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### **CHARLES MANSON'S 63 YEAR OLD MYSTERY AT LEGENDARY BOYS TOWN**

#### **Manson Revisited In New Book "Before He Became A Monster"**

**Omaha, Nebraska, February 22, 2013** - Boys Town, respected world-wide for saving children, doesn't like to talk about its best-known student. And considering who it is, that's understandable.

Most people are surprised to learn that convicted killer Charles Manson was a student at Father Flanagan's acclaimed school. That was in 1949, years before Manson earned his reputation as one of America's most sinister murderers. Manson arrived at Boys Town in a spotlight of notoriety only to mysteriously flee after a short stay.

Now, in his new book, *Before He Became A Monster*, author Lawson McDowell delves into the largely uncharted territory of Manson's adolescence, suggesting what might have happened at Boys Town that smothered hope and hastened Manson's free fall through society's safety nets.

Based on input from Manson himself and research from California to Indiana, McDowell weaves an historical fiction narrative filled with drama, lust, laughter, and a forgotten Boys Town murder. Manson's charisma and musical talents shine through.

"The book presents more truth than many will want to believe," McDowell says. "When Manson arrived at Boys Town, he was 14 years old. Indianapolis newspapers covered the event, reporting he was brimming with hope for the future. But something happened that remains shrouded in mystery. Manson vanished after only a few days."

Author Lawson McDowell lives in Omaha, Nebraska with his wife and family. He serves as an operations director for a Fortune 500 company. This is his second historical fiction work.

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