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Submission to Victoria's Parliamentary inquiry re church sex-abuse.

In 1934, I was engaged by the Newsagent, corner of [redacted] and [redacted], [redacted] to deliver the evening paper, "The Herald", to customers in that area. One of my customers was an Anglican priest. He was attached to [redacted] [redacted] Anglican Church, corner of [redacted] and he lived in [redacted] [redacted]. I delivered the paper to his home each day.

At first, this priest would be standing at his gate to take delivery of his paper from me. The time came when he would be standing on his verandah and beckon me to bring the paper to him. As he was elderly, I didn't mind hopping off my bike and taking it to him. It was on these occasions that he would try and grab hold of me, and hug and kiss me.

On a subsequent occasion, after I gave him his paper on the verandah, he said he had something to give me, and invited me to come inside his home and into his Study. He then put threepence in my hand, and when I asked him 'what is that for?', he didn't reply, but went and closed his study door. Returning, he grabbed me and held me quite tightly to himself. He then started to molest me by pulling at my clothing and handling parts of my body. I managed to get out of the house that day and, from then on, left the paper at his front gate. At the time when all this happened I didn't know what the priest was really doing, but later on, I realised that he was sexually assaulting me.

Many years later, about 1990, I watched a program presented by Helen Last on Sexual Abuse. I wrote to her and she provided me with the name of the person to write to in the Anglican Church in Melbourne. I wrote a letter to the Church and, in due course, received a reply from them, giving me the name of the Priest concerned. I have since destroyed this paperwork and, on making inquiries have learnt that the person handling such matter in the Anglican Church is currently on Long Service Leave. I'm sure the Priest's name can be supplied to the inquiry if required. However, I still thought it was important that I make this submission to you.

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