

Cold Spring Police
Dept. Chief Konz
DEPOSITION
EXHIBIT #1
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SAINT LUKE INSTITUTE

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March 23, 1984

Mr. Vincent Konz
Chief of Police
418 Main Street
Cold Spring, Minnesota 56320

Re: Francis F. Hoefgen

Dear Chief Konz:

I am writing to you in reference to the above named patient of the Saint Luke Institute, Father Francis Hoefgen. As you may be aware, Father Hoefgen was admitted to the Saint Luke Institute on March 22, 1984 and will be undergoing a medical and psychiatric evaluation March 29-30, 1984.

I apologize first if I did not consult you prior to my strong recommendation to Father Hoefgen and his religious superior, Father Jerome Theisen, of St. John's Abbey that he leave the State of Minnesota for the psychiatric evaluation immediately. After our consultation together, I felt that it would be in the best interest of Father Hoefgen if the evaluation began immediately so that a proper treatment disposition could be considered in the immediate future.

The Saint Luke Institute is a properly licensed psychiatric facility which deals exclusively with clergy and religious men and women who have chemical dependency problems as well as other psychological problems. Prior to a suggestion concerning the proper treatment plan, we always evaluate rather thoroughly the person over a two week period. The results of that evaluation are shared with the patient and the religious community and a treatment plan then fashioned which would meet the individual needs of that patient and community. I have enclosed information concerning our different programs for your reference.

If I may be of further help to you or Stearns County with reference to Father Hoefgen, please do not hesitate to contact me. I thank you personally for your help to Father Hoefgen during the rather difficult time he experienced

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this past week in confronting this complex social problem. If I may be of particular help to the Cold Spring Community in the future, I hope you will not hesitate to contact me.

I would also appreciate it if you could inform me as to the status of formal charges against Father Hoefgen subsequent to the formal statement he made to you and the County Police Officer.

Sincerely yours,



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