

**VERNON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT  
INVESTIGATION REPORT**

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Case: 96-2093  
Date: 11/26/96  
Officer: INV. TOM JOHNSON  
Activity: Interview - Thomas Franklin  
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**INTRODUCTION**

This report concerns an interview done in the Village of Avoca, Wisconsin. Information had been developed that this party may have had some type of financial affiliation with either a Ryan Scott or the Holy Rosary Abbey. Therefore, it was decided that I would make contact with him in that regard and attempt to determine details concerning that relationship.

**IDENTIFYING INFORMATION**

INTERVIEWEE: **THOMAS A. FRANKLIN**  
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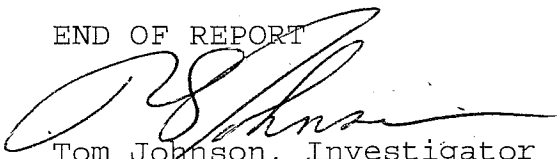
**INTERVIEW - FRANKLIN**

On November 26, 1996, at 2:10 p.m., I met with Mr. Franklin at the Castle Car Company in Avoca. I introduced myself and explained to Mr. Franklin that I was conducting an investigation surrounding Ryan P. Scott and a religious order known as the Holy Rosary Abbey located in Vernon County. I asked Mr. Franklin if he could tell me what he knew about Mr. Ryan P. Scott. Franklin responded by saying "he's gay. He admits it."

Mr. Franklin said that approximately two years ago or so Scott had been operating a store in Avoca that specialized in selling arts and crafts. He said he had apparently sold that store following a nervous breakdown of some kind. Franklin said the only relationship he had with Ryan Scott was that he had purchased a house from Clara Klein, who was apparently Ryan Scott's aunt. Franklin said that he had been sending Scott \$100 per month in payment for that house because apparently Scott takes care of his aunt's affairs. I asked Mr. Franklin if he knew anything about Ryan Scott's religious affiliations. He said he did not know anything about his religious connections but he was pretty sure that he was Catholic.

Mr. Franklin had nothing further to offer at this time and we concluded our interview at 2:20 p.m.

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Tom Johnson, Investigator

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