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It is the fourth sex-abuse lawsuit filed against the Catholic church in Montana since last year and the second against the Roman Catholic Diocese of Great Falls-Billings.

The lawyers who filed the lawsuit in Cascade County District Court also represent about 160 other alleged victims in one of the two claims against the Catholic Diocese of Helena, which covers the western part of the state.

The 10 unnamed plaintiffs are now adults and say the abuse took place from the 1960s to the 1980s at schools, missions, churches and homes in St. Xavier, Livingston, Absarokee, Great Falls, Hays, Wolf Point and Hardin.

Diocesan officials should have known about the abuse but gave the priests and nuns unfettered access to the children, the lawsuit alleges. Instead of removing those clergy members once victims began coming forward, the diocese intimidated the victims into keeping their silence, said Tim Kosnoff, a Seattle attorney representing the plaintiffs.

"They continue to pay lip service to protecting children, all the while covering up accusations of sexual abuse," Kosnoff said Wednesday at a news conference in Great Falls.

The Rev. Jay Peterson, the diocese's vicar general, released a statement Wednesday that said the diocese has a zero-tolerance sex abuse policy and that some of the allegations involve Jesuit clergy that were assigned to the diocese years ago.

Peterson compared this lawsuit to the one against the Helena diocese, in which the plaintiffs' attorneys "make sweeping allegations and then try these claims in a court of public opinion in hopes of generating new potential claimants."

One of the priests accused in the lawsuit, the Rev. Ted Szudera, was one of seven members of the diocese's independent review board that advises the bishop in his assessment of allegations of sexual abuse of minors.

One plaintiff, identified by his initials T.B., alleges that Szudera abused him as a teenage altar boy in 1978 and 1979 when Szudera was a priest in Livingston.

A biography by the diocese says Szudera was ordained in 1977 and is the pastor of St. Mark's Church in Belt and of missions in Monarch, Raynesford and Centerville.

Peterson said a sex-abuse claim made by the plaintiff against Szudera six years ago was investigated and found to be not credible.

Szudera recently resigned from the review board and has taken a leave of absence from parish ministry. Peterson said he did not know when Szudera resigned from the board nor did he know why.

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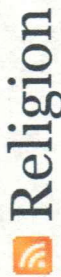
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At least 550 people file sexual abuse claims against archdiocese

Archdiocese bankruptcy draws 'staggering' number

By Annysa Johnson of the Journal Sentinel

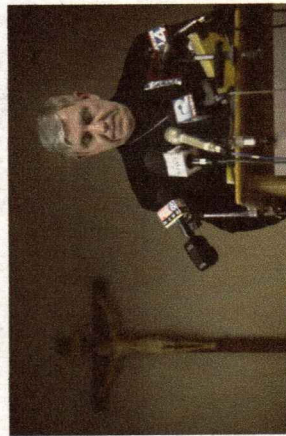
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Archdiocese Bankruptcy



At least 550 people filed sex-abuse claims against the Archdiocese of Milwaukee by Wednesday's deadline in its bankruptcy proceedings - by far the largest number of claims among the eight Catholic diocesan bankruptcies in the United States since 2004, and on par with a 2009 Jesuit bankruptcy that covered victims in five states.

Milwaukee victim-survivors and their attorneys called the number "staggering," although they contend it still fails to reflect the magnitude of the Catholic sex-abuse crisis in southeastern Wisconsin. They said some victims were unwilling to file because they were intimidated by the process or did not think they could prevail against the church.

"We're looking at the tin of the irehern " said attorney James Stann who
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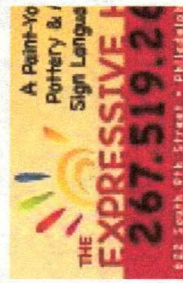
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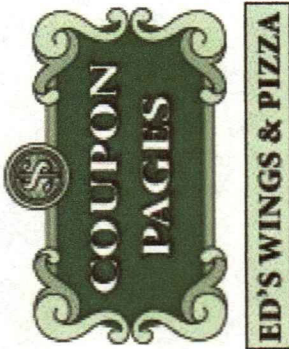
Contributing Editor

A recent U.S. Catholic bishops meeting in Baltimore made a claim that there were far too few active Catholic priests familiar with the rite of exorcism.

The old rite, as it turns out, has fallen into disuse, and it's no wonder. The modern age has redefined evil along abstract lines. There may be evil thoughts and evil deeds like murdering newborns or slitting the throat of one's grandmother, but to say that there are distinct evil entities who have influence over our lives has become the punch line of late night TV jokes.

It's considered unsophisticated to talk about "Satan" or "Lucifer" as if they were "real" presences with authentic power. This is so despite the willingness of people to mention God as a force for "good." References to God garner no awkward glances.





images (or the idea) of devils have always evoked special attention. Unlike werewolves or mythical Frankenstein monsters, the legacy of devils is not relegated to the realm of the mythical.

That's why, when the U.S. bishops called for more priest exorcists, I thought of the film Rosemary's Baby. The Polanski film of 1968 had as its theme secret rituals and ceremonies as well as a secret society of Satanists masquerading as contemporary humanists who would no more admit to a belief in Satan than they would Martians inhabiting the bodies of humans. Satan, it's been said by saints and theologians, does not want people to believe in him, and therein lies his greatest power.

While the Catholic Church claims it needs more exorcists, according to Papal insider (and now deceased) Jesuit theologian, Malachi Martin, the Catholic Church may need an exorcist.

Martin, who died in 1996, says that at the height of the Second Vatican Council in Rome, there was a ceremony to enthrone Lucifer in the Vatican (and the Chair of Peter). The church in question, Saint Paul's chapel within the Vatican walls, hosted a very different rite of Mass on January 29, 1963, just one week after the election of Pope Paul VI. (Years later, according to Fr. Martin, Pope Paul VI would write a note to his successor, John Paul II, and tell him of this ceremony.) Paul VI is also famous for his statement, "The smoke of Satan has entered the sanctuary."

For decades, this statement has been the source of much confusion and controversy, but when paired with Fr. Martin's testimony, it fits like the lost part of a puzzle.

The ceremony, Fr. Martin is on record as saying, was a Black Mass, or the Traditional Latin Mass said in reverse, complete with an animal sacrifice and a drugged young girl who may or may not have been the victim of ceremonial sexual rituals. The ceremony was not the Novus Ordo Mass because, in Fr. Martin's words, "even the Satanists know that this Mass is not valid." Martin writes that the Black Mass was attended by high ranking prelates in the Church, important layman, business leaders and politicians. At least one Cardinal was in attendance. A concurrent "Enthronement of Satan" Black Mass was also held in South Carolina on that date.

In his novel, Windswept House, which Fr. Martin always maintained was 90 percent fact and 10 percent fiction, the opening chapter describes this Mass.

"...In an atmosphere of darkness and fire, the Chief Celebrant in each Chapel intoned a series of Invocations to the Prince. The Participants in both Chapels chanted a response. Then, and only in America's Tarnation Chapel each Response was followed by a Convenient Action—a

The Black Mass Within Vatican Walls
 why it matters a religious viewpoint, what response was informed by a conventional religious
 ritually determined acting-out of the spirit and the meaning of the words."

The presiding Bishop then considered the Victim. "Even in her near unconscious state, still she struggled. Still she protested. Finally, the Bishop began the Great Invocation: "I believe that the Prince of the World will be enthroned this night in the Ancient Citadel, and from there He will create a New Community: the Universal Church of Man."

Fr. Martin's best selling book, Hostage to the Devil, described the priest's years as an exorcist. Some Vatican insiders insisted that Fr. Martin had an axe to grind, while others attempted to destroy his credibility with stories of immoral behavior and illicit affairs with the wives of friends. Towards the end of his life, despite a liberal sojourn when he worked for Cardinal Bea during the time of the Council, Fr. Martin maintained that the Catholic Church was in apostasy. He pointed to "liberal, heretical" theologians like Charles Curran and Hans Kung, as being given slaps on the wrist for ascribing to heretical doctrines but still allowed to practice as Catholic priests, while those whose only goal was to preserve tradition, such as Archbishop Lefebvre, were excommunicated by then Pope John Paul II (that excommunication was summarily lifted by Pope Benedict VI).

Martin (who stated that only a future pope could exorcize the Church) is not the only authority to confirm that there's a secret cabal of Satanists and Freemasons high up in the Catholic Church.

Father Gabriele Amorth, the one time Chief Exorcist in Rome, wrote in his book, Memoirs of an Exorcist: My Life fighting against Satan, that there are active Satanic sects within the Vatican "where participants reach all the way to the College of Cardinals." This infiltration of Satanists and Masons forms what Martin calls the Vatican "superforce," or an organization of powerful prelates who work to destroy the Catholic Church from within.

In Rosemary's Baby, Mia Farrow's character has to deal with doctors and psychiatrists whose mission is to trick her into believing she's having a normal baby. As the mother of Lucifer's son, she must never know the facts about the true nature of her baby until after its birth.

Like Mia Farrow, the Catholic Church has been tinkered with by forces that have snuck inside the gates. The Church has been fed Rosemary's chocolate mousse laced with Tannis Root.

The slow and insidious impregnation began as early as the 1930s and 40s, when former United States Communist Party member, Bella Dodd, testified before the House on Un-American



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Press TV interview with international war crimes lawyer Alfred Lambremont Webre.



The Catholic Church is facing pedophilia charges while seven adults have filed lawsuits accusing a California priest of child sex abuse between 1972 and up until 2001.

The plaintiffs, who include six women and one man, say they were abused by father Stephen Kiesle. They go on to say the Catholic Church has long facilitated the molestation of children by protecting the well-known child molesting priests.

This is the latest of several lawsuits where individuals say the Catholic Church is closing its eyes to sexual abuse of children by priests and church officials. The church has paid out more than 400,000 million dollars to victims of clergy sex abuse.

The following is a transcription with Alfred Lambremont Webre, who is an international lawyer specializing in war crimes. Mr. Webre shares his insights regarding these types of cases and

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Who do you think is responsible for the assassination of the scientists?

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explains how the Catholic Church has a dark history of satanic sexual abuse, which taints the hierarchal structure of the church from the father all the way up to the Pope.

Press TV: To discuss this scandal further, we are being joined by international lawyer Alfred Lambremont Webre from Vancouver, Canada. Many thanks for joining us here on Press TV. This case is not an isolated incident. There are reports alleging the current Pope being involved in a massive cover-up for the sake of the Church. Now with the Vatican's defense being that one cannot prosecute the head of a state, can there be no justice as far as the upper echelons of the church go?

Webre: I think that in this case it's not the Vatican which is being sued here. It's the diocese of Oakland so that this case can go forward. What is very interesting is the evidence in this case which is the lavation file of the accused former priest. There's a letter in there that bears the signature of the former Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, who is now Pope Benedict XVI and there was a letter to diocese officials in which Ratzinger, the current Pope, said that the arguments for removing the accused priest were quote, "of grave significance and that the action required careful review and more time." So in this case we have the evidence with the current pope's own signature that he signed so as to protect this particular priest more and to give it more time. Now people are saying that this is a pattern of protecting the church from embarrassment. Let's turn this around. Suppose Cardinal Ratzinger, the current pope, was actually running a sexual abuse ring for "satanic worshipers" using Satanism and using sexual abuse. They were actually encouraging sexual abuse by priests on children around the world as part of a "Satanic Ritual." That's what this looks like to me as a lawyer, as a war crimes lawyer. Actually, the current Pope was covering up satanic rituals of sex abuse within the current Catholic Church, and here we have his signature of "Pope Benedict XVI" (Cardinal Ratzinger) on the letter of Stephen Keiser who's the accused priest. We have his signature and that's the evidence in this case. They can't plead sovereign immunity because it's the diocese of Oakland that is being sued.

Press TV: The church has paid millions of dollars to victims of clergy sex abuse. Now will the extent of punishment here go just as far as defaulting?



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Webre: You know, there is no dollar amount you can really put on the pain and suffering of these individuals and this is really a war crime. You have a major church, a major institution, which has been committing a fraud against the children of the world, against the families of the world, and maybe a satanic organization in our midst, and has committed war crimes against humanity as that is understood under the various conventions. So, there is no price here. What exactly was the intent of Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger? We know he has Nazi ties from his childhood.

Press TV: Now with such large numbers of lawsuits being filed against members of the Catholic Church, how would you assess its standing with its thousands of worshippers around the world now?

Webre: Well, you know that's a good question. Because you have a hierarchy that is in serious trouble, and does not want to look at their actions. They are hiding behind improper defenses like sovereign immunity, that it's a state as if it goes back to a decision when they were the Holy Roman Empire. It was the Roman Emperor around 300 AD that marked into the Pope. That is what we have. We have the former Roman Emperor who's now in the Vatican in Rome. This is a historical fact. And for a religious, ethical and moral leader to hide behind the defense of sovereign immunity on a criminal prosecution of moral turpitude is beyond the pale. So, whether or not the Roman Catholic Church will survive this crisis, depends on how they are reacting. So far, they are not reacting well. Women have come forward and have wanted to be priests. They have been rebuffed completely. It appears as though Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger (the current Pope) signature is all over the crimes that have been committed here, and as an attorney, I can tell you we have a big case of "Satanism" here with the Robert Picton cases here in Canada. So, I would say that, investigators should start looking at the Catholic Church as a possible "Satanic Organization."

Press TV: I'm afraid we will have to leave it there. That was international lawyer Alfred Lambremont Webre speaking to us from Vancouver. Many thanks for your insights here on Press TV.

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Spanish exorcist addresses claims of Satanic influence in Vatican :

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Frs. Jose Fortea and Gabriel Amorth.

Rome, Italy, Mar 3, 2010 / 04:20 pm (CNA).– A renowned exorcist in Rome recently released a book of memoirs in which he declares to know of the existence of Satanic sects in the Vatican where participation reaches all the way to the College of Cardinals. A second demonologist, also residing in Rome, entered the debate this week, clarifying the origins of the information and defending the Vatican's clergy as an "edifying and virtuous" collection of prelates.

In a book of memoirs released in February, the noted Italian exorcist Fr. Gabriele Amorth affirmed that "Yes, also in the Vatican there are members of Satanic sects." When asked if members of the clergy are involved or if this is within the lay community, he responded, "There are priests, Monsignors and also cardinals!"

The book, "Father Amorth. Memoirs of an Exorcist. My life fighting against Satan." was written by Marco Tosatti, who compiled it from interviews with the priest.

Fr. Amorth was asked by Tosatti how he knows Vatican clergy are involved. He answered, "I know from those who have been able to relate it to me because they had a way of knowing directly. And it's something 'confessed' most times by the very demon under obedience during the exorcisms."

The famous Italian exorcist was also asked if the Pope was aware of Satanic sects in the Vatican, to which Fr. Amorth replied, "Of course, he was informed. But he does what he can. It's a horrifying thing."

Benedict XVI, being German, comes from a place "decidedly averse to these things," argued Fr. Amorth, saying that in Germany "there practically aren't any exorcists." However, he clarified, "the Pope believes (in them)."

The Italian priest also warned of the existence of bishops and priests who do not believe in Satan in the interview. "And yet, in the Gospel, Jesus speaks extensively about it, so it should be said, either they've never read the Gospel or they just don't believe it!"

Fr. Jose Antonio Fortea Cucurull, a Spanish priest and theologian who specializes in demonology and is now studying for his doctorate of theology in Rome, responded to Fr. Amorth's assertions on March 1.

After reading reports of Fr. Amorth's accusations pointing a finger at members of the clergy, including

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Paedophile Priest 'Exposes Satanic Vatican Rent-Boy Sex Ring'

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The allegations have been rejected by the Vatican (pictured)

A convicted paedophile priest has claimed a gay prostitution ring has been operating within the Holy Roman Church, with clergymen hiring underage rent-boys for sex.

Don Patrizio Poggi, who served a five-year prison sentence for abusing teenage boys at his Rome parish, also told Italian authorities a former Carabinieri police officer recruited boys for nine clergymen, [IBTimes reports](#).

Poggi told the police: "I decided to file this complaint and cooperate with the law after long reflection and after a painful history of abuse and misuse of power that I have overcome thanks to the faith that guides me."

The 46-year-old, who has complained that [the Vatican](#) refused to reinstate him after he completed his prison sentence, added: "I feel obliged to protect the Holy Church and the Christian community since I am aware of grave facts that undermine their integrity and break canon and penal law."

Poggi has reportedly handed the names of 20 alleged child abusers in the Roman clergy – including four serving priests and a Monsignor – to the authorities.

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So far, four people have formally been placed under investigation by Rome magistrates, [The Times reports](#).

[The newspaper adds](#): "His allegations gained some credibility from the fact he was accompanied by Monsignor Luca Lorusso, an adviser to the Papal Nuncio to Italy, who is himself a confidante of [Pope Francis](#)."

The former police officer is alleged to have procured mostly eastern European immigrant boys from gay discos, saunas and outside a bar near Rome's central rail station known as "Twink", where he used a vehicle marked "Emergency Blood" to avoid parking fines.

Poggi accuses the same man of "selling consecrated hosts for satanic rites."

The allegations are rejected by the Vatican, [CathNewsUSA reports](#).

Cardinal Agostino Vallini, head of the Catholic Vicariate of Rome said Poggi's claims were made from a desire for vengeance.

He said: "The cardinal expresses his full confidence in the magistracy and declares himself fully convinced that this slander will be demolished, demonstrating Poggi's claims to be untrue.

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Vatican Rentboy and Satanism Claims Revealed by Paedophile Priest Don Patrizio Poggi

Serving and former priests hired rentboys for sex in churches from pimp who sold consecrated hosts to satanists, says defrocked clergyman.

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The Vatican has denied Don Patrizio Poggi's allegations over the existence of an underage prostitution ring (Reuters)

Italian investigators have opened an inquiry into claims by a convicted paedophile priest that an underage prostitution ring has been operating inside the Holy Roman Church with clergymen hiring rentboys for sex inside churches.

Don Patrizio Poggi, 46, told Italian authorities that a former Carabinieri pimped boys for nine clergymen.

Poggi, who served a five-year sentence for abusing teenage boys while he was a parish priest at the San Filippo Neri church in Rome, said he made the allegations to "protect the Holy Church and the Christian community."

The boys were chosen because they were starving and desperate, he claimed, according to *Il Messaggero* newspaper.

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The former policeman used to recruit the boys, mostly eastern European immigrants, outside a gay bar named Twink near Rome's Termini train station. He reportedly sat in his Fiat Panda - marked "Emergency Blood" to avoid parking fines - to make his selection.

He was helped in the recruitment process by a friend who ran a modelling



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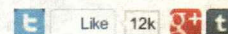
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Jimmy Savile Satanic Sex Ring Claim: Star 'Worshipped Devil'

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Jimmy Savile worshipped devil during sex abuse

Pervert Jimmy Savile sexually abused vulnerable girls during sinister black masses, it has been claimed.

The BBC star dressed in black robes during the rituals which allegedly took place in the basement of Stoke Mandeville hospital, in 1975.

Five years later, the Jim'll Fix It star supposedly took part in more satanic abuse at a plush London residence. A 21-year-old was reportedly forced to take part in an orgy in a room decked out with satanic symbols.

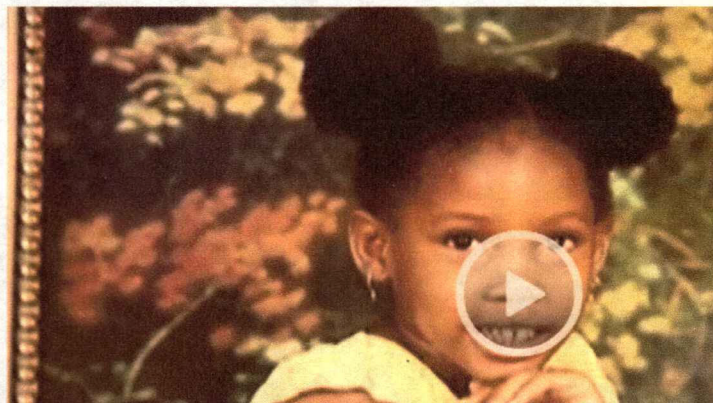
Disgraced Savile hid his face with a mask during the abuse, but was identified by the 12-year-old victim in the Stoke Mandeville case. She spotted his distinctive white hair sprouting from beneath the garments and recognised his voice.

She told therapist Valerie Sinason she was molested, raped and beaten during the twisted ceremony by Savile, who chanted "Ave Satanas" with other devil worshippers in the dark, candle-lit room.

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Sinason [told the Express](#) what the unnamed victim said happened while she was being treated at Stoke Mandeville hospital, in Bucks. Savile raised millions for the hospital and had his own room there.

"She recalled being led into a room that was filled with candles on the lowest level of the hospital, somewhere that was not regularly used by staff. Several adults were there, including Jimmy Savile who, like the others, was wearing a robe and a mask," said Sinason.



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Police: TV host Jimmy Savile exploited fame to abuse children on vast scale

By Laura Smith-Spark, CNN

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CNN.com

London (CNN) -- Britain's late TV presenter and radio host Jimmy Savile sexually abused hundreds of people and carried out more than 30 rapes, police said Friday, as they unveiled a report exposing "vast, predatory and opportunistic" abuses across six decades.

Nearly three-quarters of his victims were children, the report said, with the youngest only 8 years old. Most but not all were female.

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Since the inquiry was launched three months ago, about 600 people have come forward to provide information, 450 relating to Savile, London's Metropolitan Police said.

From this, 214 crimes have been recorded, including 34 of rape or penetration, across the country.



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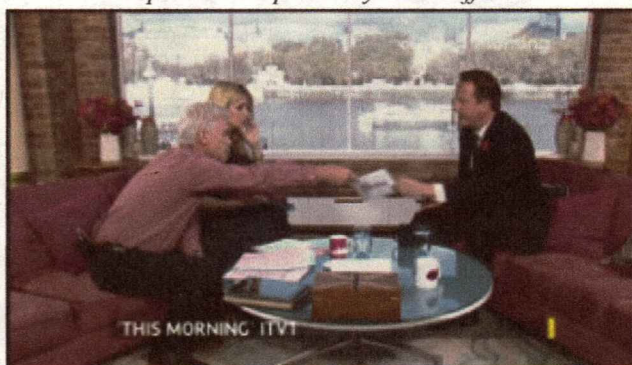


Cops: Savile a predatory sexual offender

The earliest claim against Savile, who was still a



Savile's years of abuse



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household name when he died in 2011, dates from 1955 and the latest from 2009, when he was in his 80s.

Savile used his celebrity to "hide in plain sight" as he opportunistically preyed on the children and young people with whom he came into contact as he presented BBC children's show "Jim'll Fix It" and music show "Top of the Pops," the report said.

Dozens of offenses on BBC premises have been reported across a 40-year span between 1965 and 2006 -- the last at the final recording of "Top of the Pops."

Who was Jimmy Savile?

Fifty allegations against Savile relate to hospital premises, including hospices, the report said. Another 14 relate to schools, including a reform school he visited regularly between 1970 and 1978.

The scale of his abuse is believed to be unprecedented in the UK, it said.

The report by London's Metropolitan Police and a child protection charity, the NSPCC, titled "Giving Victims a Voice," brings to a close a sordid chapter.

Police set up Operation Yewtree to investigate sexual abuse claims after a documentary by broadcaster ITV in October unleashed a flood of allegations against the star, who before that was seen as an eccentric but charismatic man who raised millions of pounds for charity.

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The investigation had three strands: one involving complaints against Savile alone, another termed "Savile and others" and a third involving only others. The publication of the report ends the first strand of the inquiry.

However, investigations continue into allegations made against the other suspects, some linked to Savile and others not. A number of arrests have been made.

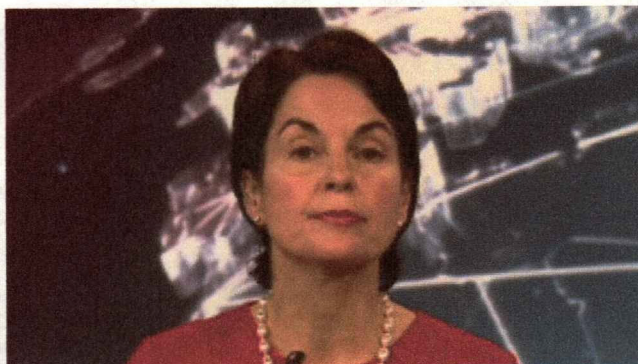
"It paints a stark picture emphasizing the tragic consequences of when vulnerability and power collide," Commander Peter Spindler, of the Metropolitan Police, said of the report.

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"Savile's offending footprint was vast, predatory and opportunistic. He cannot face justice today but we hope this report gives some comfort to his hundreds of victims, they have been listened to and taken seriously. We must use the learning from these shocking events to prevent other children and vulnerable adults being abused in the future. They will get a voice."

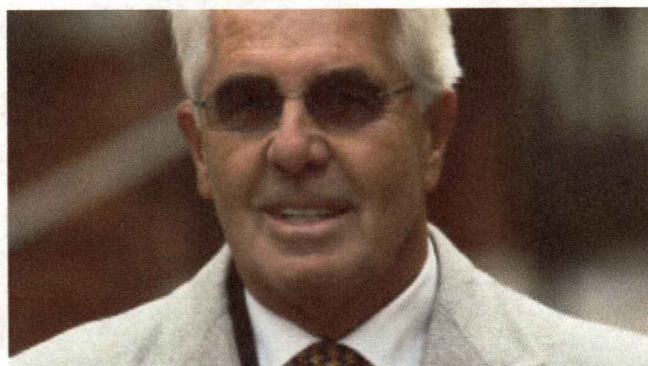


Fallout continues amid BBC scandal



The BBC, whose

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reputation has been tainted by the affair, said it would continue to work with police to investigate the claims.

"The police report into Jimmy Savile contains shocking revelations," a statement said. "As we have made clear, the BBC is appalled that some of the offences were committed on its premises. We would like to restate our sincere apology to the victims of these crimes."

publicity around the Savile case has encouraged people to call the charity's helpline.

For many, it's the first time they've spoken out about abuse, he said.

"We are optimistic that this signals a watershed moment for child protection in this country. We must seize the opportunity if we are to make a lasting change," he said.

The report's authors acknowledge that it is too late to act on the claims against Savile, but they say the investigation met "the need for hundreds of victims to have official recognition of the serious crimes they have suffered and to know they have been taken seriously."

Millions of Britons who grew up watching Savile on TV's "Top of the Pops" and "Jim'll Fix It" were shocked by the fall from grace of an entertainer who'd been awarded knighthoods by Queen Elizabeth II and the late Pope John Paul II for his charitable work.

Savile died in October 2011 at age 84, soon after being treated in a hospital for pneumonia. His death was followed by a series of glowing tributes, including BBC specials.

CNN's Jonathan Wald and Alexander Felton contributed to this report.

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Savile advised Prince Charles over the appointment of a royal aide

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Prince Charles asked Jimmy Savile for advice over the appointment of a senior aide for him and Princess Diana, it was claimed yesterday.

Charles and the former DJ are said to have met with former major-general Sir Christopher Airy before he was offered the post of the royal couple's private secretary and treasurer in 1990.

It was also claimed that they were so close that Charles treated Savile like the 'fool in Shakespeare's King Lear', allowing him to tell him things that others courtiers could not say to his face.

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Advisor: Prince Charles with Jimmy Savile and deputy Lord lieutenant, Ian Thornber, share a joke after the prince arrived in Glencoe for a visit

The pair became friends after meeting in the late 1970s while working with wheelchair sports charities and Charles later came to rely on him in the late 1980s and early 1990s.



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Former royal press secretary Dickie Arbiter: He says Savile had an informal role with the Prince

Former palace aides said he would drop in to see Charles when it suited him.

Dickie Arbiter, the former press secretary to the Queen, described how Savile would kiss female staff at the palace on the hand before rubbing his lips all the way up their arms if they were wearing short-sleeved shirts.

He told the Sunday Times: 'Savile was brought in by an aide as a sort of 'Jim'll fix it' to fix the state of the marriage, but of course it didn't work.

'His role was informal, ad hoc. He would just roll in and roll out again. I thought he was a pretty ghastly man.'

Another source, who asked not to be named, said: 'Savile was in and out of the palace at that time pretty frequently.

'His bling and his tracksuits made him rather unconventional and I think that was appealing to Prince Charles.

'Like the fool in King Lear, he was allowed to say things to Prince Charles that other courtiers weren't.'

In 1999 Charles accepted an invitation to dinner at Savile's home in Glencoe.

When Savile died last year, Charles led the tributes to him, saying his death had left him 'incredibly saddened'.

Savile is now believed to have been a predatory paedophile who abused as many as 300 child victims.

Asked about Savile's role in his appointment, Sir Christopher told the Sunday Times: 'I don't think it is my place to comment.'

St James's Palace said there was 'no record' of Savile being present at any of Sir Christopher's interviews.

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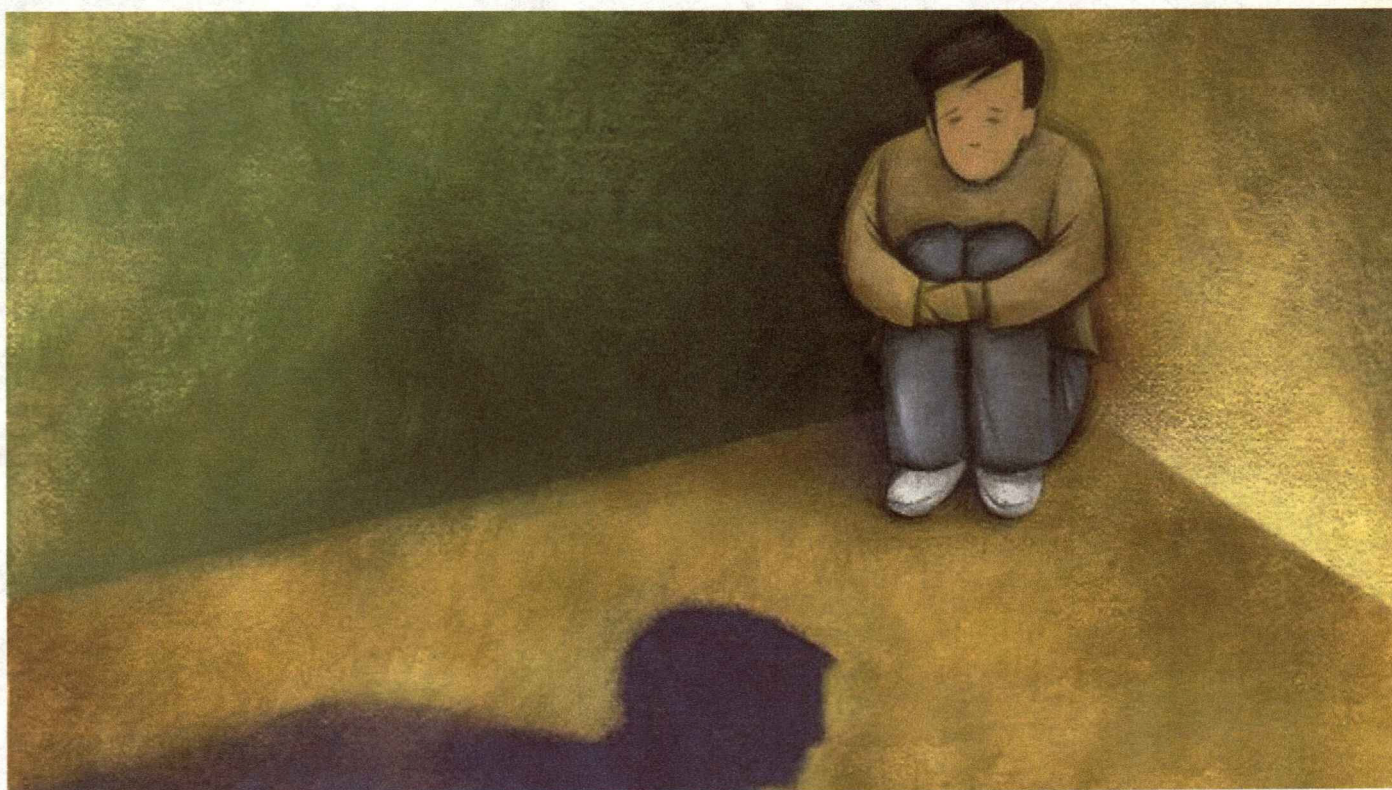
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Police said that initial findings have turned up enough to begin a criminal investigation.

In a statement posted on his website, MP Tom Watson has appealed for witnesses to come forward and help with the investigation, which was called Operation Fernbridge before officially becoming a criminal matter.

He said: "This new criminal investigation is welcome news.

"I am confident that the Operation Fairbank team are committed to a thorough investigation that leaves no stone left unturned.

"As they get nearer the truth it is vital they are given the time and space to conduct the investigation without interference.

"I urge any witnesses or victims to come forward if they think they can help with the inquiry.

"No matter what has happened in the past, now is the time for your voice to be heard."

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