

BOND PROFFER

OFFENDER: OCTAVIO MUNOZ
DOB 06/06/1976 - 40 years of age

CHARGES: Possession of Child Pornography
720 ILCS 5/11-20.1(a)(6)
Class 2 Felony
Probationable, 3-7 years imprisonment

SUMMARY:

Defendant is a Roman Catholic Priest, and was a Rector at Casa Jesus Seminary in Chicago for 2 years until 06/30/15. Defendant's responsibilities at Casa Jesus included traveling to identify seminarians who wanted to study in America, and to recruit them to Casa Jesus where the seminarians would be trained to become priests. While holding the position of Rector at Casa Jesus, Defendant had exclusive control over his own apartment. Although there is a master key, no one, including cleaning staff, entered the apartment without Defendant's permission and/or accompaniment. On or about 07/01/2015, defendant was to leave his responsibilities at Casa Jesus and become Pastor at St. Pancratius (pronounced Pan-kra-shus) Parish in Chicago, IL. Defendant was to have vacated Casa Jesus by 6/30/15.

On or about 07/07/2015, an employee of the Archdiocese of Chicago was scheduled to show the new Casa Jesus Rector the apartment. The Archdiocesan employee and new Rector knocked on the door to the apartment, and when there was no answer, the employee tried the handle but found the door locked. The employee used the master key to enter the apartment. The employee entered the apartment with the new Rector and found that Defendant still had his belongings in the apartment. The employee observed that there were boxes stacked very high everywhere in the apartment. The employee also observed a recliner chair with a TV tray and on the TV tray was an open computer, powered on, and it was running. The employee saw that the computer was a black Sony laptop, on which there was displayed a moving image on the screen that appeared to be running from a web cam. The image was of a young boy who had no pubic hair masturbating. Defendant was not present in the apartment at the time. Both the employee and the Rector left the apartment.

Believing that the new Rector, who was to meet with defendant would address the issue, the employee did not contact additional Archdiocese representatives until about a week later, when he learned that the Rector had made no such report, and when the witness saw that the apartment had been cleaned out, and was receiving a fresh coat of paint. The employee then contacted the Archdiocesan Case Manager at the Office for the Protection of Children and Youth at the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Shortly thereafter, on or about 07/20/2015, the Archdiocese contracted private investigators, but did not yet contact law enforcement. The private investigators went to the Casa Jesus apartment and found it empty, but did locate a black laptop bag for a Sony laptop in a storage area used exclusively by Defendant. They contacted Defendant at his new residence at St. Pancratius and requested that he turn over his computers. Specifically, Defendant was asked for the black Sony laptop that the Archdiocesan employee saw on 07/07/15. Defendant admitted that he previously owned that computer, but told the private investigators that he no longer owned the computer. Defendant then turned over other electronic device equipment. The items were subject to a private forensic examination. The analysis did not find the video observed by the Archdiocesan employee, but did find emails that contained stories of child erotica. The analysis also revealed that Defendant had additional computers or drives recently in his possession. The private investigators returned to Defendant's new residence and collected more electronic devices throughout the time period of 07/20/2015 through 07/28/2015. They never recovered

the Sony laptop. Further investigation uncovered one video which appeared to show two minor boys engaged in anal sex. The investigators called in the Chicago Police Department.

On or about 07/30/2015, the Chicago Police Department, members of the Cook County Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force conducted an investigation, and executed search warrants at Defendant's new residence, prior residence and for all of his electronic devices. The material was submitted to the Chicago RCFL for analysis and subsequent investigation and evaluation of the hundreds of pieces of evidence took a period of time. In fact, some of the articles of evidence are still undergoing subsequent investigation.

The case was presented to the Cook County State's Attorney's Office and arrest warrant was issued on or about 08/29/2016. Defendant was located in Maryland and placed into custody. He subsequently waived extradition and was transferred into the custody of the Chicago Police Detectives on or about 09/20/2016 from the Montgomery County Detention Center.