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On 5/12/08 the writer, James Abbott spoke with Leo and Penny [REDACTED] Tel# [REDACTED] Mr & Mrs [REDACTED] live at [REDACTED] N.H.

The [REDACTED] first met Gordon Mac Rae in the 1970's when he was at the Capucine Novitiate in Hudson N.Y. They stated Mac Rae went on to become a priest in the Diocese of Manchester N.H.

From that time through the present they have remained friends of Mac Rae and convinced of his innocence in this sexual abuse case.

Penny advised she attended the trial every day while Leo advised that he may have missed one day, but he was not sure.

Both Leo and Penny were at the trial during the days that Tom Grover was on the witness stand and on one of these days they were seated in the last row of seats on the right side of the court, as you face the judge. Seated on the left side also in the last row was a woman known to them as Pauline Goupil and they both observed her using body signs to communicate with Tom Grover while he was testifying. Specifically Penny first observed and alerted Leo to observe that during Grover's testimony Ms. Goupil would have direct eye contact with Grover and place her finger on her right cheek just at the eye level and slowly move her finger down her cheek with a distinct sorrowful frown on her face. Grover observed this and began to cry on the stand and wept for a good part of his testimony. This was in stark contrast to Grover's behavior after his testimony and in the hall outside the court where Grover was jumping up and down and laughing and joking with some of his supporters. Goupil was easily observed as she was alone in the back of the courtroom seats and stood out by her positioning (also making it easy for Grover to see her movements).

At a break in the trial Penny related this activity to attorney Koch and the judge then cleared the courtroom of all spectators.

Both Leo and Penny were interviewed by Det Mc Laughlin during this time and Penny [REDACTED] stated that Mc Laughlin was intimidating her and badgering her during her conversation and he had what appeared to be pre set answers that he was trying to lead her to say.

Mr & Mrs [REDACTED] have maintained a file of all the contacts with Mc Laughlin and they advised they will review this file and provide the writer with all pertinent data as well as copies of same. One memo that they stated comes to mind is a Mc Laughlin memo dated Feb 22 1994 referring to Mc Laughlin's questioning of Penny as to whether she will be testifying, as her name appeared in a "MOTION" (unknown nature)

The writer was advised that both Leo and Penny would consent to an interview for additional info and details and they were provided with contact Tel #'s of the writers