

**Statement of Doe 324**

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Without a doubt St John's Prep and St John's University are fine schools in a beautiful setting. The problem at St. John's lies down those hallowed halls, behind closed doors.

Child sexual abuse and child endangerment are ugly, shameful, morally wrong and ethically reprehensible things. Simply put, sexual abuse is just not right, ever! I came forward after decades of suffering in silence because I came to finally realize that the more we who suffered abuse as children find the strength to come forward, the less of a chance what happened to us will happen to someone else. For over 35 years I battled alcoholism. I was ashamed, humiliated and had a terrible self-image. I was a loner, and I shunned those in leadership positions all my life.

Not anymore, today I am somebody who has a voice. I care about the direction my future is taking me. I AM A SURVIVOR! And NO ONE can take that from me!