

- BM: And I learned from Dr. Ouellette that a Hampton Police Detective was investigating this. I never heard another word about it.
- BB: So Dr. Ouellette um, during any of this time did he ever try to discuss with you ah any sexual type of counseling sessions or your sexual preference or any of those things?
- GM: Yes.
- BB: Okay.
- GM: That was that, are you asking was that part of the content.
- BB: Right.
- GM: Of the treatment.
- BB: Right.
- GM: Therapy, yes.
- BB: Right. Okay.
- GM: Yep. Extensively I'm sure.
- BB: Do you know whether he released any of that information to the Diocese?
- GM: I do not know.
- BB: You don't know, okay, but you never again, you never signed any type of release?
- GM: I don't remember. For that, for that specific, I don't know.
- BB: Okay.
- BL: Do you know if Dr. Ouellette um offered any other kinds of treatment ah how treatment was going with you to the Diocese? It seems that our investigation showing that the flow of information between Dr. Ouellette and the Diocese regarding the progression of certain priests that were troubled or in therapy. It was pretty free flowing. Um, is there anything that you can think of that would demonstrate that there was this flow of information in your case that the Diocese as far as your treatment?
- GM: If it was free flowing I wasn't aware of it.

BL: Okay.

GM: Only looking again looking at the time. Today I would be a lot more conscious of my own rights and issues of confidentiality, etc. Um, and at the time though I don't think that that was so much of an issue for me personally. I think I simply presumed that he was communicating something to the Diocese.

BB: On a regular basis?

GM: Yes. But I don't know what. I can tell you of the existence of letters that \_\_\_\_\_ and it's a very general \_\_\_\_\_ Gordon Macrae resting very well with Dr. Ouellette. This would be something that, if so I wasn't aware of those.

BL: So you're not aware of any, any flowing communication between ah

GM: I'm not aware of it.

BL: Dr. Ouellette and the Diocese.

GM: Dr. Ouellette did not ever discuss with me what he was saying to the Diocese, okay. Now my understanding was that he was saying something and again I don't think that I or priests in general at the time were looking at a need to establish individual rights to confidentiality. He was hired by the Diocese and was represented of them. I don't think we necessarily saw ourselves as so distinct from that.

BB: Okay.

GM: Just at the time.

BB: Yep. Now after that you ended up taking a leave of absence.

GM: In, I think it was quite a bit after that.

BB: Right.

GM: That, that second [REDACTED] allegation came out with DCYF in '85.

BB: Right.

GM: In '87 in okay at the time the [REDACTED] the second [REDACTED] allegation came out, the pastor who was working with me in Keene resigned.

BB: Okay.

GM: And was reassigned. Um, the other priest retired. The older priest Bomberdear and the Diocese placed Stephen Scruton there.

BB: Okay.

GM: with me and ah also Michael Barry.

BB: Okay. So you were there with them for about two years?

GM: I was there with them for two years I guess.

BB: Okay. But there came a time that you asked for a leave of absence.

GM: Yes. That was in June of '87.

BB: Okay. Now tell me about why you asked for a leave of absence?

GM: It had nothing to do with me.

BB: Okay.

GM: Steve Scruton, the priest that I had been there with was arrested. Um, he did not tell me about the, I knew he had a history, but the only history I knew about involved allegations um of misconduct at two rest areas involving adults. Now that what was public I was aware of that both from the news media and Scruton himself had discussed that with me. By the time he was arrested though there was our relationship with Steve Scruton was not a very good one.

BB: Okay.

GM: There were a lot of

BB: Right.

GM: Pretty serious problems.

BB: Yeah.

GM: And I brought some of those problems too \_\_\_\_\_

BL: In the form of what? Letters, phone calls, personal?

GM: Phone calls.

BL: Phone calls.

GM: I was not aware of any issues involving minors against me at the parish.

BL: Right.

GM: There were a lot of issues of suspicious behavior and there were some incidents that concerned me greatly, but

BB: So because of that you decided to take a leave of absence?

GM: No.

BB: That.

GM: No. Um, Scruton after Scruton was arrested he didn't tell me that he had been arrested. He was arrested I think on would have been the day after Easter so it would have been in April of 1987. Ah, he had been arrested in a rest area nearby and about a month later ah he told me about it and the reason he told me about it was he had agreed to a guilty plea and the guilty plea was coming up and he didn't want me to see it in the newspaper so he told me about it. I had no idea who investigated the situation or what else happened.

BL: How often would you telephone the Diocese about your concern about ah?

GM: Maybe 3, 3 or 4 times.

BL: Okay. Who did you speak with?

GM: inaudible

BL: And ah you told him, it sounds like you were very specific about the types of issues that you found troubling.

GM: Some of the issues were quite serious.

BL: Involving potential misconduct ah involving issues of a sexual nature?

GM: Yes.

BL: With minors.

GM: No.

BL: No. Okay. What, I need to know specifically what were the issues that you brought to the Diocese about Father Scruton and what that they said to you in response to those issues?

GM: Well more behavioral issues.

BL: Okay.

GM: Okay, here's an example of this. I was alone with Scruton up there. The other priest, I'm sorry. The other priest had resigned after about a year with Scruton. Mike Barry, they could not get along.

BL: Okay.

GM: Um, this was a huge parish. It was over 2000 families. We had a coverage of 24 hour a day coverage of a general hospital with a trauma unit and so I had to wear a pager and I was called during the night two or three times a week. There was a school in the parish that the parish was not directly responsible for because it was a regional school, but just in terms of day to day administration that was a huge thing. There was a cemetery in the parish and I don't know if you know anything about parish politics, but a cemetery can be the biggest headache of all.

BL: Is that right.

GM: It's a huge regional Catholic cemetery that the parish was administratively responsible for. Ah, there were three nursing homes in the parish. There were two alcohol treatment centers that provided hospital coverage for and there's a college campus next door with 5000.

BB: It's very large. Very large.

GM: Enormous and I was alone because Scruton had a pattern of disappearing around 10 or 11 at night and coming back at 4 and 5 in the morning and sleeping most of the day. We had a blowup because I pointed out at a meeting with Steve Scruton that um in the following year we had, the parish had 52 weddings that we were preparing for. I was covering 50 of them and he was covering 2 and um when I pointed this out to Steve he became enraged and started smashing things and.

BB: So there were issues of that nature?

GM: So there were issues of that nature.

BB: What issues at far as him?

GM: There were some others and.

BB: Right, but I mean there was nothing as far as abusing children or anything like that?

GM: There was no allegations of him abusing children. There was a young man who hung out with Steve. That's the best word I can put on it.

BB: Right.

GM: 24/7, they were always together and um he was always there.

BL: Was he sleeping over in the Rectory?

GM: No because again we had, we had a rule of not putting minors above the first floor. Steve also insisted on. Apparently he had a previous situation when he was in Hudson, but I was not fully aware of, but he made me aware of it.

BB: So because of all of these things you asked for.

GM: Steve was, after his arrest he had an interview with the Keene Sentinel and told the Keene Sentinel that he was not going to resign, but he was going to speak with all the masses the following Wednesday. Perform Sunday rather and tell the parish to grow up and just accept him as he is and he was a human being and I called the Diocese and said if he's not gone by Sunday, I will.

BL: Was there an issue involving that?

GM: inaudible that

BL: Father Scruton had. He wanted to get rid of this material.

GM: The only way he would know that is from the file that he wrote. From the commentary I wrote that ah that that Diocese asked for a copy of and it was taken by the AG'S office.

BL: Okay.

GM: But I guess there was. Um, and it's just a minor point.

BL: Was the Diocese made aware of, of this potential pornography situation.

GM: Well they were eventually, but at the time

BL: Were they made aware of that situation?

GM: By me?

BB: Yes or anyone else.

GM: No I did not report that to the Diocese nor was I aware of the nature of the problem or the content of it.

BL: Okay.

GM: I mean obviously have or somebody has read this account in a case history that I wrote because as far as I know that's the only place where it exists. If you have read it I'll go into the, I'll discuss it, but if you've heard of it from

BB: Right.

GM: From another source then I'd rather not.

BB: Right now there's really no need to go into the whole force or anything like that. Like we said our focus is what the Diocese knew at the time.

GM: Okay.

BL: You as part of a parish where issues of that parish is involving other people and you're saying that you made contact with the Diocese to report these issues cause you felt that they needed to be addressed. My job is to try and find out exactly what you reported and what it was about and what the Diocese said to address these problems.

BB: So you didn't report the pornographic or anything at that time?

GM: No. But you've got to understand that I had resigned from my pervious assignment and this was sort of made known to me by Scruton that if I resigned from every assignment that obviously the issue is presumed to be mine.

BB: Right.

GM: But I did tell him on several occasions that I wanted out of there. Um, and because of his behavior. Here's what happened and again it doesn't involve a crime that I nor that can be identified, but I was away from the parish one night, overnight. I left maybe once a week for two days, well one day and an

overnight and when I returned I was suppose to return in the morning, but I went to visit my family in the Boston area, about a two hour drive. I made a decision to return the night before instead of staying overnight at my family's house so I returned around ten or eleven at night. Um, the garages were underneath the Rectory and you could hear the garage doors open in several places inside the Rectory so Scruton may have known in leaving the back door open that I was home. I did see his car there and I remember this vividly and I went to my office um on the first floor to look at mail and messages and I always have a stack of messages. Um, I was in the office on the phone answering a couple of messages even though it was late at night. I just remember I was on the phone when Steve Scruton came into my office and shut the door. He told me that there was a young man in his room on the second floor with and he thought the young man had a gun. Do you know about this? All right. I asked him how the young man came to be in his room on the second floor and he said that ah that the young man had followed him in and I asked him how old this person was and he thought he was 19 or 20. I asked him if he knew him and he said that they had only met a couple of times. Um, maybe, he said that he thought that the young man was crazy and he was afraid for his life. He said yeah. I asked him if he saw a gun. He said the young man was wearing an overcoat and had his hand in one pocket and had what looked like a gun, like in a gangster movies, pointed at Scruton so I asked Scruton how he got out of the room and he said that, I think he said he went through his bathroom that his living area and the Rectory are, are sort of the same room with a bathroom, a lavatory connecting on the bedroom and he said he made the excuse that he had to use the bathroom so he went through there and then down the stairs into my office because he heard my garage door open. And ah, I asked him where in the room the young man was and he um told me he was in the sitting room so I told him that I had to call the Keene Police. He didn't want to and we had an argument over this and finally he agreed that I'd call the Keene Police, but I had to ask him to stay outside if there was an intruder in the Rectory and he had a dozen conditions under which I could call the police. He wanted me to tell them that there was an intruder in the Rectory, but it was somebody known to Scruton and there may be a problem and to ask them to just sit out in the parking lot for a few minutes while we try to calm this person down or something like that. So I called them and they agreed to come and sit in the parking lot and would come into the Rectory if we called them again. Then I went to the office door and I opened the office door and the young man was in the doorway and listening and um he, he panicked and he yelled at Scruton that I thought. I though you said you were alone and um I asked the young man to take his hand out of his pocket. He did. I asked him to empty his pockets and he had a toy plastic gun in his pocket. Was just a toy. I asked the young man where he met Scruton and he said that he and Scruton had um several encounters at a park in Manchester.

BL: Sexual encounters?



GM: At least I presume he meant sexual?

BL: The boy told you this?

GM: Yes. In Scruton's presence. Now he was about 19 or 20. I asked him his age and he said he was 19 or 20.

BL: Okay.

GM: I did not know who, him. I had never seen him before. I told him, I asked him how he came to be inside the Rectory and he said he followed Scruton after his last encounter. That they had several for money and he said he followed Scruton. He had his own car and followed Scruton all the way down to Keene from Manchester. I asked him if he, Scruton was still in the room and I asked him if he, if Scruton knew he was following him and he said no and um, he then said that he confronted Steve outside, that there were people outside so Steve brought him into the Rectory to get away from, so the people outside would not hear what he was saying. That's the story I was given, but the young man begged me not to include the police in this. Um, I remember that

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GM: The young man's reason was for not wanting the police there. I assumed that they didn't want it known. He did not want it known that he was involved in prostitution.

BL: Did the Diocese ever catch wind of ah this what sounded like a pretty serious incident?

GM: They never were advised.

BB: So they were never advised of any of the things.

GM: Not by me.

BB: Okay. So, so to be honest with you we really don't want to get into all of it. We're completely getting off base.

GM: All right, but this goes into the pornography issue.

BB: Right, but, but as far as the pornography issue you never told the Diocese about it.

GM: No I asked Steve to.