

PEARCE and talk to him about the allegations against PEARCE, I asked, 'why now?' And he said, because we got a new Abbot, I contacted [RC-A418] and he also asked "why now" and I told him that the Abbey would no longer obstruct him, so we went to the police. At about this time the head master, Dr DACIIS was leaving and he told the staff that there was a time bomb waiting to go off. When the police came to see me the new head master, Mr CLEUGH was obviously unhappy and treated me like a Judas.

Initially the police decided there was insufficient evidence. Later David PEARCE was of course convicted. At about this time I was at the home of the parents of [Child] one of my students. I met his older brother, [Child]. He would have been at the school at the time PEARCE was there, so I asked him about him. He became incredibly angry, he said that 'David wasn't the bad one it' it was Laurence SOPER. He described Laurence SOPER as 'evil' and a 'nasty piece of work'. Laurence SOPER apparently often beat him on his bare backside, then something happened and he was expelled from the middle school. At around that same time I was talking to another teacher named [Name Redacted]. He was a classics teacher, who was younger than me, but had also been a pupil at the school. I spoke to him about PEARCE. He stated that he never had any problems with David PEARCE, but that Laurence SOPER had made him take his trousers off and would beat on his bare backside. I said that, that shouldn't have happened and he said that it was just part of going to a public school. These were these were the first time I had heard allegations against SOPER, as opposed to him protecting David PEARCE.

The first time I knew that there were allegations against SOPER was when I saw them in the media. I have no idea as to the nature of the allegations.

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