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1 a. During February 1954 I was charged at Abingdon Magistrates' Court, in Berkshire with Indecent Exposure in the presence of a child. This was said to have taken place in the organ loft of a village church. I was rehearsing and the boy was hand pumping the organ. I was found guilty and placed on Probation for one year.

2. On December 1st, 1997 I was arrested at the Rectory, and the whole house was searched and turned upside down: Then taken to Hastings Station where I was charged with sexual abuse with a minor at times during the years 1976-83. I was released on Police Bail, and given a date for a Charge to be officially made. The date was postponed at least five times, sometimes with only an hour's notice in all taking over a period of 15 - 16 months. At that time, I received a letter from the Police telling me that the CPS were not going to proceed with the case because enough evidence was not clearly available.

Since then at the age of 70 I have retired from parochial work.