

# **Explanation of Documents**

## **Hodgman's Confession Documents**

### **Document 1**

Thomas Hodgman admits to “dating” Joelle Casteix

### **Document 2**

Thomas Hodgman admits to Mater Dei Principal Fr. John Weling that he not only molested Joelle Casteix, but also raped at least one other student. The principal makes him “swear to never make this terrible mistake again.”

## **Additional Hodgman Confession and Cover-Up Documents**

### **Document 1**

Mater Dei Administrator acknowledges that she had known of abusive relationship between Thomas Hodgman and Joelle Casteix for at least a year before any report to the school. The administrator also never reported to the police.

### **Document 2**

Weling writes a letter to the superintendent of Catholic schools about Thomas Hodgman and another incident at the school. Although Casteix was a 4.0 student, the daughter of a prominent graduate, and the lead in the senior musical, she was portrayed as a kid with emotional problems – and was blamed for the abuse. Although Weling states that he informed the child abuse registry, Casteix alleges that she was never contacted. The principal's cavalier attitude is obvious in the first sentence of the second page of the letter.

### **Document 3**

Thomas Hodgman's resignation letter. Although he has admitted to molesting at least two students, his resignation letter is a self-congratulatory tribute to his own work. There is no mention of his admitted crimes. The letter is dated almost two weeks after his signed confession.

### **Document 4**

Thomas Hodgman is allowed to write his own speaking points to be delivered to students regarding his resignation. Because no one in the administration makes a mention of his admitted crimes and the police were never notified, the students blamed Joelle Casteix for forcing him to leave.

### **Document 5**

Rev. John B. Weling announces Hodgman's resignation and writes a glowing letter to the faculty about Hodgman's tenure at the school. The announcement is made more than two weeks after the confession is signed.