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The Record (New Jersey)

**BOYS SCHOOL DISMISSES A TEACHER MOLESTED STUDENT AT [REDACTED] HIGH**

The Record By Bill Sanderson, Record Staff Writer  
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A sexual misconduct charge has abruptly ended the 20-year career of a Catholic brother who taught at [REDACTED] High School in [REDACTED]

Officials disclosed Tuesday that Brother [REDACTED], 44, was dismissed in July after admitting that he molested a student at the boys school, which draws its 900 pupils from throughout North Jersey.

[REDACTED] pleaded guilty last month to a charge of endangering the welfare of a child by touching his genitals. Bergen County Assistant Prosecutor Fred L. Schwanwede said that under a plea agreement, [REDACTED] will receive a non-prison sentence and be required to undergo psychiatric treatment.

"We interviewed approximately a dozen present and former students at [REDACTED]," Schwanwede said. The investigation included incidents dating to 1974, but because of New Jersey's statute of limitations, not all could be prosecuted, Schwanwede said.

"A lot of the kids that we interviewed basically talked about touching that would be inappropriate but that may not be the kind of thing one would go to a grand jury and indict for," Schwanwede said. "And there were some other kinds of conduct which were unmistakably sexual in nature." No grand jury investigation was conducted. Instead [REDACTED] pleaded guilty to an accusation, a statement of the charge drafted by the Prosecutor's Office. By pleading guilty to the accusation, [REDACTED] waived his right to have the case considered by a grand jury.

The accusation, Schwanwede said, names one incident in which [REDACTED] touched a student's genitals through the student's clothing. Schwanwede said the incident happened in June 1986 on the [REDACTED] Brothers property in [REDACTED], which includes the school and the brothers residence.

[REDACTED] has been reassigned to the regional [REDACTED] headquarters in Milton, Mass., said his lawyer, **Michael Beatrice** of Hackensack. A brother who answered the phone at the headquarters said [REDACTED] was gone from the headquarters for at least a week.

He is due in Superior Court in Hackensack Sept. 23 for sentencing before Judge Sybil R. Moses.

Classes begin today at [REDACTED]. A letter sent home during the summer told students of [REDACTED] departure. But they have not been told of the reason, said Brother [REDACTED], community director of the [REDACTED] house in [REDACTED]

"You can't really write something like that in a letter," [REDACTED] said. "A lot of kids really looked up to Brother [REDACTED] . . . I think kids might feel a little bit betrayed and a little bit on their guard."

[REDACTED] readily admitted that there was truth to the allegations first presented against him in July, [REDACTED] said. He said the order immediately revoked his teaching credentials and severed his contact with the school.

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█████ said the church has cooperated fully with investigators and that the Archdiocese of Newark is offering counseling and other help to anyone who feels he may have been victimized by █████. Those interested in the help may contact the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office.

As part of the plea agreement, prosecutors agreed not to actively publicize █████ case. Prosecutor Larry J. McClure said the office agreed to offer information about the case only if reporters asked. And in any event, he noted, the accusation itself is a matter of public record.

McClure said he is concerned that the case will unfairly damage █████ reputation.

"We view it as an isolated incident involving one individual. It was not anything beyond that," McClure said. "We are satisfied with the disposition and the approach that has been taken here."

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