

Notes of interview with Father Frank Madden, Parish Priest of  
Horsham on 28th April 1993 :

"Father Gerald Ridsdale was appointed to this Parish as an  
Assistant in July 1986 and he was here until May, 1988. I knew  
that he had been in some sort of trouble, but I was not told what  
had occurred and I really did not want to know.

Whilst he was here, he was a very energetic worker in the Parish  
and he took a lot of the work off my shoulders.

I first came here eleven years ago in 1982 and I had known Father  
Ridsdale when he was at Edenhope, which was between 1976 and 1979.  
Whilst he was at Edenhope, he was a frequent visitor to this Parish  
and he was involved with people in this Parish in so far as he was  
involved in the charismatic movement. He used to come to Horsham  
to these meetings of the charismatic people and he was involved  
with families in the Parish.

I did not know his prior history and what I did know was, that he  
had had some trouble and he had had counselling, I believe, and he  
was supposedly quite fit for Parish work.

The matter of [REDACTED] came to my attention after Father  
Ridsdale had left Horsham. [REDACTED]

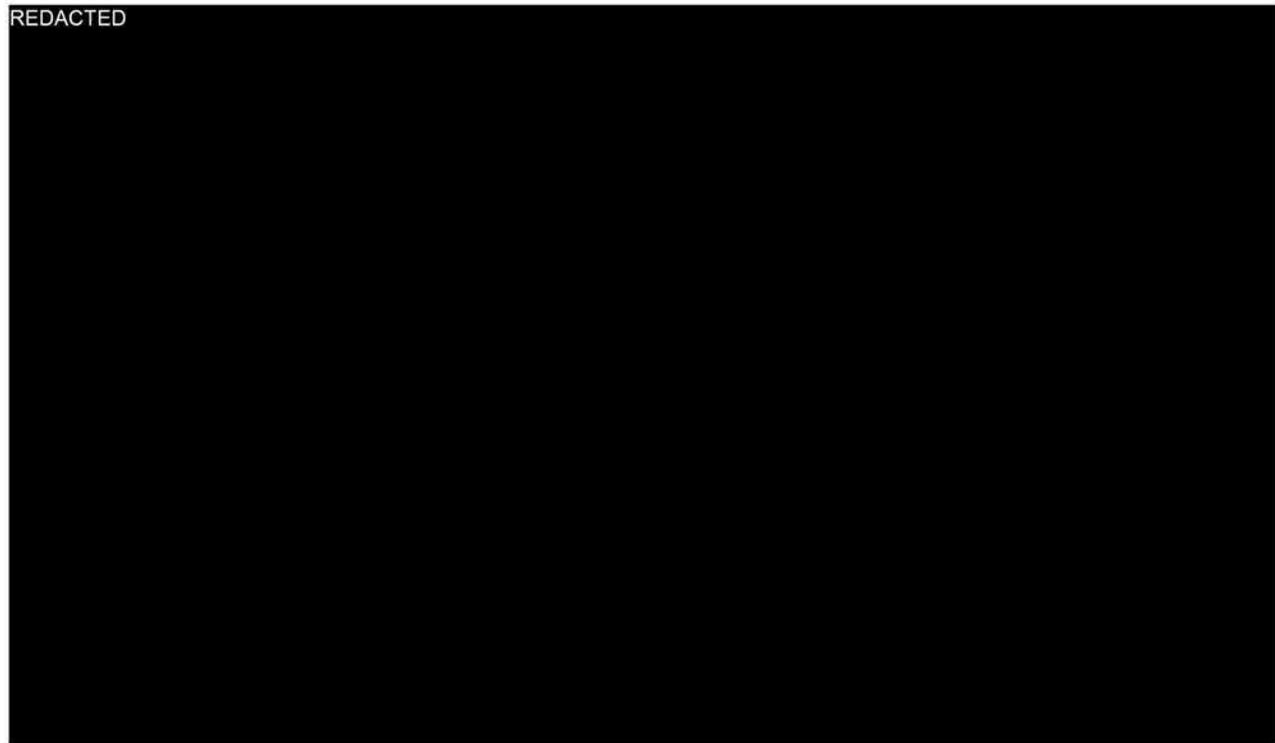
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Also living in the town of Horsham between 1976 and 1988, was the family REDACTED and BAE REDACTED.

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REDACTED Whilst BAF were in  
REDACTED they learned that their son BAE, had been molested  
by Father Ridsdale, REDACTED

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REDACTED The Solicitors for BAE and the son BAF, made a  
demand on Father Ridsdale whilst he was employed here. REDACTED

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I then became aware of the BAF episode because Father Ridsdale  
was transferred from Horsham at this time, as a result of this  
BAF episode and it was at this stage that I learned his  
propensity towards young boys.

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There has been considerable publicity in the area about Father  
Ridsdale's behaviour, probably more at Edenhope and this has  
come out of the publicity given to him when he was charged  
earlier this year."