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Catron found guilty, faces maximum of 30 years

A former Hoopeston city and school official faces up to 30 years in prison after being found guilty of molesting a boy.

Dennis Catron, 42, was found guilty on six counts late yesterday afternoon.

He had been charged with criminal sexual assault, criminal sexual abuse aggravated criminal sexual abuse and aggravated criminal sexual assault.

Catron, who was tried in absentia, now faces a maximum of 30 years in prison for the conviction. Also, a new warrant with \$500,000 bond was issued for his arrest.

Catron is believed to be in Thailand. State's attorney Michael Clary said in closing arguments Wednesday that a series of wire money transfers placed Catron in that country. The last bank transfer was dated Aug. 30, 1993, he said.

Catron was arrested after a he was accused by a then-13 year old Ludlow boy. Catron was superintendent of the Ludlow district when the molestation occurred, in late 1990 and the first half of 1991.

The boy, now 16, testified Tuesday that Catron took him to concerts, sporting events and let him drive Catron's car.

The victim also testified that Catron spray-painted the last four digits of his telephone number near the boy's home.

In his closing statement, Clary showed jurors a school picture of the boy the age he was when Catron abused him, calling the student "a bright-eyed young 13-year old." Clary then showed a picture of Catron, contrasting his size with that of the child.

See CATRON on other side

Council approves appointments to city committees.

There were no surprises in standing and special committees appointed at Tuesday's Hoopeston city council meeting.

Standing committees are the same as last year, including:

- ♦ Cemetery: Sue Comstock, chair person, Odell Crabtree, John Haughee.
- ♦ Civic: Lloyd Blackwell, chairman, Comstock, and Wes Dazey.
- ♦ Finance: Bill Goodwine, chairman, Crabtree, and Mike Eckersley.
- ♦ Fire: Drew Allen, chairman, Eckersley and Blackwell.
- ♦ Ambulance: Blackwell, chairman, Eckersley

and Dazey.

- ♦ Park: Eckersley, chairman, Goodwine and Dazey.
- ♦ Police: Crabtree, chairman, Haughee and Blackwell.
- ♦ Street and alley: Dazey, chairman, Allen and Comstock.
- ♦ Water and sewer: Haughee, chairman, Goodwine and Allen.

In addition, police commissioners Tom Sheridan, Ted Morris and Phyllis Freeland will remain. Trustees for the police pension fund will be Goodwine, Don Dean, Orval Kaag and Joe Gaffney.

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Court dispositions

April 7

Michelle Miller, Hoopeston, rule to show cause hearing, petition to revoke, paid in full.

April 21

Refugio Gonzalez, Hoopeston, to pay \$657, failure to appear, continued.

William Mitchell, Jr., Hoopeston, failure to report for public service work. Paid \$75, dismissed.

Cynthia Compton, Hoopeston, to report for court supervision, dismissed.

Jeffrey Wisdom, Hoopeston, to report for court supervision, dismissed.

Michael Shields, Hoopeston, to report for court supervision, dismissed.

Aaron Gress, Hoopeston, failure to reduce speed, \$95 fine, three months court supervision.

Gary Neal, Hoopeston, to report for court supervision, dismissed.

Carolyn Taylor, Stockland, to report for court supervision, dismissed.

Patrick Young, Hoopeston, to report for court supervision, dismissed.

Marvin Hunt, Hoopeston, to pay \$38, continued for tw weeks.

Ross Kinnaird, Hoopeston, to report for court supervision, dismissed.

Valeriano Zarate, Hoopeston, status check, rule to show cause issued.

Margaret Huckleby, Hoopeston, junk car, summons issued.

Hugh Brooks, Georgetown, parked in handicap zone, summons issued.

Ruth Rutledge, Hoopeston, illegal parking, \$3

Police News

Hoopeston police are investigating a report of criminal damage to an auto.

Michael Sneed of Hoopeston reported Tuesday that someone scratched his 1993 Mercury while it was parked at the Hoopeston Area High School parking lot.

and costs.

Robert Jackson, Danville, parked in handicap zone, dismissed.

Earl Burton, Hoopeston, disorderly conduct, \$75, six months court supervision.

Benjamin McSpadden, Hoopeston, theft, 20 hours public service work.

Stewart Coffman, Hoopeston, theft, summons to be issued.

Kim Miller, Danville, rule to show cause hearing, continued.

Richard Smith, Hoopeston, battery, nolle pros.

Ty Obenland, Hoopeston, picked up on warrant, dismissed.

Catron continued from other side

Defense attorney David Ryan argued that Clary had not proven Catron was guilty.

Ryan said evidence, including a manilla folder with notes and Catron's telephone bills with several calls to Ludlow, did not prove Catron's guilt because no testimony had been given concerning the handwriting or who made the calls.

Ryan questioned the boy's credibility, saying he was motivated to lie because the youth was in violation of probation, but also because of possible monetary gains from a civil suit currently pending against Catron and the Ludlow district.

In the hospital

Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital
May 3, 1994

Admitted: none.

Discharged: none.

Weather

Partly sunny today. High around 70. Tonight, cloudy. Low in the upper 40s. Tomorrow, partly cloudy. High near 65. low near 45.

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your injury case with the
insurance company?

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Thursday Trivia/Friday Feast contest

Be the first one to call 283-9348

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steps are usually taken before a bowling ball
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