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## PRESS RELEASE

On March 7, 2013, at approximately 0905 hours, police responded to Saint Joseph's Church for a report of vandalism. An employee of Saint Joseph's Church and School discovered vandalism to a monument on the west side of the church property. The monument consisted of a black granite millstone, two statues of children, and two plaques. The monument was designed and built as a memorial to the victims of sexual abuse in the Catholic Church. The damage to the monument appeared to be limited to the two statues of a male and female child on either side of the millstone. The male statue sustained damage to the base, the legs and a ball behind the feet. That damage was limited to cracks and chipping of the finish on the statue. The female child had been broken off at the ankles and sustained major damage where it struck the ground, including the loss of an arm.

The Morris County Prosecutor's Office was advised of the incident.

As of March 12, 2013, at 1100 hours, the vandalism of the statue at St Joseph's Church is still on-going. Several persons of interest have been eliminated for consideration during the course of the investigation. There is no additional information regarding the incident that can be released at this time.

Anyone with any additional information about the vandalism is encouraged to contact the Mendham Borough Police at 973-543-2527 or Morris County Crime Stoppers. Morris County Crime Stoppers can be contacted via telephone at 973-COP-Call (973-267-2255) or online at [morriscrimestoppers.org](http://morriscrimestoppers.org).

Morris Crime Stoppers is offering up to a \$2,000 reward for information that results in an arrest.

