Father Lavigne until August 1989 at my grandmothers funeral.

On Oct. 12, 1991, I left to Louisanna to bury my father, upon returning the following Tuesday is when I heard and saw the news reports. Then I decided to come forward and tell my story. Mainly to put an end to all the destruction that has been caused."

24. On October 29, 1991 this officer had the occasion to interview indicated the following:

Indicated that he did not have any problems. Never slept over the Rectory, and didn't spend that much time with Fr. Levigne.

25. On October 31, 1991 this officer interviewed indicated the following:

He spent two overnights at the Rectory. First with (slept on couch with , and Second night alone (slept on Fr. Levigne's floor in a sleeping bag). He was 13 or 14 years old. took a shower and Fr. Levigne offered him a tee shirt to wear but he had his own clothes. Fr.

Levigne told stories and jokes. states that he massaged feet and might have scratched back. states Fr. Levigne made him feel uncomfortable because of his anger, not him touching him. Fr. Levigne had a bad temper. Adam also indicated that he probably would not tell this officer if Father Lavigne had touched him.

26. On November 1, 1991 this officer interviewed Be

gave the following statement:

"My name is I am currently 44 years of age and reside at

Approximately thirty to thirty two years ago when I was thirteen or fourteen years old, I had occasion to know Father Richard Lavigne he at that time was studying to become a Priest. I knew him then as Dickie Lavigne, I at that time lived at

I first met Dickie Lavigne when he was visiting with his Aunt & Uncle who were our next door neighbors, his Aunt & Uncle lived on the corner of I can re-call three different occasions when Dickie Lavigne and I were alone together.

#1. Dickie Lavigne took me swimming to a lake in Belchertown, MA. I have no recollection of anything unusual occurring at this particular event.

#2. Dickie Lavigne brought me to his house, I believe it was somewhere in Chicopee?. On this occasion I had hoped to see his sister, however, his sister and parents were not at home. I recall Dickie trying to hypnotize me, he asked me to take my clothes off, when I didn't comply he said "I guess you can't be hypnotized", also something along the lines of "even under hypnosis, you can't make somebody do something that they don't want to do". At that time we kind of laughed this incident off.

#3. Dickie Lavigne took me to a man-made pond in Granby to go swimming, I can recall that Dickie had a foreign car at that time and allowed me to drive it on the back road up to the pond. I don't recall what led up to it, but at some point Dickie asked if he would masturbate me?, I declined his offer and he let the issue drop. I believe that this was the last time that I saw Dickie Lavigne until he was recently arraigned in court on child rape/molestation charges. I observed Father Lavigne being arraigned on television and I am positive that he is the same person that I have referred to as Dickie Lavigne in this statement."

27. On November 4, 1991, this officer interviewed

the following statement:

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"My name is \_\_\_\_\_ I'm thirty five years old, married, no children of my own with foster children and step grandchildren living with me.

I'm employed by a car dealership, my duties include selling & motivating.

In the late 60's (1968 up to 1970's), I was an alterboy for the Catholic religion. Raised in a strict household. Looking back, I could say today, I was very nieve.

My forth cousin on my grandmothers side Rev. Richard Levine (pop's Levine) as I called him saw an interest in me on several occassions. He would stop by and take me out for the day. Sometimes he'd take along others, also we would do things like drive around sight seeing along the Mohawk Trail. At the time it was very exciting. I must admit I would be waiting (anixously) to do things with Father Lavine, he was always super to be around.

Then one day he asked my mom if I could sleep over with him at the Rectory in Spfld.

I was interested in art and Father Lavine was an exceptional artist, so my mom said yes it was ok. What I remember is driving there (to the Rectory) in Father's Mustang. It was summertime I believe cause it was air conditioned in side. When we arrived at the Rectory we entered the back door. There was an older cleaning lady there, we said hi to and went upstairs. It was early evening cause there was plenty of day light, I remember.

In Father's room there was an easel for painting pictures with a picture of clouds and sea scape and masted ship.

I became interested in the painted so Father Levine took out a painted board and gave me lessons on painting, letting me do the work. After a couple hours it was time for bed.

I remember getting into bed with only my underware on, no tee shirt I commented on how cold it was. I did have goose bumps.

Father rubbed my arms and back and I got into bed. There was a heavy whited bedspread like one my grandmother had. I snuggled under. A couple of minutes later after Father Lavine used the bathroom to wash and brush his teeth, he came into the room and got into bed with me.

As we talked, he would have me lay on my stomache and take his fingers and slowly tickle his way up my legs over my underwear and genital area, up my back to my neck, down my arms. I remember laughing cause it did tickle. I couldn't relax but he kept saying you can relax, don't think about it just relax. He then had me on my back stomache up and reeated the tickle with his fingers. He would go inside my thighs again over genital areas, down my legs over my stomache and down my arms.

It went on for awhile til he had me completly relaxed then he would have me do the same to him. He also only wore underwear.

The next day we did something, I can't remember what, and I went home.

I can't tell you how much time went by, but eventually I felt what we did was very wrong and everytime since then I would make excuses not to go over night with Father Lavine.

I do remember my mother asking me why. So I did tell her he would touch me and I didn't feel comfortable being alone with him. So she never forced me to be alone with him after that.

I did tell her to be careful about my younger brother going over night. Something was wrong."

28. On the same date, this officer interviewed  
gave the following statement:

"My name is I grew up on  
very close to Garrity Park.

When I was young I went and played at the park often. In the summer of 1958 my mother would take me to the park often to play. I became friendly with one of the recreational counselors during this time. We would play checkers and catch.

At this time the turnpike had not been built and at one end of the playing field behind a row of trees a small pond existed. One afternoon in July the counselor and I took a walk to the pond. He asked me to lay down in the grass and talk with him. At this time he opened his pants and asked me to touch him on his genitals. He then proceeded to open my pants and touch me on my genitals as well. This proceeded for a few minutes, maybe 5 minutes. We then left and went back to the park building area. At six years old I didn't have sexual thoughts

but I must have instinctively known this was wrong. I went home soon after I got back to the park building and told my grandmother what had happened. My grandmother told my parents who then questioned me. My parents called the park superintendent who came to our house that nite with his assistant. The superintendent was Mr. Preston and his assistant Mr. St. Francis. They told my parents he would be fired immediatly and he was. I never saw him again nor did I remember the counselors name. My parents remembered who the counselor was as my mother worked with his father at the Savage Arms. I only learned that the counselor was Fr. Lavigne about 2 weeks ago when my mother told me after seeing the stories in the newspapers."

29. On November 5, 1991, this officer met with \_\_\_\_\_ informed this officer that he knew nothing of inappropriate touching by Father Lavigne on anyone.

30. During the week of November 8, 1991, upon this officers request, \_\_\_\_\_ mailed the following statement:

"In the summer of 1958 our son \_\_\_\_\_ would go to the playground (Garrity's Grove) at the end of our steet. -

The attendant was a Richard Lavigne whose father I knew from working at Savage Arms in the Falls section of Chicopee.

One day our son - who was just 6 years, 8 months old - came home and told his grandmother that Dick wanted him to tickle him inside his pants.

We spoke to our son and he said Dick tickled me and when he wanted me to tickle him, I ran home. The tickling (as a 6 1/2 year old described it) was done inside the shorts.

We immediatly called Mr. Preston who was Superintendent of parks & playgrounds and he came to our home with Nap St. Francis who I believe was in charge of Physical Ed in Chicopee. We related the story to them. They left.

When they came back they said Richard Lavigne said "I don't know what came over me - I never did anything like that before. If my mother finds out it will kill her."

I remember saying to Mr. Preston "What about our son?"

They assured us he would be discharged from the job - which he was - and felt it would stop there.

This is the same Richard Lavigne who entered the seminary and was ordained. We had hoped that would be the end of it!"

31. On November 8, 1991 and November 22, 1991 this officer telephoned \_\_\_\_\_ indicated the following:

He was fondled by Fr. Lavigne when he was 13 or 14 yrs old. He had to wear a night shirt and no underwear when he slept over. He woke up and Fr. Lavigne was fondling him.

32. On November 11, 1991 this officer interviewed \_\_\_\_\_ gave the following statement:

"I \_\_\_\_\_ a resident and police officer in Springfield Ma. am submitting this statement of my own free will and in complete truth to State Trooper Mosman. About twenty one years ago I was a member of Saint Marys church in Springfield Ma. I was a rebellious child about twelve years old. Father Richard Laviegn was the priest at st. marys. He used to spend time with troubled kids with thier parents blessings. Father Laviegne was the type of person who won peoples hearts. He came on as a strong and interesting man who seemed to be concerned with helping people. He used to come to our house and spend time with the family. Everyone thought he wa great including my parents. This went on for a while until the night my friend and I stayed at his fathers house in Chicopee Ma.

This night completely changed my view of father Laviegne and the Catholic church. I haven't been to confession in twentyone years.

We were at his fathers house and when it came time to go to bed he told us to take off our under shorts and put on one of his T shirts because it was unsanitary. After we did that he started to wrestle with us, during this time he began grabbing us in the groin area. We both became afraid and he stopped. After that night I knew there was something wrong with him. I told my parents and they didn't beleive me at first until he stopped coming around. After that he would avoid our family, he was transferd shortly thereafter."

33. On November 9, 1991 this Officer interviewed \_\_\_\_\_ DOB 04/20/72. \_\_\_\_\_ gave the following statement:

"Today is November 9th, 1991, my name is \_\_\_\_\_ My date of birth is April 20th, 1972.

In late Aug. of 1985, I was just going into the 8th grade and was just moving into Colrain. When my family transfered churches we transfered to, the church of St. Joseph's. When we

got there my older brother and I became alter boys. After a couple weeks of serving Mass with "Father Lavigne" he asked my 2 brothers and I to come over to the St. Joseph's rectory and do some yard work (mowing the yard, trimming the bushes, etc.), he said he asked us because he knew we were Boy Scouts. So we all agreed to come over and do some work. By the time we were finished working it was around supper time so Father Lavigne asked us to stay for supper. So I proceeded to call our parents and ask if we could stay. My parents had no problem with that so they said "no problem". During supper we were all having a good time talking and joking around. Father Lavigne suggested that we stick around and watch television for the night and then sleep over. So I called our parents again and asked if that was alright. My parents said that that was ok and brought my brothers and I a change of clothes.

After we finished watching T.V. we went upstairs to get ready for bed. The bedroom was located on the second floor on the left hand side of the hallway as you came up the stairs. The room we were staying in was a guest room. It had a mattress on the center of the floor and a couch on the left hand side of the room with a couple of chairs on either side of the bed. The sleeping arrangement went as follows, my older brother slept on the couch and my little brother, myself, and Father Lavigne slept on the mattress on the floor.

Our night clothes consisted of only our underwear for both my brothers and I. Father Lavigne slept in his underwear and a T-shirt.

That night when we all went to sleep Father Lavigne kept talking to me, keeping me awake. I was getting uneasy so I rolled over on my left side and tried to to to sleep. Father Lavigne was on my right hand side. After approx 10 minutes after Lavigne believed I was assleep he removed his shirt and underwear. I could tell he was doing so because the movement of his body made it very clear, what he was doing. After he removed his clothing he extended his left arm up over his head and rolled onto his left side. He then put his right arm over my upper torso as if to hug me. He then pressed his entire body against mine. He would rub my arm from the top of the shoulder to the wrist then would go on to rub from the center of my rib cage to center of my hip. He continuously did this. He then started to press his penis against my buttocks in a sexual motion (as in, acting out a sexual intercourse episode) this continued for aprox. 5-10 minutes. He did this enough that I was so scared I did not move at all. For some reason he then got up, he heard my sigh of relief that he got up. He stopped moving completely and waited, I was scared, yet wanted to know if he had left the room. So I turned onto my back to look for