



**MEMORANDUM**

**CROWN PROSECUTION SERVICE**

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**REF:** DPA

**DATE:** 14 JULY 1992

Re : David Maurice PEARCE

Thank you for sending me the Police file relating to the above named for advice.

This case concerns an alleged indecent assault of a 10 year old boy, RC-A595 by the Headmaster of St Benedict's Junior School, Ealing, Father David Pearce.

By the very nature of the incident, there is no corroboration of the indecent assault, and no medical evidence available which might confirm that an indecent assault had occurred. Thus the case against Father Pearce depends entirely upon the credibility of a 10 year old boy.

I have carefully considered the available evidence, and am of the view that it is insufficient as provide a realistic prospect of conviction. In my view there are matters which may be properly put by the Defence to RC-A595 to undermine his reliability and credibility and additionally to ascribe to him a motive for telling less than the whole truth.

In his witness statement, RC-A595 alleges that on 4 June 1992 Father Pearce called him into his room following a lecture on the subject of 'Child Abuse'. After eliciting information that his Father had beaten him, that he proceeded to indecently assault RC-A595 by inserting his finger into RC-A595's anus.

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# Record of tape recorded interview (continuation)

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Interviewee: Father David PEARCE Date: 16.6.92 Signature(s):

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Tape Times (Show tape No.)	Person speaking	Dialogue
2.06	PEARCE	What about the parents and the fact that I've had to alert Social Services
2.13	SVARD	Possibly, but I mean that is a different case. I can't say too much about it but the parent <b>Sensitive</b> <b>Sensitive</b> So it is not as if he's saying Oh no <b>Sensitive</b> <b>Sensitive</b> I've never done these sort of things., I understand that the parent is in fact saying <b>Sensitive</b> We can go back again, he mentions that in his statement about <b>Sensitive</b>
2.36	PEARCE	Yes this was made clear when Pat allen interviewed <b>RC-A595</b>  Conversation about what happened on the 11th with regard the allegation made by Father PEARCE and covering the interview with Pat ALLEN at the school
2.56	SVARD	Reading from statement "On Thursday the 11th June - have to ring Social Services to tell them everything"
3.06	SVARD	I take this, this was on the morning of the 11th, the day that you're saying was the incident
3.11	PEARCE	Exactly he showed this pimple thing
3.14	SVARD	Continues reading from statement "I was very confused - she would not let me say anything"
3.42	PEARCE	That's not true, she said very little
3.45	SVARD	Continues reading from statement to end
4.45	SVARD	It's just quite a strange, everything seems to agree apart from the date