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Full details of the initial enquiry are documented on CRIS: **DPA**

The suspect, John Maestri, was a teacher at St Benedicts School in the 1970s and 1980s. On 2nd December 2003 he pleaded guilty to three offences of indecent assault against two pupils at the school between 1980 and 1984. Two other charges against other pupils were ordered to lie on file. The indecent assaults took place at his home address at: **DPA** and involved fondling the victim and masturbating them.

Prior to his sentencing on 23rd December 2003 I received a phone call from **Mother of RC-A625**; mother who stated that **RC-A625** had been a victim of sexual abuse by John Maestri in the 1980s but was not able to provide me with any details of the abuse. She stated that she had told a priest about the abuse at the time but she was unsure whether anything was done. I gave her my phone number and asked that **RC-A625** contact me if he wanted to speak to police.

On 23rd December 2003 John Maestri was sentenced to 30 months imprisonment for indecent assault x 3, placed on the sex offenders register for life and ordered not to work with children for life.

**RC-A625** subsequently contacted me and stated that he would like to speak to me but was unwilling to discuss the details of the incident over the phone.

On 28th January 2004 I interviewed **RC-A625** at a video suite in Preston provided by the Lancashire Family Protection unit. He stated that he had been given private tuition by Maestri in the summer holidays in 1982. Maestri had begun by putting his arms around the victim and then progressing to putting the victim on

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his lap.

[RC-A625] stated that on one occasion they had gone to the bedroom, he and Maestri had lay on the bed and Maestri had fondled his genitals.

[RC-A625] did not tell his family at first but stopped visiting Maestri. He told another pupil, [Child] and told his family when he was about 18 years old. He said that the incident has had a profound effect on his life and was a factor in him having a nervous breakdown.

I intend to interview Maestri in relation to this further allegation. Enquiries ar in hand.

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I have sent a request to prisoner locations regarding the whereabouts of the suspect, Maestri. Awaits the result of this check and transcript of victim's interview. Enqs in hand.

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I have received a fax from prisoner locations. Mr Maestri is currently staying at HMP [DPA] prison number [DPA]. I am at Bristol CC and A/L until 24/2/04 and will continue my enquiries on my return.