

Cardinal Mahony allegedly delayed report of abuse claim

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The Associated Press reports: "A former high-ranking official with the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Los Angeles [testified](#) [1] that Cardinal Roger Mahony ordered a subordinate to delay reporting clergy abuse claims to the police until the priest in question could be defrocked, according to court papers filed Friday.

He also decided not to tell parishioners about the allegations, according to the papers.

The claims were contained in a motion filed by plaintiff attorneys in Los Angeles County Superior Court and were based on the recent deposition of former vicar for clergy Monsignor Richard Loomis. A transcript of the deposition was attached."

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