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## Former superintendent sentenced to 48 years

A former Ludlow school superintendent faces 48 years in prison for molesting a young boy - if he can be found.

Dennis Catron, former Ludlow superintendent, was sentenced Wednesday in Vermilion County Circuit Court to 36 years on Vermilion County charges and 12 years on Champaign County charges that he molested a then-12-year-old Ludlow boy in late 1990 and the first half of 1991.

The Champaign charges are to be served con-

currently with the Vermilion County charges, said Gary Miller, Vermilion County sheriff's department chief investigator.

Catron, who did not appear at his sentencing, was convicted in absentia in May of criminal sexual assault, criminal sexual abuse, aggravated criminal sexual and aggravated criminal sexual assault.

Officials are unsure when, or even if, Catron

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## Treasurer lists deposits, interest on July investments

Herb Hales, Vermilion County treasurer, reported that for the month of July 1994, the county had \$18,143,649.30 invested in time deposits and U.S. Treasury bonds, earning between 3.3 and 9.1 percent interest.

County funds on hand in interest-bearing checking accounts total \$10,008,546.32, earning between 2.5 and 3.75 percent.

County funds in interest-bearing checking accounts total \$4,182,620.38, earning 2.5 to 4.25 percent. All money handled by the treasurer totals \$23,326,269.68.

Deposits of local interest include: Palmer American National Bank, Hoopeston branch, \$800,000; Rankin branch, \$100,000; Community Bank of Hoopeston, \$2,262,013.29; Hoopeston Household FSB, \$100,000; and First National Bank of Rossville, \$121,493.83.

Other deposits include: First Midwest Bank, \$3,033,295.54; Palmer American National Bank, total, \$6,362,075.68; main bank, \$6,075,497.17; Potomac branch, \$100,000; Tilton branch,

\$100,000; First National Bank of Danville, \$706,075.48; and Allerton State Bank, \$101,738.08.

Also, First National of Catlin, \$102,016.19; First National Bank of Fairmount, \$402,331.78; First of America, \$266,061.84; First National Bank of Georgetown, \$103,145.92; Kansas State Bank, \$102,003.68; Oakwood State Bank, \$1,603,332.67; First National of Ogden, \$21,921,648.80; First Ridgefarm State Bank, \$202,896.91; Sidel State Bank, \$104,416.34; First National Bank of Westville, \$105,544.70; U.S. Treasury bonds, \$4,521,276.52; and Illinois State Treasurer's Pool, \$393,484.63.

A total of \$112,404.08 in interest was returned to the treasury in July. Interest to date, from Dec. 1, 1990 through July 31, 1994, totals \$4,513,000.27.

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**Ag hearings slated**

SPRINGFIELD—The Illinois Department of Agriculture will hold a series of public hearings to gather community input on the 1995 Farm Bill, said director Becky Doyle.

The first two-hour hearing will begin at 9 a.m. today in the auditorium of the state Agriculture Department's Administration Building. That building is located inside Gate 11 of the Illinois State Fairgrounds in Springfield.

The second hearing will take place at 9 a.m. Sept. 2 in the hospitality tent on the DuQuoin State Fairgrounds in DuQuoin.

Other hearings sites and times will be announced later.

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will begin serving his sentence.

Police believe that Catron fled to Bangkok, Thailand, but Miller said police have not actively checked Catron's whereabouts recently. Catron is not believed to be in the U.S., Miller said.

If Catron was found in Thailand, he could be extradited, Miller said, but whether that would actually happen remains undecided.

The sheriff's department will probably file an unlawful flight to avoid confinement charge against Catron, Miller said.

The charge, a federal offense, would allow the Federal Bureau of Investigation to actively look for Catron.

However, "one of the things we've got to look at is, if we find him, would it be cost-prohibitive to bring him back," Miller said, adding that while federal officials could look for him, Vermilion County would bear the financial burden of returning him to the U.S.

"Once they get their hands on him, we're responsible for bringing him back," Miller said. "We're still the Vermilion County sheriff's department. We're not flush with money."

If Catron is found, Miller said he can expect to serve approximately half his sentence.

**Police News**



Gregory A. Peterson, 18, of 124 E. Attica, Rossville, and Charles D. Landers, 102 W. Attica, Rossville, were arrested by Rossville police at 7:50 p.m. Tuesday, charged with battery on a complaint from Shane M. Cade, rural Hoopeston. Peterson was released on \$100 cash bond. Landers was released on a notice to appear.

Landers was arrested at 8:20 p.m. on a county traffic warrant. He posted \$300 cash bond and was released.

Trent A. Savage, 22, 703 Judson, and James I. Roach, 890 E. Seminary, were arrested at 10:45 p.m. Tuesday, charged with disorderly conduct and two counts of assault, following a fight in the 100 block of East Main. Police report weapons were involved in the fight. A third person fled the scene and was mailed a notice to appear. Savage and Roach were released on notices to appear.

A Walkman radio was found Wednesday at 721 E. Lincoln. The owner may identify and claim it at the police station.

Robert Glenn, 311 W. Maple, reported Wednesday that someone damaged a tarp and broke a window of a boat. A window at his home was also broken.

Anna McBride, 714 W. Washington, reported Wednesday that she lost a key ring with several keys on it.

**In the hospital**



**Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital**

**Aug. 23, 1994**

**Admitted:** David Dixon, Hoopeston.

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