

**TELEPHONE CONVERSTATION WITH VERGIL KEEYS  
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Because we have never heard of solitary confinement at Riverview before, the committee decided I needed to research this a bit more.

I phoned Vergil Keeyes to find out if he knew of a room for solitary confinement. JE [REDACTED] says in his statement he was put in this room for 3 days.

Vergil said he was not aware of any such room and had never heard of anyone being put in such a room.

Vergil was stationed at Riverview in the 70's and would have been there at the same time as JE [REDACTED], but does not remember him. This is understandable as there were around 60 boys there at the time.

He said he was there with Vic Bennett who was the manager. I said I guess it was a fairly disciplined place and he agreed.

He spoke about Vic Bennett and said the boys could be mucking around in the hall and when Vic Bennett appeared at the door with his arms folded behind his back, they would stop their fooling around and sit quietly.

I said they might have been fearful of him. "No", he said. "I think I would call it 'respectful fear'...they respected who he was".

Vergil Keeyes mobile number:

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