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Dear Bishop,

On Tuesday 1st December I spoke with Jim Jackson of John Farragher Removals P/L. He had spoken with the three men involved in the removal of N's furniture and possessions, and has written statements from them about the material they had seen.

He said they spoke of six to eight videos in a plastic bag on a table in the laundry. When they saw the covers indicating explicit gay sexual activities they were horrified. They found a large number of catalogues offering gay videos for sale, possibly out of Canberra. Some of these were found in a bedside table and a wardrobe.

They also found a bottle of Sexual Lubricant [name on the bottle], some body lotion called Smear and Suck, and condoms.

The men have clearly been concerned and offended about N.'s ownership of such materials, especially when he is a priest of the Church.

These are very clearly serious issues that need your attention. They have caused offence to the removalists. I am concerned for N. and see it as a grave problem for the Church that a senior priest on the spiritual journey of priesthood and care for others would have such things in his possession, or worse, possibly be using them or condoning their use.

With my prayers and very best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Colvin Ford