

Sacred Heart Presbytery

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16th September 1990

Dear Wayne,

In answer to your request, I now supply in writing the information which I gave you in conversation three weeks ago.

On Thursday 19th April of this year I had a conversation with REDACTED REDACTED of Moree, in which she related a reported encounter between John Farrell and REDACTED REDACTED, who is REDACTED REDACTED REDACTED REDACTED REDACTED had told REDACTED of this encounter which took place at REDACTED REDACTED at Kenthurst approximately one week earlier. Fr John Bevan (Bathurst Diocese, REDACTED REDACTED) was present also, and can verify what happened.

When REDACTED REDACTED called in to visit REDACTED REDACTED, she was introduced to a young priest who had called around to arrange a camping trip with the young sons of REDACTED REDACTED. The young priest was John Farrell. REDACTED REDACTED reports that there were to be three or four boys accompanying John Farrell on this camping trip, all of them aged under twelve years. REDACTED REDACTED describes REDACTED REDACTED REDACTED REDACTED REDACTED REDACTED insists that when she first saw John Farrell and heard his name, there was no recognition on her part. Neither did John know her. Later in the conversation, however, REDACTED REDACTED remarked to John that REDACTED REDACTED REDACTED REDACTED and perhaps she would know some people whom John had come to know there. At this, John stood up and left the home abruptly. A short time later, the telephone rang, and was answered by REDACTED REDACTED. According to REDACTED REDACTED, it was Fr Farrell, ringing to say that REDACTED REDACTED might tell you some nasty stories about me in Moree; don't believe her - they are just awful stories which someone made up to hurt me". At this, the penny dropped with REDACTED REDACTED and she told REDACTED REDACTED of the charges which had been brought against John. She was supported in this by REDACTED REDACTED Fr Bevan, who insisted (against strong opposition from REDACTED REDACTED) that the boys not go on the camping trip with Fr Farrell. The trip did not go ahead.

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The family's concern now is that the oldest son, aged twenty and also a [REDACTED] has moved out of home and into a flat, and finds that Fr Farrell is on his doorstep frequently. The family is quite concerned at the attention which Fr Farrell is paying to this young man.

In conclusion, Wayne, let me point out that [REDACTED] reporting of these events was without malicious intent, and I asked her to verify this with [REDACTED] before I communicated it to you. Further, [REDACTED] is emphatic [REDACTED] Fr John Beaven, was present and can verify all that happened.

I hope this letter finds you well.

With best wishes,



Gerard Hayes