

1 A. No. It was against the regulations.
 2 Q. Why would she have had that paddle if it
 3 was against --
 4 A. It was around.
 5 Q. Around where?
 6 A. The boys had used that to play with it. I
 7 guess that is why.
 8 Q. [REDACTED] testified that Sister [REDACTED]
 9 used a paddle and a belt. Did you see a belt?
 10 A. No.
 11 Q. Do you remember whether there was a belt
 12 there or not, one way or the other?
 13 A. No.
 14 Q. Are you saying, no, you don't remember?
 15 A. There was no belt that I know of. Never
 16 saw a belt.

IP
 1 A. I would say only a couple of years until --
 2 you see, I think [REDACTED] came in as a social
 3 worker about two years after I got at the child
 4 center. And then they came out with the
 5 regulation, no spanking, no nothing, no hitting
 6 the children. And I think that was pretty well
 7 observed after that except for --
 8 Q. But you are testifying today you never did
 9 that, is that correct?
 10 A. No.
 11 [REDACTED]: No, you are --
 12 A. No, I am not testifying that I never did.
 13 Q. I don't want to confuse you. Am I correct
 14 in stating that you never engaged in that type of
 15 activity?
 16 A. No. I did.
 17 Q. You did?
 18 A. I did.
 19 Q. You did spank with the paddle?
 20 A. I did use the paddle a couple of times the
 21 first two years, like I was telling you there.
 22 Until we were asked.
 23 Q. Where did you use the paddle?
 24 A. In the hand.
 25 Q. That would be the paddle we are talking

1 about that you bounce the ball with?
2 A. Yes.
3 Q. How would you have them hold their hands,
4 Sister?
5 A. Like (indicating).
6 Q. Flat, with the palm up?
7 A. Yes.
8 Q. Did you ever hit them on the knuckles?
9 A. No, never.
10 Q. You are sure?
11 A. I am positive.
12 Q. And then you stopped that activity in 19 --
13 well, couple of years after you got there because
14 of the new regulation?
15 A. Right.
16 Q. Do you know if any of the other nuns did it
17 up until 1963 or -4, whenever [REDACTED] got
18 there, whatever that date might be?
19 A. No. I didn't see anybody hit, using the
20 paddle on the children after that.
21 Q. Prior to that?
22 A. Like myself.
23 Q. Yes?
24 A. Yes, I did myself.
25 Q. And any other nuns like, let me go through

Sister3a does not claim to have participated in forcing children to eat, but she claims to have heard about it happening.¹³² She denied knowing whether a particular nun formed a resident to eat their oatmeal after they vomited it up.¹³³

¹³² *Id.* at 10.

¹³³ *Id.* at 28.

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1 A. I was told one morning, I didn't see it,
 2 one morning she had to force a [REDACTED] to eat his
 3 oatmeal and to slap him if he didn't eat it. But
 4 someone reported that to me. I didn't see her do
 5 it.

6 Q. Who reported that to you?

7 A. One of the counselors, a seminarian.

8 Q. Did you ever hear of Sister [REDACTED]
 9 forcing somebody to eat their oatmeal after they
 10 had vomited it up?

11 A. No.

12 Q. Do you know that if that happened at all
 13 or are you saying --

14 A. I don't know if it did happen.

15 Q. Did you feel at times Sister [REDACTED] was too
 16 strict?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Why?

19 A. It was requiring a lot of the [REDACTED] There
 20 were young ones in there and you had to -- to me
 21 she was too strict. For example, the beds had to
 22 be so-so. And I wasn't that strict. You know,
 23 they made their bed, that was okay. To me, the
 24 bed were made, and that is the way I thought she
 25 was stricter.

Sister3a denied knowing of sexual abuse occurring at the Orphanage beyond one incident that occurred with a lay employee.¹³⁴

Allegations Against Sister21and Sister25: In her deposition, a Sister1a also identified a Sister3a and a Sister2a as present during her tenure at the Orphanage.¹³⁵

3 A. Sister [REDACTED] was there. Sister
 4 [REDACTED] Sister [REDACTED].

5 Q. Sister [REDACTED]. Anybody else come to mind?

6 A. Sister [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. And some
 7 are dead; Sister [REDACTED] is dead, Sister [REDACTED] is
 8 dead, [REDACTED], [REDACTED] is dead. Sister
 9 [REDACTED] is at [REDACTED]. [REDACTED]

¹³⁴ *Id.* at 8-13; 24.

¹³⁵ *Id.* at 24, 26, 73.

11 | Q. Do you remember Sister [REDACTED] ?
12 | A. Yes.
13 | Q. What was her, what was her station at the
14 | Orphanage? What did she do?
15 | A. I think she has the [REDACTED] department.

In her deposition, Sister1a denied any physical abuse beyond admitting to slapping the two residents in the face and stated it was not appropriate.¹³⁶ She denied any physical abuse with objects and the taunting/mockng of residents as punishment.¹³⁷

Presence of Sister26 at the Orphanage: Though V20 did not allege any abuse from Sister26, the St. Joseph's Child Center Chronicles prepared by the Sisters does corroborate a Sister26a's presence at the Orphanage.¹³⁸

ARRIVAL | 19.- Today we welcomed Sister [REDACTED] who will
: assist Sister [REDACTED] in the boys' department.
: Several of us know of this Sister's zeal and untiring efforts
: with the children, therefore, it is with pleasure that we
: greet her. Welcome, dear Sister, to our home.

Case Analysis & Outcome: No criminal charges to be filed, as potential crimes are barred by the statute of limitations.

¹³⁶ See *id.* at 45-46.

¹³⁷ See *id.* at 44-46, 53-54, 74-75.

¹³⁸ *Id.* at 1.

Victim: V21

Contacted Law Enforcement: Contacted the AGO in February 2019. Met with BPD on March 14, 2019.

Dates at St. Joseph's Orphanage: Vermont Catholic Charities could not locate a file or index card for this resident. V21 reports being at the Orphanage from 1953 to 1954.

VCC Resident File Reviewed: No file or card

DCF Placement: Yes. Committed to DSW custody on August 29, 1951.

Allegations: On March 14, 2019, Detective Michael Beliveau spoke with V21 and V21 reported the following. V21 said that V21 was at the Orphanage with V21's sibling, V21-Sibling1. V21 provided a letter that V21-Sibling1 had written about the Orphanage.¹³⁹ V21 explained that V21 went to Montpelier after V21 found V21's birth parents to obtain information from their records. V21 said V21 did not remember V21-Sibling1 until much later in life. V21 recalled that V21 was at the Orphanage from the beginning of 1953 to the middle of 1954. V21 remembered that V21 left to be adopted in the summer of 1954 and was unsure whether V21-Sibling1 left the same summer or the following summer.

V21 said was V21 very young and had blocked out a lot of memories of V21's time at the Orphanage. V21 asserted that V21 only remembered two things clearly, one of which has become a recurring nightmare for V21. V21 explained that V21 was sick with the measles (or something similar) and had to be separated from everyone else. V21 recalled that a common practice in the Orphanage was to isolate children in dark rooms without lights or windows. V21 specified that this was used for both illness and punishment. V21 recalled that V21-Sibling1 tried

¹³⁹ See generally, file in Criminal Report Source Material titled [REDACTED]

to get into the room to see V21 on multiple occasions, but V21-Sibling1 was not allowed. Eventually, V21 said, V21-Sibling1 managed to convince the nuns to let V21-Sibling1 in.

The second incident V21 recalled was when V21 and V21-Sibling1 tried to run away from the Orphanage. V21 said this was on Christmas Eve of 1953. V21 explained that they had heard their mother was now living out of state. V21 said V21-Sibling1 made V21 put food in V21's pockets, which was against the rules, and then woke V21 up late at night. V21 remembered that they put on all their clothes and went out into a snowstorm. V21 said that eventually it dawned on V21-Sibling1 that this might not be the best idea and that they knocked at the door of a house nearby. V21 recalled that the man made them hot cocoa and put them by the fire before calling the Sherriff to come get them. V21 said that the Sherriff took them back to the Orphanage and that once they got back, the nuns split the siblings up for good.

V21 claimed that V21's main complaint against the Orphanage was neglect and being split up from V21-Sibling1. V21 said the nuns separated them within the Orphanage from the very beginning. V21 does not think V21 was physically abused. V21 says there are some questionable things related to V21-Sibling1's experiences. V21 said that V21 and V21-Sibling1 both knew what punishment meant: being locked up in a dark room. V21 said V21 does not remember whether this happened to V21 often. V21 said V21 only remembers being confined once, when V21 was sick, but that V21-Sibling1 references it a few times. V21 indicated, however, that V21 must have been separated from others a lot, because when V21 was adopted, V21's biggest fear was being left alone in a room V21 couldn't get out of. V21 said that V21 blocked a lot of it out.

V21 also said that the children were not watched or supervised. V21 said things would happen and there was no one monitoring.

When prompted, V21 explained that the biggest problem with the Orphanage was a lack of “TLC.” V21 explained that the general feeling was: “You’re on your own.” V21 indicated they often went hungry. V21 said it was strange because V21-Sibling1 talked often about the kitchen and that the Orphanage had a huge kitchen. V21 indicated the nuns only housed them, they did not care for them. V21 said that V21 did not remember any of the nuns or other children specifically.

V21 indicated that even when V21 was subsequently sent to Catholic school, they never had nice priests. V21 recalled a story where a nun picked up a 7th grade boy and threw him into the blackboard, cracking his skull open. V21 indicated that the nun was subsequently retired. V21 could not recall the nun’s name. V21 indicated this occurred at St. Mary’s School in Saint Albans.

V21 indicated V21-Sibling1 learned how to work around the system, to avoid being isolated in dark rooms. V21 learned how to be useful to the nuns in order to avoid punishment. V21 talked about their time before going to the Orphanage. V21 mentioned that their mother paid a woman to look after them who subsequently abused V21-Sibling1. V21 explained that the State subsequently pulled them out of that situation and that is how they ended up going to the Orphanage.

Named Assailants: None

Potential Crimes: V.S. 1947 § 8261: Cruelty to Persons – Cruelty to children under ten by one over sixteen; V.S. 1947 § 8262: Cruelty to a Person – By person having custody.

Relevant Documents:

Case Analysis & Outcome: No criminal charges to be filed, as potential crimes are barred by the statute of limitations.

Victim: V22

Contacted Law Enforcement: On September 21, 2018, V22 met with BPD Detective Michael Beliveau and Detective Dalla Mura for an interview.

Dates at St. Joseph's Orphanage: July 6, 1963, to October 12, 1963

VCC Resident File Reviewed: Yes

Allegations: On September 11, 2018, Detective Dalla Mura and Detective Beliveau met with V22 at V22's residence. V22 swore at the beginning of the interview that everything V22 was about to say was the truth.

V22 couldn't remember exactly when V22 was in the Orphanage but believed it was when V22 was about seven years old and was at the Orphanage in during the 1960's. V22's mother needed medical care following a head injury and that was why V22 and V22's two siblings, V22-Sibling1 and V22-Sibling2, were placed at the Orphanage. V22 was unsure of the exact length of time V22 was in the Orphanage, but believed it was more than a couple of years.

V22 recalled two nuns that V22 perceived to be in charge at the time; one as "big and fat" and the other as "tall and skinny." V22 described a third female that would sit with the girls during the night. V22 said that female was only there during the summer months.

V22 remembered hearing girls screaming in the night and remembered being thrown onto V22's bed but could not provide further details. V22 recalled being kicked once by the "fat nun" because V22 brought crackers upstairs out of the normal routine. After V22 was kicked, V22 remembered having a significant bruise on V22's left hip. The third female that was present

during the summer months took V22 to the doctor at the Orphanage because of the bruising. V22 believed this person was trying to help V22.

V22 would frequently sneak over to V22's little sibling, V22-Sibling2, but would get into "a lot of trouble" when V22 was caught. V22 said V22 would get "smacked" by whatever the nuns had in their hands, to include a leather strap and a broom. V22 felt like V22 was always in trouble.

Once a week, V22 had to dust a large room as well as a hallway and then V22 would have to mop the floors. Some of the other chores V22 was tasked with were to serve milk to girls and scrub and clean large kitchen pots. V22 started to wet V22's bed while at the Orphanage and the nuns made V22 hand scrub V22's linens on a washboard.

V22 recalled the nuns telling V22 stories about another nun that had lied and when the nun took a drink of water she burnt to death. The nuns would also say their parents were never coming back for them. V22 did not recall being sexually abused but explained that the smell of women was revolting to V22.

V22 heard from other residents about a box that they would lock kids in if they misbehaved. V22 described being at the dining room table and the nuns would grab a misbehaving child and shake them while yelling at them. V22 would keep V22's head down in an attempt to avoid attention.

V22 mentioned there being a rowboat at the shore in front of the Orphanage. V22 heard that a kid was taken out in the boat, thrown into the water and never returned. V22 was told by the nuns that they could make you disappear but was primarily told by other children about the boy being taken out in the boat and never returning.

The nuns made children lay in bed at night facing to the left and if they did not or if they moved, the nuns would hit them. V22 said the nuns would sit there all night and watch them. V22 advised V22 “stopped hearing” at some point while V22 was at the Orphanage and believed it was because of the trauma.

V22 attempted to report the abuse to the Bellows Falls Police Department in 1999.

Named Assailants: None.

Potential Crimes: 13 V.S.A. § 1021 Breach of the peace generally (1959); 13 V.S.A. § 1304 Cruelty to children under ten by one over sixteen (1959); 13 V.S.A. § 1305 Cruelty by a person having custody of another (1959).

Relevant Documents:

Case Analysis & Outcome: No criminal charges to be filed as no named suspects and potential crimes are barred by the statute of limitations.

Victim: V23

Contacted Law Enforcement: Initial contact with BPD Portal on September 12, 2018, by V23-Niece1 who was interviewed by Detective Felicciardi that same day.

Dates at St. Joseph’s Orphanage: February 19, 1943 to August 2, 1948. V23 reports being there until approximately 1953.

VCC Resident File Reviewed: Yes

Allegations: On September 12, 2018, Detective Felicciardi met with V23-Niece1 about the abuse that occurred at the Orphanage. V23-Niece1 submitted a report on behalf of V23, with V23’s permission. V23-Niece1 advised V23 had early onset Alzheimer’s and the family had

concerns about V23 being triggered if interviewed about what happened. Detective Felicciardi explained to V23-Niece1 that V23 would only have to speak with Detective Felicciardi if V23 wanted to. During the interview, V23-Niece1 advised V23 told V23-Niece1 a few years prior, after learning what V23-Niece1 did for work, that V23 had been sexually abused at the Orphanage. V23-Niece1 said V23 was born in 1934 and was in the Orphanage from approximately 1943 through 1947, when V23's older sibling, V23-Sibling1, took V23 to live with V23-Sibling1.

V23-Niece1 said throughout V23's life, V23 did not speak of the abuse, but repeatedly told family members how V23-Sibling1 saved V23's life. V23-Niece1 advised that when the news story came out, V23 offered to share what happened to V23. V23-Niece1 said V23 told V23-Niece1 that all the children (V23 was around eight years old) slept in one large room in the Orphanage separated by gender. There was a caretaker who had a room attached to the large room. V23-Niece1 said V23 told V23-Niece1 that every night, the caretaker would bring a different boy into the caretaker's room, where they were subsequently sexually abused. V23-Niece1 said V23 told V23-Niece1 that V23 was sexually abused more than once, if not often. V23 also told V23-Niece1 that V23 had been whipped with a whip, as well as had "other things" done to V23. V23-Niece1 did not ask any further detail about any of this abuse, nor did V23 go into any.

Named Assailants: None

Potential Crimes: V.S. 1947 § 8261: Cruelty to Persons – Cruelty to children under ten by one over sixteen; V.S. 1947 § 8262: Cruelty to a Person – By person having custody; V.S. 1947 § 8458 Disturbances – Of the public peace; V.S. 1947 § 8479 Lewdness.

Relevant Documents:

Case Analysis & Outcome: No criminal charges to be filed as no named suspects and potential crimes are barred by the statute of limitations.

Victim: V24

Contacted Law Enforcement: Initial contact with the BPD Portal on September 17, 2018 by Friend1, who is a friend of V24, a former resident of the Orphanage. V24, along with V24-Friend1, met with BPD Detective Michael Beliveau and Officer David Bowers on September 18, 2018, for an interview.

VCC Resident File Reviewed: No materials could be produced by Vermont Catholic Charities confirming resident's dates at the Orphanage. V24 reports being there from approximately 1952 to 1956.

Allegations: On September 18, 2018, Officer Bowers and Detective Beliveau interviewed V24 at the Essex Police Department. V24 swore at the beginning of the interview everything V24 was about to say was the truth. Also present was V24-Friend1.

V24 resided at the Orphanage between the age of 5 and 10 years old, approximately between 1952-1957. V24 is unsure of exact dates. While at the Orphanage, V24 reported being hit by the nuns with rulers on V24's knuckles. V24 said the nuns would slap and push the kids around and make kids sit in the corners of a room for hours. V24 said V24 was not sexually abused at the Orphanage but V24 was while at a foster home after V24 left the Orphanage. V24 did not recall hearing stories of kids dying at the Orphanage.

Named Assailants: None

Potential Crimes: V.S. 1947 § 8261: Cruelty to Persons – Cruelty to children under ten by one over sixteen; V.S. 1947 § 8458 Disturbances – Of the public peace; V.S. 1947 § 8262: Cruelty to a Person – By person having custody.

Relevant Documents:

Case Analysis & Outcome: No criminal charges to be filed as no named suspects and potential crimes are barred by the statute of limitations.

Victim: V25

Contacted Law Enforcement: Initial contact with BPD on September 12, 2019 and on September 14, 2019 V25 was interviewed by Detective Elizabeth Felicciardi.

Dates at St. Joseph’s Orphanage: September 27, 1962 to March 22, 1963

VCC Resident File Reviewed: Yes

Allegations: On September 14, 2018, Detective Felicciardi met with V25 and interviewed V25 regarding V25’s experiences at the Orphanage.

V25 advised that V25 was at the Orphanage from June through December of 1961, when V25 was 3.5 years old. V25 said V25 and V25’s siblings were taken from their mother when V25’s father suffered a “mental breakdown.” V25 advised that V25 and V25’s siblings were at the Orphanage during the week and returned home to their mother on weekends, until V25’s mother was financially stable enough to care for the children.

V25 said that during V25’s first day at the Orphanage, V25 was “ripped” by V25’s hair from off of a bouncing rocking horse. V25 said V25 witnessed V25-Sibling1 being thrown, kicked, and beaten; V25 said V25 also witnessed the nuns dunking V25-Sibling1’s head in a

bathhtub of hot water. V25 described a play area surrounded by a chain-link fence where V25 witnessed a boy, who V25 repeatedly referred to as Resident14, throw his shoe on the roof and was subsequently beaten by a nun. V25 said on another occasion, Resident14 was playing on a statue in the chapel. V25 said the statue was very high up and Resident14 fell, and one of the nuns blamed it on V25. V25 advised V25 never saw Resident14 again. V25 said on one occasion, two nuns took V25 out in a rowboat at night and had a bag with them. V25 said the nuns threw the bag into the lake and told V25 that's what would happen to V25. V25 said V25 never saw Resident14 again and began crying and said V25 still wondered what happened to Resident14.

V25 said at one point, V25 and V25's mother went back to the Orphanage to ask about V25's records and initially they were unable to produce V25's records but had the records of V25's three siblings. Eventually, V25 obtained V25's records.

Named Assailants: None

Potential Crimes: 13 V.S.A. § 1021 Breach of the peace generally (1959); 13 V.S.A. § 1304 Cruelty to children under ten by one over sixteen (1959); 13 V.S.A. § 1305 Cruelty by a person having custody of another (1959).

Relevant Documents:

Case Analysis & Outcome: No criminal charges to be filed as no named suspects and potential crimes are barred by the statute of limitations.

Victim: V26

Contacted Law Enforcement: On September 11, 2018 V26 met with Detective Krystal Wrinn for an interview on September 12, 2018.

Dates at St. Joseph's Orphanage: November 1945 to January 19, 1951, again August 1952 to December 11, 1952

VCC Resident File Reviewed: No

Allegations: On September 14, 2018, Detective Krystal Wrinn interviewed V26 about V26's experience at the Orphanage. V26 swore everything V26 was reporting was the truth.

V26 advised V26 was approximately two years old when V26 first came to the Orphanage. V26 was placed there in approximately 1945 because V26 mother was unable to take care of V26. V26 advised V26 left the Orphanage when V26 was approximately 8½ years old, when V26 went to a foster family. V26 did not have any other siblings at the Orphanage; however, V26 had best friends, Resident15, Resident16, and Resident17. V26 also knew twin boys there but could not recall their names.

When V26 was told to do something at the Orphanage, V26 obeyed. V26 also explained you could not have anything, as other children would take your items or other children would tell on you if you did something you should not have been doing. V26 provided an example: one day V26 was using the slide while playing and a pin V26 was wearing kept falling off. V26 stated V26 thought V26 put the pin in V26's mouth and when V26 got to the end of the slide V26 could no longer find the pin. One of the children told on V26 and a nun took V26 to the lay lady at the Orphanage, where V26 was placed in a room alone. In the room, V26 could see the other children were swimming that day. While in the room, three older children came in and tried to put V26 in a food elevator, which V26 resisted, so they put V26 in a closet with a mouse trap.

The older children told V26 that V26's friend, Resident16, had been put in a gunny sack and had drowned. V26 stated V26 did not know how long V26 had been in the closet but V26 had been released for dinner. V26 eventually saw Resident16, who advised Resident16 had been in the infirmary.

One time, the lay lady took V26 to the bathroom, where she told V26 she was going to flush her down the toilet and V26 responded by asking how V26's head was going to fit in the toilet. V26 advised the lay lady did not put V26 in the toilet. V26 also described a time where V26 was in class, where they were lining up to leave and V26 saw something shiny on the nun's desk and took it, as V26 was curious as to what it was. V26 took it back to V26's bedroom and someone reported it to a nun. V26 was then taken by a nun to the basement where they washed the sheets and the nun told V26 that V26 was going to hell and was going to be ripped apart. V26 advised the shiny object that V26 took was staples.

V26 advised sometime, when V26 was approximately five or six years old, after Thanksgiving, V26 became sick and V26 remembered a week later V26 woke up in a bed, with a nun in the doorway. V26 advised V26 had a cross on V26's chest and the nun told V26 she did not think V26 was going to make it. However, V26 questions what had happened to V26 during that week and why V26 had not been sent to the hospital. V26 advised V26 had bad memories of someone who eventually became a nun known as Sister27. One time, as an adult, V26 saw Sister27 in Iowa and it brought up a lot of bad memories.

V26 advised V26 never witnessed a murder. However, if V26 had never seen Resident16 after what V26 had been told, V26 would have assumed Resident16 had been killed.

On September 15, 2018, V26 left a voicemail for Detective Wrinn with Sister27's name and spelling. V26 also sent an email clarifying information on the names V26 had provided. In V26's email V26 advised the following:

I did find the correct spelling for [Sister27]. She became a carmelite nun & took the name [Sister27]. [Resident16] is the friend who I was told was put in a gunny sack & was thrown into the lake & drowned. I believe [Resident16] may have been put into the gunny sack. I'm not certain for sure. I vaguely remember [Resident16] telling me after I asked [Resident16]. [Resident16] did say [Resident16] was in the infirmary the day I had my ordeal with the older women & teenagers. [Resident16] came to dinner the very next evening. The teenagers first tried to put me in a dumbwaiter but couldn't get me into it so they put me in the closet which was located in the same room. I believe these teenagers were told to do this by the older women because it was soon after she left that these kids came into the room where I was staying. (I wanted to clear up the name of what the girls tried to put me in which was a dumbwaiter) I believe [Resident18]. I worked with a [person] by the same name & I always had trouble trying to keep from calling [that person] Resident18. I could still have the names mixed up. I do have a picture of everyone I told you about. This picture was taken before the boys were separated from the girls. I hadn't looked at this picture in years. We were all so cute. It would be so sad if any of these kids suffered abuse of any kind.¹⁴⁰

Named Assailants: None.

¹⁴⁰ See file in Criminal Report Source Material titled [REDACTED]

Potential Crimes: V.S. 1947 § 8261: Cruelty to Persons – Cruelty to children under ten by one over sixteen; V.S. 1947 § 8262: Cruelty to a Person – By person having custody.

Relevant Documents:

The screenshot below is from the St. Joseph’s Children’s Center Chronicles, a document prepared and signed by the nuns from the Orphanage.¹⁴¹ There have been many allegations that children drowned, or children were left alone whilst swimming in the lake. Though this does not corroborate any neglect or abuse, it does provide corroboration for the fact that the nuns took the children swimming in Lake Champlain.

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SUMMER      :
OUTINGS     :
            :
            :   As in the preceding years, the children have been
            :   favored with many outings sponsored by kind benefactors and
            :   generous societies of this area. Among these tours was a
            :   visit to New York State by the Lake Champlain ferry where
            :   children's parks of entertainments were enjoyed; a circus,
            :   the King Brothers, a three ring circus, on the fairgrounds in
            :   Essex Junction, Vermont; picnics taken by bus where food and
            :   cold drinks were plentiful; public movies at a local theater,
            :   free of charge; and when the weather permitted daily "Cook-
            :   outs" on the grounds with an evening dip in the near-by lake.
            :   We feel that these children who were not permitted to go home
            :   for the vacation, either because the parents work or for lack
            :   of space, etc., had a very happy vacation with seldom a dull
            :   moment. Divine Providence and good St. Joseph saw to this!
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Case Analysis & Outcome: No criminal charges to be filed as no named suspects and potential crimes are barred by the statute of limitations.

Victim: V27

Contacted Law Enforcement: Contacted by BPD Detective Michael Beliveau on June 5, 2019.

Dates at St. Joseph’s Orphanage: June 20, 1961 to September 10, 1962

¹⁴¹ See file in Criminal Report Source Material titled [REDACTED] at [REDACTED].

VCC Resident File Reviewed: Yes

Allegations: On June 5, 2019, V27 spoke with Detective Beliveau about V27's experiences at the Orphanage and reported the following. V27 and V27's sibling, V27-Sibling1, were at the Orphanage for approximately two years. V27 indicated V27 left the Orphanage in the summer after V27 completed the fifth grade. V27 did not recall being there when V27 was in the first grade, and thought it was most likely during the third, fourth, and fifth grade.

V27 recalls two siblings, Resident19 and Resident20, and Resident 19 was in a full body cast. V27 recalls an instance where Resident19 was involved in an altercation with a nun that resulted in the Resident being thrown down a staircase. V27 remembers them fighting on the landing between the first and second floor. V27 thought their mother was present and wanted to take them out of the Orphanage but was not certain. The nun and the Resident19 were slapping each other and pulling each other's hair. The unidentified nun then threw Resident19 down the staircase. V27 said the nun's name could have been Sister28, though V27 was not certain. V27 described Sister28 as tall and skinny. V27 stated Sister28 once slapped V27 in the face. V27 stated Sister28 had told everyone to be quiet, but V27 had not heard. When V27 did not quiet down, Sister28 struck V27 in the face.

V27 also described systemic and repeated abuse from the teacher. Any time the children were not paying attention, the nun would grab them by the arm and pull them out of the chair. She would also hit them with a wooden ruler. V27, who suffers from attention deficit disorder, said this happened to V27 frequently.

V27 stated that V27 was one of the people who helped in the chapel. V27 described a nun V27 thought might have been named Sister29 who had strawberry blonde hair, or maybe a little darker. Sister29 brought V27 down to Father6's quarters to serve his dinner. V27 would get the

dinner cart, set the table, put the food down, clear off the table afterwards and clean any crumbs that fell on the floor. Father6 did not pay any attention to V27 while he ate. V27 indicated V27 only did this three times because V27 refused after the third time.

That evening, V27 stated V27 was in Father6's quarters later than usual for some reason. When V27 was returning the cart from Father6's, V27 was approached by a nun V27 had never seen before. V27 stated V27 did not know who the woman was. The nun took V27 into a storage room on the first floor, past the dining room on the right-hand side. The nun had a key to the storage closet in question. V27 stated that the woman sexually assaulted V27. V27 said that the woman reached under V27's shirt and pulled down V27's pants. The woman made it seem like V27 needed to check V27 for something. V27 stated the nun did not force V27 to touch her. The nun pinched V27's genitals repeatedly, or so V27 thought. V27 expressed that V27 did not look down to see what the nun was doing because V27 was embarrassed, but that it felt like the nun was pinching V27. V27 also said the nun sexually assaulted V27 with her fingers. V27 said that the nun told V27 not to tell anyone and that it would only be worse next time if V27 did. V27 remembers a burning sensation when V27 urinated following the assault.

V27 stated that V27 did not know who this nun was and did not think V27 had seen her before. V27 said V27 thought this nun might have worked with the younger children, and V27 might have crossed paths with V27 when they interacted with the younger children but was not certain. V27 said V27 might remember seeing her with a young girl with blonde hair who was partially bald, but that they did everything with their own age group and V27 did not see the younger kids much.

V27 said V27 heard that something was happening to other children. V27 said V27's older sibling, V27-Sibling1, told V27 this. V27 stated that V27 had several half-siblings. V27-

Sibling1 had the same last name as V27. V27-Sibling1's birthday was in January 1957, but V27 could not recall the exact date. V27 said that, much later in life, V27-Sibling1 told V27 stories about being sexually abused. V27-Sibling1 said a nun would regularly take V27-Sibling1 to a closet where they stored linens. V27 reported that V27-Sibling1 said the nun assaulted V27-Sibling1 and that she would treat V27-Sibling1 "like" V27-Sibling1 was "grown." V27 said V27 did not want to know more. V27 also stated that V27-Sibling1 still lives in Vermont and that V27-Sibling1 suffers from mental illness. V27 said V27-Sibling1 had already spoken to multiple people about V27-Sibling1's experience at the Orphanage.

V27 stated that the mother of one of V27's half-brothers lived at the Orphanage many years prior to V27 and told V27 that she liked it and that nothing bad happened to V27 there.

V27 reported another incident where V27 was made to change V27's clothing in front of several people. V27 said the nuns made V27 go out in front of everybody in undergarments. V27 said the first time V27 changed into the undergarments, V27 was allowed to use the bathroom. However, when the clothing did not fit V27 properly, the nuns made V27 change in the room in front of everyone. V27 stated there were at least two or three sisters in the room when this occurred.

V27 reported that V27's sibling, V27-Sibling2, said nothing ever happened to V27-Sibling2. V27 also said V27's eldest half-brother did not go to the Orphanage because he stayed with their grandmother. V27 said another one of V27's half-brothers stayed with his mother's family. V27 also reported having a sibling, V27-Sibling3. V27 said V27-Sibling3 does not speak to any of them and that V27 does not know if V27-Sibling27 went to the Orphanage, but that V27 could ask V27-Sibling1 and report back to Detective Beliveau. V27 reported that they were not allowed to see their siblings at the Orphanage. V27 also said that boys were confined to one

side of the Orphanage and girls to the other. V27 only left the Orphanage when V27's mother remarried.

V27 reported another incident when they went to the lake to go swimming. V27 did not hear the sisters call them back to shore and V27 was out in the lake alone. V27 could not swim and there was no one around to yell to for help. V27 stated V27 does not know how V27 got out so far into the lake, but that V27 was out there alone for a long time. V27 stated that V27 nearly drowned but eventually made it back to shore. When V27 made V27's way back to the picnic area and found V27's group, V27 was punished for being late. V27 was denied lunch. V27 also said the nun pulled V27 by the ear and made V27 sit under a picnic table alone. V27 said V27's ear was bleeding because the nun had pulled on it so hard. V27 remembers that no one was allowed to speak to V27, and that V27 cried loudly but no one acknowledged V27.

V27 also remembered asking when V27 could go home to V27's family and being told that V27 could go home if V27's mother wanted V27 home or wanted to see V27, and that V27's mother did not have the money to bring V27 home. V27 also recalled that there were no organized activities or supervision, and the children were left outside to play. A dirt road separated the boys and girls play areas and they were not allowed to cross the road.

V27 recalled that all the food was something like a casserole. There was no "separate" food. V27 said they would occasionally get oranges, apples or bananas. They were not allowed to take food out of the dining room, get second helpings, speak during meals, or leave anything on their plates. V27 recalled some of the food being raw or uncooked, and said they were expected to eat it all regardless. V27 spoke of one instance where a nun force-fed V27 by shoving a forkful of food into V27's mouth, leaving V27's lip bruised.

V27 described an event where someone beat V27 for sleeping on top of V27's sheets. V27 said they would do rounds during the night and found V27 sleeping on top of the sheets. The person dragged V27 out of bed and threw V27 to the ground. V27 said the person then kicked V27 under the bed, accusing V27 of trying to avoid making V27's bed in the morning. V27 never knew who did this because it was dark and V27 could not see them.

V27 recalled not being allowed to talk amongst themselves or with anyone else about things that occurred inside the Orphanage. V27 said the nuns would tell them that things could get worse.

V27 talked about Resident21 specifically who was "picked on" by the sisters nearly every night when they did their bed checks because Resident21 would pull the covers over Resident21's head. V27 said the beds were lined up around the room and there was a dresser between each bed. Each child had either the top two drawers or the bottom two drawers. V27 said Resident21 was across from V27 and down to the right. One particular night, the child who slept beside V27 tried to help Resident21. The nuns dragged the child out of bed as well. V27 said V27 was not certain what they did to Resident21, but that they twisted Resident21's arm. V27 remembers Resident21 crying all night. The next day, no one was supposed to speak to Resident21.

V27 recalled a final event that occurred at Battery Park. V27 said they all had ice cream and one girl dropped her ice cream down her shirt and on the ground. V27 described that someone punished the girl, but stood very close to the girl so no one could see what was happening. V27 said it looked like someone was jabbing the girl in the chest.

V27 stated that V27 had never spoken to law enforcement or received a settlement for anything that happened at the Orphanage. V27 said that no one has ever contacted V27, and that

V27 has been out of Vermont since the age of fifteen. V27 said V27 found out about the investigation on the news and subsequently called to say they had lived at the Orphanage.

Named Assailants:

- 1) Sister28
- 2) Sister29

Potential Crimes: 13 V.S.A. § 1021 Breach of the peace generally (1959); 13 V.S.A. § 1304 Cruelty to children under ten by one over sixteen (1959); 13 V.S.A. § 1305 Cruelty by a person having custody of another (1959); 13 V.S.A. § 2602 Lewd and lascivious conduct with a child (1959).

Relevant Documents:

Presence of Father6 at the Orphanage: a Father4a was the Assistant Director at Vermont Catholic Charities from 1959 to 1966 and therefore would have been involved at the Orphanage at the time V27 was at the Orphanage.¹⁴² The resident file provided by Vermont Catholic Charities revealed he worked directly with the residents as a social worker during his employment with them.¹⁴³ Additionally, residents at the Orphanage report being tasked with bringing priests meals in their private rooms.¹⁴⁴ Father4a in a deposition denied knowing about widespread abuse at the Orphanage, including sexual abuse.¹⁴⁵

The screenshot below is from the St. Joseph’s Children’s Center Chronicles, a document prepared and signed by the nuns from the Orphanage.¹⁴⁶ There have been many allegations that

¹⁴² See *id.*

¹⁴³ See [REDACTED] at [REDACTED], [REDACTED] (last visited November 2, 2020).

¹⁴⁴ See allegations in V20.

¹⁴⁵ See generally, Deposition of [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] [REDACTED], file in Criminal Report Source Material titled [REDACTED].

¹⁴⁶ See file in Criminal Report Source Material titled [REDACTED] at [REDACTED].

children drowned, or children were left alone whilst swimming in the lake. Though this does not corroborate any neglect or abuse, it does provide corroboration for the fact that the nuns took the children swimming in Lake Champlain.

SUMMER
OUTINGS

As in the preceding years, the children have been favored with many outings sponsored by kind benefactors and generous societies of this area. Among these tours was a visit to New York State by the Lake Champlain ferry where children's parks of entertainments were enjoyed; a circus, the King Brothers, a three ring circus, on the fairgrounds in Essex Junction, Vermont; picnics taken by bus where food and cold drinks were plentiful; public movies at a local theater, free of charge; and when the weather permitted daily "Cook-outs" on the grounds with an evening dip in the near-by lake. We feel that these children who were not permitted to go home for the vacation, either because the parents work or for lack of space, etc., had a very happy vacation with seldom a dull moment. Divine Providence and good St. Joseph saw to this!

Presence of Resident19 at the Orphanage: in her deposition dated March 24, 1997, Sister2a recalled that a Resident12a was a child at the orphanage who wore what she referred to as a back brace.¹⁴⁷ The except below is from her deposition:

1 Q. How do you remember [REDACTED]
2 A. [REDACTED] helped me in the kitchen.
3 Q. [REDACTED]
4 A. Yes.
5 Q. How do you remember [REDACTED]
6 A. Because [REDACTED] Because [REDACTED] worked
7 with me all the time and [REDACTED]
8 Q. Did [REDACTED] have any physical problems?
9 A. Yes.
10 Q. What was [REDACTED] physical problem?
11 A. I think [REDACTED] wearing a brace.
12 Q. For [REDACTED] back?
13 A. Yes.
14 Q. Do you know why [REDACTED] wore a back brace?
15 A. No.
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¹⁴⁷ See Deposition of [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] in [REDACTED], file in Criminal Report Source Material titled [REDACTED]

Additionally, in her deposition, she similarly recalls a Resident12a¹⁴⁸:

12 Q. Do you remember any other names? Do you
13 remember a [REDACTED] who wore a back brace?
14 A. Yes, [REDACTED]. Yes, I remember [REDACTED]
15 Q. And [REDACTED] was on the third floor.
16 A. Yes.
17 Q. Why did [REDACTED] have to wear that brace?
18 A. [REDACTED] back, [REDACTED] have a --
19 Q. Something was wrong with [REDACTED] back?
20 A. Yes.
21 Q. Did you have to take special care of [REDACTED]?
22 A. No, no. Just to make [REDACTED] wear [REDACTED] brace.
23 Q. Did [REDACTED] --
24 A. Sometimes [REDACTED] didn't want to.
25 Q. I see. Did it hurt [REDACTED] to wear it, do you

Case Analysis & Outcome: No criminal charges to be filed as potential crimes are barred by the statute of limitations.

Victim: V28

Contacted Law Enforcement: Originally reported allegations to the AGO during the investigation conducted in the 2000's and spoke with former AGO Criminal Investigator Peter Bottino.

Dates at St. Joseph's Orphanage: September 2, 1969 to November 27, 1972

VCC Resident File Reviewed: Yes, resident # not listed in Vermont Catholic Charities' file.

DCF Placement: DSW referred V28 to the Orphanage in 1969.

¹⁴⁸ See, Deposition of [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] in [REDACTED], file in Criminal Report Source Material titled [REDACTED]

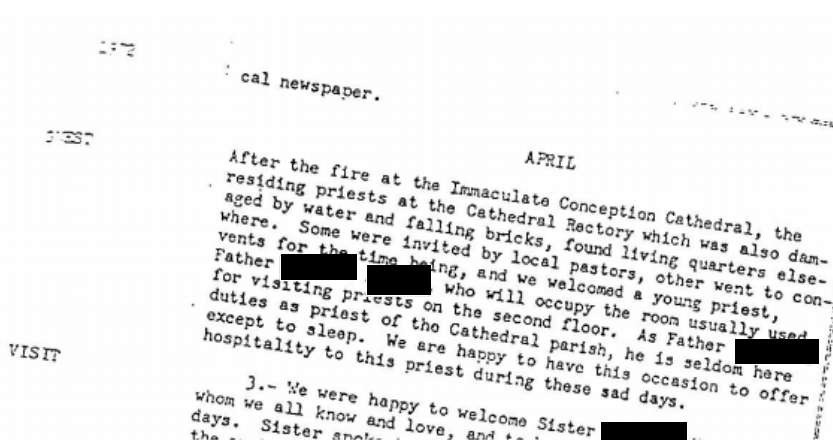
Allegations: V28 told Investigator Bottino V28 was at the Orphanage in 1968. V28 explained there was a priest at the Orphanage named Father7. Father7 would take kids from the Orphanage to a camp in Waitsfield, VT. V28 had gone to this camp in Waitsfield with Father7 when V28 was about 11 years old. V28 said V28 was molested by Father7 numerous times (touching of genitals) for the period of one year. V28 added Father7 had brought other children to the camp as well. V28 said there was another camp in Mallets Bay, Camp Terra, where other children were brought to by Father7.

Named Assailants: Father7

Potential Crimes: 13 V.S.A. § 1305 Cruelty by a person having custody of another (1959); 13 V.S.A. § 2602 Lewd and lascivious conduct with a child (1959).

Relevant Documents:

Allegations Against Father7: St. Joseph's Children's Center Chronicles confirms a Father1a's arrival at the Orphanage in 1972.¹⁴⁹



Case Analysis & Outcome: No criminal charges to be filed as potential crimes are barred by the statute of limitations.

¹⁴⁹ See file in Criminal Report Source Material titled [redacted] at [redacted].

Victim: V29 by V29-Daughter1

Contacted Law Enforcement: Initial contact with the BPD Portal on September 10, 2019 by V29-Daughter1, daughter of V29. V29-Daughter1 spoke with Detective Rene Young on September 12, 2018 about V29's experiences at the Orphanage. V29 died in 2012 but spoke about V29 time at the Orphanage with V29's family.

Dates at St. Joseph's Orphanage: January 12, 1942 to August 5, 1944

VCC Resident File Reviewed: Yes

Allegations: On September 12, 2018, Detective Young spoke with V29-Daughter1, who was reporting on behalf of V29-Daughter's late parent, V29. V29-Daughter1 promised, at the beginning of the interview, to tell the truth and the whole truth through the pains and penalties of perjury.

V29-Daughter1 said that V29's mother died in the late 30's and V29 was left to live with V29's alcoholic father and V29's four siblings. V29's father was unable to handle the children between his job at VT Railway and his drinking, so they were brought to St Joseph's. V29-Daughter1 said V29 never spoke of V29's time at the Orphanage until way later in V29's life. V29-Daughter1 said that in 1977 V29-Daughter1 attended UVM for college and V29 would come visit her. V29-Daughter1 said that V29 would want to drive by the Orphanage and stare at it, one time going to the door and being refused when V29 asked to come in. V29-Daughter1 said that this was when V29 began to talk about the abusive nuns and how they had thrown V29 in the lake as a little child, making V29 swim or V29 would have drowned.

V29-Daughter1 said that one of the times V29-Daughter1 drove by with V29, V29 pointed up to where they would sleep and told her that if they got out of bed during the night, they were beaten. Another time, V29 recalled looking out the window at night and saw someone parked in the street when a man got out of the car, took something out of the trunk and buried it. V29-Daughter1 said that V29 told V29-Daughter1 that V29 reported this, and it helped solve a case, and V29 was so proud of this. V29-Daughter1 said she had no clue if this had any merit or any other details on this story.

V29-Daughter1 said in 2009-2010, V29 made a comment about killing V29 if V29 were ever to get a terminal illness. This caused them to refer V29 to a psychiatrist, where V29 began to speak more about what had happened while V29 was at the Orphanage. V29-Daughter1 said that V29 would speak to V29-Daughter1, her husband and V29's partner about how mean the nuns were, how abusive they were and talk about having marks left behind on V29. V29-Daughter1 said V29 would also say the nuns would beat them with rosaries.

V29-Daughter1 said V29 would tell a story about a young boy who spilled something at dinner time and he was made to scrub the floors on his hands and knees. The boy apparently had raw infected knees from this, as he had to scrub all night. V29 said the boy died.

One of the stories V29 told made V29 cry. It was about OrphanageWorker4. V29 and others were made to help OrphanageWorker4 with his hygiene and would have to help wash him in the tub. OrphanageWorker4 sexually assaulted them according to V29, but V29 never gave further details.

V29-Daughter1 said V29 talked about a Father8 who was good to V29 and helped V29. V29-Daughter1 said when V29 was 17 years old and while V29 was on a scholarship at a Catholic high school, V29 ran away from the Orphanage. V29 found a local family to live with,

but another priest (name unknown) reported to the school that V29 had run away. As a result, they pulled V29's scholarship.

Named Assailants: None

Potential Crimes: V.S. 1947 § 8261: Cruelty to Persons – Cruelty to children under ten by one over sixteen; V.S. 1947 § 8262: Cruelty to a Person – By person having custody; V.S. 1947 § 8458 Disturbances – Of the public peace; V.S. 1947 § 8479 Lewdness.

Relevant Documents:

Presence of Father8: the Task Force learned that a Father8a a was priest with the Diocese from around 1950 until his death 2011.¹⁵⁰ As part of the investigation, the Task Force requested and reviewed Father8a's file from the Diocese.¹⁵¹

¹⁵⁰ See file in Criminal Report Source Material titled [REDACTED]; see also file in Criminal Report Source Material titled [REDACTED]

¹⁵¹ See generally, file in Criminal Report Source Material titled [REDACTED] at [REDACTED].

OBITUARY
Reverend [REDACTED]

Reverend [REDACTED] died Wednesday, [REDACTED], in [REDACTED], Vermont. He was born on [REDACTED] in [REDACTED], Vermont, son of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. Father [REDACTED] attended St. Michael's College, Colchester, [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] He was ordained for the priesthood on [REDACTED] at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Burlington by Bishop [REDACTED].

His priestly ministry began as [REDACTED]. He then served as [REDACTED] Vermont Catholic Charities while serving [REDACTED] the Don Bosco Home in Burlington [REDACTED]. He also served as [REDACTED].

His first pastorate was at [REDACTED]. He also served as Pastor at [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was granted Senior Priest status in [REDACTED].

BIOGRAPHY

NAME [REDACTED] BORN [REDACTED] AT [REDACTED] Vt.

FATHER [REDACTED] MOTHER [REDACTED]

GRADE & HIGH SCHOOL [REDACTED]

SEMINARY [REDACTED]
(place and years)

ORDAINED [REDACTED] BY [REDACTED] Bishop
(place and date)

POSTGRADUATE STUDY None
(place, years, subject, degree)

ASSIGNMENTS [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

A Father8a also appears to have been to be at the Orphanage as a Brother as stated by Resident43 in Resident43's deposition in a civil case.¹⁵² Resident 43 explained that brothers studying for the priesthood would take care of the boys at the Orphanage during the summer.¹⁵³

Presence of Orphanage Worker4: in a deposition in a civil case, a Father4a was asked a question regarding a Caretaker1a, who used to a wheelchair, sexually abusing a child.¹⁵⁴

Q. There was another incident that's been reported by one of the Sisters that she said she walked in on a [REDACTED], a [REDACTED] in a wheelchair, who was doing some type of sexual act on a child. Did you know [REDACTED], a [REDACTED] who was a layman who was in a wheelchair at St. Joseph's?

32

A. No.

Q. Do you have any knowledge of that employee in any way sexually abusing a child at St. Joseph's?

A. No. No, I don't remember that at all, no.

Q. You don't recall that being brought to your attention?

A. No, no.

Resident File: contained within V29's resident file is a signed note from his father reading: "Against the wishes of Vermont Catholic Charities I have insisted of [sic] taking my children out of Saint-Joseph's Orphanage"¹⁸⁰

¹⁵² *Id.* at 13-14.

¹⁵³ *Id.* at 13.

¹⁵⁴ Deposition of [REDACTED] in [REDACTED], at [REDACTED], file in Criminal Report Source Material titled [REDACTED].

Case Analysis & Outcome: No criminal charges to be filed as no named suspects and potential crimes are barred by the statute of limitations. Further, as V29 is deceased, V29 did not make a firsthand statement regarding criminal conduct at the Orphanage.

Victim: V30

Contacted Law Enforcement: Initially, BPD was contacted by V30's spouse on September 11, 2018. V30 preferred to speak with the Victim Service Providers rather than law enforcement. V30 spoke with AGO Victim Advocate Amy Farr and VSP Victim Services Director Kate Brayton on February 19, 2019.

Dates at St. Joseph's Orphanage: February 18, 1954 to February 26, 1954.

VCC Resident File Reviewed: Yes.

Allegations: On February 19, 2019, AGO Victim Advocate Farr and VSP Victim Services Director Brayton spoke with V30. V30 was sent to the Orphanage with their siblings, V30-Sibling1 and V30-Sibling2, in 1954. V30 was six years old and had been living with V30's parents on Pine Street in Burlington. Although V30 did not remember exactly how long V30 was at the Orphanage, V30 estimated that V30 lived there for a "couple months."

V30 remembered being very afraid and that V30 never saw a smile during V30's time at the orphanage. V30 remembered peeing the bed the first night, and that when one of the nuns found out V30 moved V30's bed away from the other children. The nun ridiculed V30 in front of the other children and eventually V30 was forced to sleep in a closet. V30 recalled that the closet was freezing, that V30 slept on a pile of boots and shoes, and that the nuns would not allow V30 to use the bathroom. V30 soiled V30 as a result.

V30 remembered that the nuns used to pull ears and hair. V30-Sibling1 even escaped out a second story window during the wintertime. V30 also recalled that V30-Sibling2 became more sexually active after leaving the orphanage and V30 suspected that it was because V30-Sibling2 might have been raped at the orphanage. During the Christmas holiday, V30's parents told V30 that they had delivered a fruit and candy basket for V30 and V30's siblings but that they never received the basket.

Named Assailants: None

Potential Crimes: V.S. 1947 § 8261: Cruelty to Persons – Cruelty to children under ten by one over sixteen; V.S. 1947 § 8262: Cruelty to a Person – By person having custody;

Relevant Documents:

Case Analysis & Outcome: No criminal charges to be filed as no named suspects and potential crimes are barred by the statute of limitations.

Victim: V31

Contacted Law Enforcement: Initial contact with the BPD Portal on November 20, 2018 and on January 23, 2019, Detective Michael Beliveau interviewed V30.

Dates at St. Joseph's Orphanage: November 5, 1943 to May 9, 1950.

VCC Resident File Reviewed: No resident file was provided by Vermont Catholic Charities because V31 was adopted.

Allegations: On January 23, 2019, Detective Beliveau spoke with V31 about V31's time at the Orphanage and swore to tell the truth. The following is a summary of that interview. V31 was in the Orphanage from November 1943 - May 1950. V31 was in the Orphanage because V31's father was deployed in the military and V31's mother gave birth to V31 and left V31 at the hospital.

V31 did not remember much about day-to-day life. V31 didn't remember school, holidays, or birthdays.

V31 remembered being fed what V31 believed was "castor oil." V31 then said V31 remembered walking down to the lake with other children and nun.

V31 visited the Orphanage in 1997 and observed what appeared to be a small cemetery behind the building. V31 believed it was 1/3rd of the way to the lake from the Orphanage, surrounded by a wrought iron fence, approximately 15' x 15'.

V31 remembered being sent to a dark area with a few other kids but was unsure of where it was or why V31 was sent there. V31 said it was likely some kind of punishment.

V31 recalled that on a few occasions a priest took V31 to a private area, put V31 under his robe and put his penis in V31's mouth.

V31 advised on another occasion V31 was held down on the floor by a boy who was encouraged by a priest. V31 advised V31 remembered hitting V31's head on the floor as V31 believed the boy attempted to rape V31. V31 was unsure if the boy raped V31.

V31 felt that V31 did not receive a proper education from the Orphanage and specified being hit with a ruler. V31 was unable to go into further detail on the incidents V31 mentioned but advised V31 would reach out if V31 was able to remember more. V31 was unaware about the settlement offered by the Diocese in 1990s.

Named Assailants: None.

Potential Crimes: P.L. Sec. 8395 Cruelty to children under ten by one over sixteen (1933); Sec 8397 By person having custody (1933); Sec. 8611 Lewdness (1933); and/or V.S. 1947 § 8261: Cruelty to Persons – Cruelty to children under ten by one over sixteen; V.S. 1947 § 8262:

Cruelty to a Person – By person having custody; V.S. 1947 § 8458 Disturbances – Of the public peace; V.S. 1947 § 8479 Lewdness.

Relevant Documents:

Case Analysis & Outcome: No criminal charges to be filed as no named suspects and potential crimes are barred by the statute of limitations.

Victim: V32

Contacted Law Enforcement: Initial contact with the BPD Portal on September 11, 2018 and spoke with BPD Detective Rene Young on September 12, 2018.

Dates at St. Joseph’s Orphanage: February 6, 1957 to November 9, 1957

VCC Resident File Reviewed: Yes

Allegations: On September 12, 2018, Detective Young spoke with V32 over the phone. V32 swore the information V32 provided was the truth and the whole truth through the pains and penalties of perjury.

V32 was around five years old when V32 was brought to the Orphanage and noted V32’s memories weren’t perfectly clear. V32 said V32’s sibling, V32-Sibling1 was also sent to the Orphanage with V32, but V32-Sibling1 was only three years old when they were sent and V32-Sibling1 doesn’t have any recollection of what happened there.

V32 said that V32’s father was still somewhat in the picture while V32 and V32-Sibling1 were at the Orphanage, so V32 thinks they “didn’t get it as bad,” and they never had marks made on them since their father could stop in at any time. V32 said V32 remembered telling V32’s father about the cruelty, but V32 did not believe V32. V32 said V32’s father did not believe that nuns could be like that. V32 also mentioned the nuns threatening V32 before V32’s father would

come to see V32, stating something to the effect of “don’t tell or you’ll end up in the closet.” V32 said the “closet” really scared V32, as it was dark, isolated, and smelly. V32 said V32 remembered having to go upstairs and being locked in there on several occasions. V32 said V32 suffers claustrophobia to this day, probably because of being locked in the closet.

V32 also talked about participating in the yearly MS Walk in Burlington, and how V32 gets an awful feeling when they pass the Orphanage. V32 said V32 remembered staying in a room with a lot of rows of bed, and that V32 and V32-Sibling1 were made to sleep at opposite ends. V32 said V32-Sibling1 would cry at night and V32 would crawl out of V32’s bed, under the other beds and then go and comfort V32-Sibling1. The nuns would often catch V32, grab V32 by the hair and drag V32 across the floor and often put V32 in the closet. V32 said V32 remembers one time being very upset because V32’s father was unable to make a visit and V32 was hysterically crying. V32 said V32 cried so hard that V32 vomited and then a nun made V32 lick it up.

V32 recalled the nuns being particularly mean to a little girl who was around V32’s age, named Resident22. V32 said the nuns called Resident22 by a derogatory name and were terrible to Resident22. V32 said the last thing V32 would like to add was that V32 had two cousins, V32-Cousin1 and V32-Cousin2 who were also at the Orphanage. V32 said that when both were in their early 20s, they died by suicide. They took their lives roughly two years apart and they both lived in Vermont. V32 said V32 couldn’t help but think they were incredibly disturbed from the abuse they probably endured.

Named Assailants: None.

Potential Crimes: V.S. 1947 § 8261: Cruelty to Persons – Cruelty to children under ten by one over sixteen; V.S. 1947 § 8262: Cruelty to a Person – By person having custody; V.S. 1947 § 8458 Disturbances – Of the public peace.

Relevant Documents:

Case Analysis & Outcome: No criminal charges to be filed as no named suspects and potential crimes are barred by the statute of limitations.

Victim: V33

Contacted Law Enforcement: Initial contact with the AGO on June 5, 2019.

Dates at St. Joseph's Orphanage: February 2, 1963 to June 23, 1963.

VCC Resident File Reviewed: Yes

Allegations: On September 25, 2019, Detective Beliveau spoke with V33 about V33's time at the Orphanage. The following is a summary of that interview. V33 remembers seeing V33's sibling down the hall screaming. V33 recalls being close to V33's siblings. V33's mother had eleven children. V33 listed the following siblings in the interview: V33-Sibling1, V33-Sibling2, V33-Sibling3, V33-Sibling4, V33-Sibling5, V33-Sibling6. When V33 father passed away, V33's mother could not handle it and their grandfather went to get them from out of state. V33 remembers V33's mother paying for them to go to the Orphanage and supplying them with clothes. V33 recalled being in the nursery part of the Orphanage. V33 recalled one of the nuns telling V33 if V33 ate quickly, V33 could go see V33's siblings. V33 would eat quickly, and then get sick, and the nuns would send V33 to bed instead of letting V33 see V33's siblings. V33 recalled this happening regularly.

V33 recalled the nuns forcing V33 to rip V33's tongue off a frozen pole when the bell rang. V33 recalled being taken up to the attic. V33 did not recall anything bad happening in the

attic, but V33 remembers being taken to the attic and that the attic was big. V33 remembers other things happening in the attic, but V33 doesn't remember clearly.

V33 remembers being required to take naps, and hearing the older children playing. V33 recalled there being two large rooms where they all played, one for girls and one for boys. Down the corridor from there is where the old kids played. V33 got out of bed to look out the window to see the kids playing. V33 recalls the nun coming in and telling V33 to get back in bed, and telling V33 that V33 was "in trouble tonight." V33 recalled that later that day, when V33 was coming out of the high tub V33 was hit very hard. V33 could not recall which nun it was or what V33 was hit with, but recalls being beaten severely with V33's wet clothes on. V33 also recalls being told V33 "would never look out the window again." V33 recalls being very well-behaved after the beating because V33 was afraid, bitter, and angry. V33 recalls being afraid of authority for a long time after V33's time at the Orphanage.

V33 recalls hearing that V33's mother eventually came and took them out of the Orphanage because V33's older sibling had issues at the Orphanage.

V33 remembers the roof, on the Don Bosco Trail side. V33 remembers this being their play-area, and that it was blocked off by a chain-linked fence. V33 remembers a large gym inside the building, and bleachers. V33 recalls this being on the nursery side of the building. The nursery was one big, huge bedroom with beds. Off to one side, there was a bathroom with two large bathtubs.

Named Assailants: None.

Potential Crimes: 13 V.S.A. § 1021 Breach of the peace generally (1959); 13 V.S.A. § 1304 Cruelty to children under ten by one over sixteen (1959); 13 V.S.A. § 1305 Cruelty by a person having custody of another (1959).

Relevant Documents:

Case Analysis & Outcome: No criminal charges to be filed as no named suspects and potential crimes are barred by the statute of limitations.

Victim: V34

Contacted Law Enforcement: Initial contact with the BPD Portal November 14, 2018. Met with BPD on December 6, 2018.

Dates at St. Joseph's Orphanage: July 19, 1964 to June 7, 1968.

VCC Resident File Reviewed: Yes

Allegations: Officer Beliveau and Officer Kratochvil spoke with V34. V34 was four when V34's father took V34 and V34's three siblings to the Orphanage. They went in. V34 had long hair. They took V34 out on the roof and a nun shaved V34's head. V34's siblings include V34-Sibling1, V34-Sibling2 and V34-Sibling3. All V34's siblings also had the last name.

V34 stated they always had to line up by their number. V34 was given a number. V34 stated that they could not ever talk, or they were in trouble. V34 said that if they ever stepped out of line, they were in trouble. They had to go into the dormitory, and the nuns would hit them with wooden paddles. This was a form of discipline for talking.

V34 stated the nuns always locked them in the attic. V34 was also locked in the attic for hours. V34 said children were often locked up in the attic together. V34 stated that sometimes the children would be locked up in the attic for the entire day.

V34 stated V34 was often hit with paddles for trying to go see V34's two younger siblings, V34-Sibling4 and V34-Sibling2. V34 stated they were separated but V34 could sometimes see them outside.

V34 stated that they sometimes went swimming. V34 said they took them swimming but most of them could not swim. V34 asserted this was very scary.

V34 asserted that V34 once got in trouble for looking into the nursery because she heard so many babies crying. V34 asserted V34 was punished by not being allowed to eat V34's meal.

V34 also asserted that the nuns would use a projector to force them to look at pictures of the devil. V34 recalls that the nuns would hit them with sticks if they tried to close their eyes.

V34 claims the nuns would take children out of the room at night. V34 stated that often it was the same girl. V34 stated that most of the time, a heavysset nun would come take Resident33 and Resident34. V34 recalled that they never came back before V34 fell asleep. They sometimes reappeared at breakfast. V34 said they had to eat the same food over and over again. V34 said the food was bad.

Named Assailants: None.

Potential Crimes: 13 V.S.A. § 1021 Breach of the peace generally (1959); 13 V.S.A. § 1304 Cruelty to children under ten by one over sixteen (1959); 13 V.S.A. § 1305 Cruelty by a person having custody of another (1959).

Relevant Documents:

Case Analysis & Outcome: No criminal charges to be filed as no named suspects and potential crimes are barred by the statute of limitations.

Victim: V35

Contacted Law Enforcement: Initial contact with law enforcement on November 6, 2018.

Dates at St. Joseph's Orphanage: August 13, 1947 to November 15, 1947

VCC Resident File Reviewed: No resident file was provided by Vermont Catholic Charities because V35 was adopted.

Allegations: On November 5, 2018 at approximately 1:49 PM, V35 called BPD to report V35's time at the Orphanage. V35 advised V35 was born in 1947 and was in the Orphanage for approximately three years as an infant. V35 believes V35 spent some time in the hospital for a number of head colds but could not actually remember due to V35's young age at the time. V35 advised V35's mother was named V35-Mother1. V35 mentioned being sexually abused later in life but did not wish to discuss it.

Named Assailants: None

Potential Crimes: None

Relevant Documents:

Case Analysis & Outcome: No potential crimes reported.

Victim: V36

Contacted Law Enforcement: Initial contact with law enforcement on June 3, 2019 and was interviewed on June 24, 2019.

Dates at St. Joseph's Orphanage: January 10, 1972 to February 4, 1972 (exit date only located in a medical record in a Vermont Catholic Charities Resident file).

VCC Resident File Reviewed: Yes.

Allegations: On June 24, 2019, Detective Krystal Wrinn interviewed V36 about V36's time at the Orphanage. V36 swore, under the pains and penalties of perjury, that the information V36 provided was the truth.

V36 reported that V36's mother dropped V36 and two of V36's siblings off at the Orphanage, V36-Sibling1 and V36-Sibling2. V36's mother told the nun that her children were not to be adopted, and that they should be released at 18. V36 reported V36's mother coming to visit them once.

V36 recalled that they were all on individual floors and were not allowed to have any contact with each other. V36 stated this was also one of V36's mother's requests.

V36 stated that after V36's mother's visit, V36 was late going into the dining room for dinner. V36 did not like onions, garlic, mushrooms or tomatoes, and was still crying due to V36's mother's departure. V36 refused to touch the goulash prepared for dinner. V36 recalled that the cook came out of the kitchen several times to warn V36 that V36 needed to eat or V36 would get spanked. V36 stated they got spanked each night regardless. Eventually, the cook came out again and took some of the goulash out of V36's bowl with a napkin and told V36 to tell the nun V36 had eaten it. V36 recalled the nun coming back in and grabbing V36 by the arm. The nun dragged V36 down the hallway to a closet where the nun proceeded to beat V36 with a paddle. V36 recalled that, as V36 was being dragged down the hallway, V36 saw a girl tied to a chair and gagged. V36 stated the girl's eyes seemed to be calling for help. V36 stated V36 also saw men working on putting up a wall. When the nun was finished "paddling" V36, V36 was dragged by again and the girl was gone, and the wall the workers had been building was put up. V36 stated that this took place on the third floor, and that V36 has been convinced for most of her life that that girl was trapped inside that wall. V36 described the girl as very thin with brown

eyes. V36 stated she was between 14 and 17. She had brown hair, just past shoulder length. The gag was red. Her arms were tied to the chair. She had blue slacks on. She had black and white tennis shoes, with a circle on the ankle. V36 described there being two men taking down a wall. The men had white clothes and hats on. One had his back to the door, and was a bigger guy. He was bent over by a bucket. The other was facing the door, but bent down, taking the wall down. V36 said there were no nuns with the girl, just the two construction workers. V36 described that they were in a classroom-sized room. V36 alleged that when V36 walked by again later, the girl was gone and the men were painting a wall. V36 believes the girl was trapped inside the wall. V36 described the look in the girl's eyes as hollow, like she had stopped fighting.

V36 remembers being left outside to play for the entire day and would not be allowed to come back in even if V36 knocked on the windows. V36 would cry, and the nuns would get angry. Sometimes, there were other kids out there. The girls and boys were always separated.

V36 recalled that on adoption days, they would be taken into a large room and told to pick nice clothes from racks filled with nice dresses. V36 stated that, because V36 and V36's siblings could not be adopted, the nuns would not let V36 dress nicely and would make V36 wear ugly and mismatched clothing.

V36 also alleged that V36 would often go to sleep at night with all the beds in V36's dorm full and wake up alone. V36 alleged that children disappeared overnight often. V36 also alleged that all you ever heard at night in the Orphanage was children screaming and crying. V36 said the screaming seemed to be coming from the floor above.

V36 said bath time was degrading. V36 said V36 never peed the bed before V36 went to the Orphanage.

V36 alleged that, once a week, V36 and two other children were told they were going to a skating rink but first would be taken to some kind of factory. V36 alleged that they would go inside and several men who worked there would violate them. V36 recalls men passing V36 around and remembered falling asleep. V36 recalled that the nun would get angry and take V36 back to the van. When V36 woke up, they would be at the skating rink. V36 described the experience as humiliating and degrading. V36 recalled being five years old when this would occur. V36 stated V36 thought it was in Winooski but was not certain. V36 stated that the men were old and dirty. V36 stated they would take them on their laps and stick their hands up their clothes or down their pants and insert their fingers into them. V36 stated that the nuns would leave the room while this occurred. V36 alleged that the man who always picked V36 up first was a man with greyish hair, parted on the side and a belly. V36 alleged he would pick V36 up like he just wanted to be friends and sit V36 on his lap. Then he would slide his hand down V36's underwear and put a finger into V36. A while later, he would set V36 back down, and a different man would pick V36 up. The next person to pick V36 up would do the same thing.

V36 recalled that every night, even if they didn't do anything, a nun would take them into a closet and paddle them for a long time for no reason until they were allowed to go to bed.

V36 also alleged that during V36's time at the orphanage, V36-Sibling2 snuck in to see V36 to give V36 a pink brush set and tell V36 they were going to get out of there. On V36-Sibling2's way back to V36-Sibling2's own floor, V36 stated V36-Sibling2 was beaten severely. V36 alleged they broke V36-Sibling2's shin bone during the beating and subsequently made V36-Sibling2 attend school for a week before even letting V36-Sibling2 go to the infirmary. V36 alleged they also beat V36-Sibling1 in V36-Sibling1's "privates" for saying hello to V36-

Sibling2. V36 alleged that V36-Sibling1 said V36-Sibling1 peed blood subsequently and V36-Sibling1 was also not allowed to go to the infirmary.

V36 recalled that not a single nun was nice. V36 also stated V36 rarely saw priests unless it was at church on Sundays. V36 was told by V36's grandmother and V36's uncle that the nuns were not really nuns, but prostitutes from Canada. V36 stated V36 doesn't know, but that the nuns acted like savages.

Named Assailants: None.

Potential Crimes: 13 V.S.A. § 1021 Breach of the peace generally (1959); 13 V.S.A. § 1304 Cruelty to children under ten by one over sixteen (1959); 13 V.S.A. § 1305 Cruelty by a person having custody of another (1959); 13 V.S.A. § 2602 Lewd and lascivious conduct with a child (1959); 13 V.S.A. § 2602 Lewd and lascivious conduct with a minor (1971).

Relevant Documents:

Case Analysis & Outcome: No criminal charges to be filed as there are no named suspects and potential crimes are barred by the statute of limitations.

Victim: V37

Contacted Law Enforcement: Initial contact with the BPD Portal on July 10, 2019.

Dates at St. Joseph's Orphanage: October 4, 1967 to January 18, 1968

VCC Resident File Reviewed: Yes.

DCF Placement: V37 was voluntarily turned over to the custody of DSW on October 3, 1967 by V37's mother. SocialWorker3 placed V37 and V37's siblings at St. Joseph's Child Center on October 4, 1967.

Allegations: Detective Michael Beliveau interviewed V37 over the phone. V37 stated that the worst part of living at the Orphanage was the isolation, because all the children were depressed and miserable due to the segregation policies employed by the nuns. V37 reported that there was an older fellow who would patrol the hallways to determine whether the children were well-behaved. V37 believed these men were lay workers at the Orphanage. Additionally, V37 reported that nuns and these men would take one or many children to beat them for various offenses. V37 reported that a nun beat V37 with a stick during an evening caretaking sweep of the children. V37 recalled beatings on V37's hands. V37 stated that if V37 recoiled V37's hands, the nuns would hit V37's head and V37's back. V37 recalls the woman who beat V37 being a white, heavy-set woman with glasses.

V37 also recalled an incident where V37 was walking into the dormitory area and someone from the Orphanage threw V37 into the threshold. V37 recalled bleeding profusely and stated V37 still has enduring scars that persist to this day.

V37 stated that V37 heard of a child dying by drowning but does not have personal knowledge of the details. V37 recalled there was an oddly placed fence that did not do enough to protect children from the threat of falling.

V37 reported another incident where V37 was selected for an adult party by the clergymen. V37 stated the priests gave V37 alcoholic beverages. V37 recalled feeling welcome and high off the generosity of the adults. V37 does not recall there being other children at the party. V37 reported subsequently feeling ill, and that an adult man did things to V37 that "men should not be doing." V37 alleged V37 was sexually assaulted but does not recall the details of who the perpetrator was or what exactly occurred. V37 recalled this occurring in an upstairs bedroom and stated V37 does not recall fighting the perpetrator off. V37 stated there was not

molestation with hands or mouth and stated that the perpetrator raped V37. V37 could not recall the perpetrator's name, but believed the perpetrator was a priest. V37 stated the priest was white and had red hair and glasses.

V37 stated V37 does not recall any issues with the food. V37 stated V37 felt rage and hatred for the clergy and was very glad to return to V37's mother's custody.

Named Assailants: None.

Potential Crimes: 13 V.S.A. § 602 Assault with intent to kill or maim (1959); 13 V.S.A. § 1021 Breach of the peace generally (1959); 13 V.S.A. § 1304 Cruelty to children under ten by one over sixteen (1959); 13 V.S.A. § 1305 Cruelty by a person having custody of another (1959); 13 V.S.A. § 2602 Lewd and lascivious conduct with a child (1959).

Relevant Documents:

Case Analysis & Outcome: No criminal charges to be filed as there are no named suspects and potential crimes are barred by the statute of limitations.

Victim: V38

Contacted Law Enforcement: Initial contact with the BPD Portal on September 27, 2018 and spoke with BPD Officer David Bowers and Detective Michael Beliveau on October 14, 2018.

Dates at St. Joseph's Orphanage: May 3, 1957 to June 19, 1962

VCC Resident File Reviewed: No file, information received from the Orphanage resident book.

DCF Placement: Yes. Committed to DSW on December 18, 1961.

Allegations: On October 14, 2018, Officer Bowers and Detective Beliveau met with V38, who wanted to report abuse that occurred during V38's time at the Orphanage. V38 swore the information V38 provided was the truth.

V38 was at the Orphanage from 1955 until 1965, ages three to 13. V38 was at the Orphanage with V38's siblings, V38-Sibling1(deceased), V38-Sibling2 (deceased),V38-Sibling3,V38-Sibling4 and V38-Sibling5. V38 remembered being separated from her siblings very early on and would almost never see V38's siblings as they were in different sections of the building. There were three different types of dorms for the children which were separated by age and gender; 1-6 years old; 6+; and "older children."

V38 recalled an incident where V38 was playing on the stairs possibly trying to slide down the railing when V38 fell over the railing and down the hole between the stairs. V38 was about five years old and was sent to the hospital with a concussion and needed stitches in V38's head. When V38 was six years old, V38 remembered being forced to knit which V38 did not want to do. As a result, one of the nuns, Sister30, beat V38 with a paddle and V38's hands, one of V38's hands had a ring. V38 believed this beating caused V38 to bleed from V38's nose and gave V38's black eyes.

Shortly after this incident, V38 recalled another incident where V38 came in from outside and hung V38's coat on the rack, but it fell to the floor. V38 did not notice and walked away, but was called back by Sister31. Sister31 attempted to hit V38 but V38 ducked out of the way and subsequently struck V38's head on a latch that was attached to the wall. This resulted in V38 being sent to the hospital, where V38 received stitches.

V38 reported that when V38 was seven or eight years old, V38 was a part of some kind of brain testing or experimentation, and remembered many wires being attached to V38's head.

V38 said V38 was then asked to determine what colors V38 saw as lights flashed. During this same time, V38 remembered sledding into a metal pole behind the Orphanage and striking V38's head resulting in another hospital visit.

V38 also recalled that at bedtime, V38 would lineup and show a nun V38's underwear, who would determine if it was clean or dirty. If it was dirty, V38 would have to scrub them clean. V38 recalled occasionally being woken up early by the nuns. They made them lay face down on their beds and V38 remembered "something going in" to V38's anus. When asked if it was medically related, V38 was unsure.

V38 remembered trying to console a new child that was crying but was beaten by one of the nuns for doing so. V38 also saw a 10- or 11-year-old girl who was pushed and held against a radiator by a man that caused burns. V38 recalled two younger women who worked at the Orphanage who were not nuns, OrphanageWorker5 and OrphanageWorker6. V38 remembered that they were good to the kids.

Named Assailants:

- 1) Sister30
- 2) Sister31

Potential Crimes: V.S. 1947 § 8261: Cruelty to Persons – Cruelty to children under ten by one over sixteen; V.S. 1947 § 8262: Cruelty to a Person – By person having custody; V.S. 1947 § 8458 Disturbances – Of the public peace; and/or 13 V.S.A. § 1021 Breach of the peace generally (1959); 13 V.S.A. § 1304 Cruelty to children under ten by one over sixteen (1959); 13 V.S.A. § 1305 Cruelty by a person having custody of another (1959).

*The 1947 criminal statutes and V.S.A. criminal statutes are being included to reflect the changes in the law when V38 was a resident at the Orphanage.