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that his parents were friends with Father Bob and came to visit him on occasion. He said there was a church program that promoted 'childless vacations.' The victim said the program, which left children with other church members while their parents went on a retreat, created an environment that put him in his threatening situation with Father Bob," Worden said.

"During that weekend 30 years ago, approximately 1982, the victim was left with Father Bob. There was a small house where the priest lived in front of the church. According to the victim, Father Bob took him into the bathroom of that home and gave him a bath with special attention being given to the victim's privates," Worden said.

"Also during bath time, the victim allegedly was asked by Father Bob if he had 'wet dreams.' After bath time, Father Bob put the victim to bed. The victim alleges that Father Bob slept with him. He alleges Father Bob was naked."

Worden said that the victim told the department that the incident was brought back to vivid memory during the national media blitz covering the Jerry Sandusky child sexual abuse case.

Worden said that the victim did research about Father Poandl on the Internet and discovered the case against him in West Virginia.

He contacted the Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests, or SNAP, sheriff's reports show.

"SNAP told him to im-

mediately file a police report," Worden said.

Father Poandl has pled not guilty to the federal indictment against him.

Father Poandl remains in Ohio, out on bail, and must wear a court ordered monitoring device at all times.

On Feb. 11, Father Poandl was relieved of his ministerial duties as pastor of Glenmary's missions in Claxton, Pembroke and Sandhill (Georgia), following an allegation of sexual misconduct.

Since that time, he has been living under a safety plan at Glenmary's Cincinnati residence and has not been functioning as a priest.

In July 1979, Father Poandl became pastor of the North Georgia Mountains Catholic parish. Like his pre-

decessors, he was assigned the parish in Dahlonega with missions in Cleveland and Blairsville.

He continued in this capacity until March 4th, 1982, when he became the first resident pastor of St. Francis in Blairsville, with the mission of St. Paul in Cleveland, according to the parish Website.

House Bill 676 was introduced in the last session of the Georgia General Assembly to strike the law that limited child sexual abuse victims to seven years to come forward about their abuse.

The bill had two readings in the House of Representatives before stalling. The proposed new law would have eliminated the seven-year statute of limitations for reporting child sexual abuse.

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kee was parked outside the residence and it was still running, sheriff's reports show.

Sgt. Josh Berry arrived to back up Cpl. Travis Gibson. Upon Berry's arrival, he was able to tell Gibson that two people had fled from the back of the residence, sheriff's reports show.

While looking inside the running vehicle, Gibson noticed several items, including a scrap metal receipt made out to Troy Brading, 18, of Blairsville.

That receipt would later connect the dots that would lead to three arrests for crimes that included burglary, sheriff's reports show.

The officers ordered the running vehicle impounded for evidence.

An inspection of the residence yielded ample evidence pointing to the crime

of metal theft, sheriff's reports show. Also, the vehicle was loaded with miscellaneous pieces of scrap metal, sheriff's reports show.

A check of the vehicle registration led authorities to their next clue, a home on Cedar Creek.

Deputies were familiar with Brading and the people that he associated with. They went to the home on Cedar Creek and interviewed the occupants.

"I went to the residence's front door where I was greeted by Brading, Wyatt Crawford (17, Hiwassee) and Christopher Franklin (28, Young Harris)," Deputy Gibson said.

The trio's clothing and appearance looked rumpled and out of the ordinary, Gibson said.

"Franklin's feet were dirty like he'd been in the woods; the others' clothing was disorderly," Gibson said.

After reading them their Miranda warnings, and later questioning the suspects and their friends, the three gentlemen admitted their part in the burglary, Gibson said.

The three admitted committing the crime of scrap metal theft, taking the materials to a scrap metal dealer and splitting the cash they received three ways, \$20 each and \$12 for gas.

The three were taken to the Union County Jail and charged with burglary, theft by taking, criminal trespass, obstruction and possession of

tools for the commission of a crime, jail records show.

No further details were available at press time.