

been reported in the media for similar offences. He alleged he had been sexually assaulted during a private maths lesson in SKELTON's flat. [RC-A604]s mother contacted the school when he disclosed to her at the time of the offences. She recalled speaking to Fr Francis ROSSITER and [RC-F41] [RC-F41] about the allegation. They said they would deal with the allegation and SKELTON left St Benedict's shortly afterwards.

Enquiries with other schools where SKELTON taught revealed that he had sexually abused a pupil called [RC-A605] at a Hampshire School in the mid 1990s when he was being given extra maths tuition. [RC-A605] disclosed to teachers at the school in 2005 a couple of years after SKELTON had retired.

In October 2010 SKELTON was arrested for sexual assaults against [RC-A604] and [RC-A605]. His home address was searched and a number of items seized. He was bailed pending enquiries and CPS advice. On 19th July 2011 SKELTON was charged with two offences against [RC-A604] and [RC-A605] from Hampshire.

In December 2012 SKELTON was found guilty of sexual assault x 2 at Isleworth Crown Court. He was sentenced to 6 months imprisonment concurrent for both offences, suspended for two years. He was placed on the Sex Offenders Register for 10 years. A SOPO was imposed preventing him from having any contact with children under 16 years.

5. Lawrence SOPER (date of birth: [DPA] 1943)

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In January 2004 the victim, [RC-A622], an ex-pupil at St Benedict's School, made an allegation that he was caned and raped by a Maths teacher and Monk at the school, Fr Lawrence SOPER, in 1973-4. The allegation was made to Police via the Child Protection Officer for the Archdiocese of Westminster who had visited him in a psychiatric unit in [DPA] where he was receiving treatment. [RC-A622] was ABE interviewed in February 2004 where he repeated his allegations.

In July 2004 SOPER returned voluntarily from his home in Rome and was arrested for buggery. He admitted to caning pupils in the mid-1970s, but denied buggery. He was bailed pending further enquiries.