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Madeline Higgins spends her day picking mussels in Kuujjuarusik, outside of Kuujjuaq, on a warm Sunday in mid-September. More than a decade ago, researchers said Nunavik had the least contaminated mussels in the world, with lower bacterial counts than European mussels. (Photo by Malaya Qaunirq Chapman, special to Nunatsiaq News)

After 29 years, Inuit face alleged abuser in France

Johannes Rivoire accused of abusing children while working as a priest in Nunavut from 1960 to 1993

Emma Tranter

LYON — The last time Steve Mapsalak saw Johannes Rivoire was in 1993, at the Winnipeg airport.

Later, Mapsalak would learn that was the day the priest, who he had reported to police for allegedly sexually abusing him when he was 13, left Canada for the last time. Mapsalak, who is now 65, was 13 in 1970.

Five years passed before Mapsalak's allegations — along with allegations from two other Inuit — resulted in historical sexual assault and indecent assault charges being laid against Rivoire in 1998.

Mapsalak would wait nearly 20 years for justice only to see those charges stayed in 2017, with Rivoire living in France, out of reach of the Canadian justice system.

On Sept. 14, after 29 years, Mapsalak saw Rivoire again. This time, it was to tell the priest what he and other Inuit accused him of, face to face.

Mapsalak is part of a group from Nunavut that spent the week in France, putting pressure on government and church officials to extradite Rivoire to Canada, where he would face a criminal charge laid against him in February.

"The memories flooded back," Mapsalak told media in Inuktitut on Sept. 15, with Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. president Aluki Kotierk, who is leading the Nunavut delegation, interpreting.

Rivoire worked as a priest in Nunavut from 1960 through to the early 1990s. He's a member of the Oblates, a Roman Catholic order that primarily works in educa-

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ᔪᐊᓇᕐ ᓇᕗᐊ ᐸᓯᔭᒃᓴᐅᑎᑕᐅᔪᖅ ᓱᕈᓯᕐᓂ ᖁᓄᔪᕐᓂᐊᖅᑲᑦᑕᕗᓚᐅᕐᓯᒪᓂ ᖓᓂᒃ ᐃᒃᓯᕋᕐᔪᐊᖑᓪᓗᓂ ᓄᓇᕗᒥᑦ 1960-ᒥ 1993-ᒧ.

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ᓚᐃᐊᓐ — ᑭᖑᓪᓕᖅᐹᒥᒃ ᓱᑏᕝ ᒪᐸᓴᓛᖅ ᔪᐊᕐᓇᒃ ᓇᕗᐊᒥ ᑕᑯᓚᐅᕐᓯᒪᔪᖅ 1993-ᒥ ᐅᐃᓂᐱᒃ ᒥᑦᑕᕐᕕᖕᒐᓂᒃ.

ᑭᖑᓂᐊᒍᓪᓕ ᒪᐸᓴᓛᖅ ᖃᐅᔨᓕᓚᐅᕐᓯᒪᔪᖅ ᑕᐃᔅᓯᒪᓂ ᑖᓐᓇ ᐃᒃᓯᕋᕐᔪᐊᖅ ᑭᖑᓪᓕᖅᐹᒥ ᑲᓇᑕᒦᓚᐅᕐᓯᒪᓂᖓᓂ, ᑖᔅᓯᒪᓗ ᐸᓖᓯᓄᑦ ᐅᖃᐅᓯᕆᓚᐅᕐᓯᒪᓪᓗᓂᐅᒃ ᖁᓄᔪᕐᓂᐊᖅᑕᐅᖃᑦᑕᓚᐅᕐᓯᒪᓂᖓᓂᒃ 13ᓂ ᐅᑭᐅᖃᖅᑎᓪᓗᒍ. ᒪᐸᓴᓛᖅ, ᒫᓐᓇ 65ᖑᓕᕐᑐᖅ, 13ᖑᓚᐅᕐᓯᒪᓪᓗᓂ 1970ᒥ.

ᑕᓪᓕᒪᒃ ᐊᕐᕌᒍᑦ ᐊᓂᒍᖅᑎᓪᓗᒋᑦ ᑭᓯᐊᓂ ᒪᐸᓴᓛᖅ ᐸᓯᔭᒃᓴᐅᑎᑦᑎᓚᐅᕐᓯᒪᔪᖅ — ᐃᓚᖃᖅᓗᓂ ᒪᕐᑐᒃᑲᓐᓂᖕᓂ ᐃᓅᖕᓂ ᐸᓯᔭᒃᓴᐅᑎᑦᑎᖕᒥᔪᓂᒃ — ᑕᐃᒪᓐᓇᓗ ᐃᒻᒪᓕᓴᕐᓂ ᖁᓄᔪᕐᓂᐊᕐᓂᕐᒧᑦ ᐊᒻᒪ ᓈᒻᒪᖕᒋᓗᐊᖅᑐᓂᒃ ᐱᓕᕆᐊᖃᕐᓂᕐᒧᑦ ᐸᓯᔭᒃᓴᖑᖅᑎᑦᑎᓚᐅᕐᓯᒪᔪᖅ ᓇᕗᐊᒥ 1998ᖑᑎᓪᓗᒍ.

ᒪᐸᓴᓛᖅ ᐅᑕᕿᓚᐅᕐᑐᖅ ᐊᕐᕌᒍᓂ ᑎᑭᑲᓴᒃᓗᒍ ᐊᕙᑎᓂᒃ ᑖᓐᓇ ᒪᓕᒐᓕᕆᓂᒃᑯᑦ ᐱᓕᕆᐊᖑᓂᐊᕐᓂᖓᓂᒃ ᑭᓯᐊᓂᓕ ᓄᖅᑲᖅᑎᑕᐅᑐᐃᓐᓇᓚᐅᕐᓯᒪᓪᓗᑎᒃ 2017ᒥ, ᑖᓐᓇ ᓇᕗᐊᓕ ᕗᕌᓐᓴᒥᓗᑎᒃ ᐊᒻᒪᓗ ᑲᓇᑕᒥᐅᓂᒃ ᐊᒃᑐᖅᑕᐅᔪᓐᓇᖕᒋᓗᓂ ᒪᓕᒐᓕᕆᓂᒃᑯᑦ.

ᓯᑎᐱᕆ 14ᒥ, ᐊᕐᕌᒍᑦ 29 ᐊᓂᒍᖅᑎᓪᓗᒋᑦ, ᒪᐸᓴᓛᖅ ᓇᕗᐊᒥ ᑕᑯᒃᑲᓐᓂᓕᓚᐅᕐᓯᒪᔪᖅ. ᒫᓐᓇᓕ ᐅᖃᐅᔾᔭᖅᑐᖅᓗᓂ ᐃᒃᓯᕋᕐᔪᐊᕐᒥ ᐸᓯᔭᒃᓴᖑᖅᑎᑦᑎᓚᐅᕐᓯᒪᓂᖕᒋᓐᓂᒃ ᑖᔅᓯᒥᖕᒐ. ᒪᐸᓴᓛᖅ ᐃᓚᒋᔭᐅᔪᖅ ᓄᓇᕗᒥᖑᖅᑐᓂᒃ ᐱᓇᓱᐊᕈᓯᕐᒥ ᕗᕌᓐᓴᒥᓚᐅᕐᑐᓂᒃ, ᒐᕙᒪᒃᑯᓐᓂᒃ ᐊᒻᒪ ᑐᒃᓯᐊᕐᕕᖕᒥ ᐱᓕᕆᔨᒻᒪᕆᖕᓂ ᕆᕗᐊᒥ ᑲᓇᑕᒧᐊᖅᑎᑦᑎᓇᓱᒃᓗᑎᒃ ᑕᕝᕙᓂ ᕕᕝᕗᐊᕆᒥ ᐸᓯᔭᒃᓴᐅᔪᑎᑦᑎᖑᖅᑎᑕᐅᓚᐅᖅᑐᓄᑦ ᐱᓕᕆᐊᖑᓂᐊᕐᒪᑦ.

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