

RC-A597 said but justified it. He said again the relationship was platonic and there was no sexual side to it. He denied all of the allegations made by **RC-A594** and **RC-A11**

He has not been interviewed about the allegations of **RC-A596** as he has come forward only last week to make a statement.

Fathers David's computer and phone along with **RC-A621** computer and phone were submitted for analysis. There are conversations between **RC-A621** and Father David both on the phone and on the computer but nothing of an intimate nature. (Father David has asked him to delete their conversations and texts). There is the photograph on the phone of **RC-A621** that shows him naked – upper torso- only that he sent to Father David at his request.

On **RC-A621** computer were found 2 Indecent images of children, one at Level 1 and one at Level 4. These photographs were in an "unallocated cluster". Basically they had been deleted but still remained in the hard drive. According to the lab analysis it was not possible to ascertain how these photographs came to be on the computer. As a result of this information, on 20th June 2008 **RC-A621** was interviewed under caution at Acton police station. He was shown a copy of these images and was unable to say where or how they were on his computer. As we were unable to prove anything regarding these images, no further police action was taken with regard to these images.

Again on **RC-A621** computer and phone the texts and conversations were not of a personal or indecent nature.

Early/first complainant was taken in the cases of **RC-A621** and **RC-A597** and **RC-A11**. There is not one in the case of **RC-A594** and in the case of **RC-A596** his early/first complainant lives in **DPA**

Father Pearce was further arrested by DS Morgan on 10/11/2008 for Indecent Assault and Indecency with a child in relation to **RC-A596**. He denied these allegations.

As mentioned at the start of this report, there was an allegation made against Father David in 2004. The victim in this case was **RC-A6** dob **DPA**/1980 – an ex-pupil at St Benedicts who was aged 11 years old when he was sexually abused by Father David. CPS advice was given by Azra Khan who stated that it would be inappropriate to prosecute Father David but if further information came to light then CPS would consider the matter afresh.

RC-A6 sued Father David and the Catholic Church in the civil courts and won his claim. He has been spoken to and asked if he wanted his original criminal allegation re-opened and he would welcome that opportunity. CPS decision now, that this case be re-opened and Pearce to be further charged with this matter.

I have also included a statement from Abbott Shipperlee who is in charge of Ealing Abbey and was responsible for managing Father David in his restricted ministry. Also a statement from the Diocese of Westminster explaining that confessional was only on a face to face basis and never on e-mail or text.

A file was submitted to the CPS and the following is their decision re charges:

RC-A596 3 X Indecent assaults contrary to Sec 15 Sexual offences Act 1956 between 7/3/1975 and 7/3/1980
2X Gross Indecency with a child contrary to Sec 1 Indecency with children Act 1960.