

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DATE 4/23/85

FULL NAME DAVID DIRK DAVENPORT (REV.) SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER (No initials if you can possibly get full name)

ADDRESS [Redacted]

CITY Madison STATE Conn. ZIP CODE 06443

DATE OF BIRTH 7/37 (This is important and should be exact)

APPROXIMATE AGE 48 (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known)

RELIGION Episcopalian NATIONALITY [Redacted]

OCCUPATION Part time Minister-Formally full time Minister in DuBoque, Iowa Congregation of United Church of Christ

WEIGHT 160-175 HEIGHT 6'0" RACE Cauasian Complexion Fair

COLOR OF HAIR Sandy Brown (balding) COLOR OF EYES n/a wears glasses

OUTSTANDING CHARACTERISTICS OR INTERESTS Slim, tall, mild manner, soft spoken (Mr Nice Guy)

MARRIED OR SINGLE Divorced CHILDREN [Redacted] (Number, ages, and names, if possible)

NAME OF SPOUSE

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

Table with columns: UNIT #, CITY, STATE, POSITION, DATE REGISTERED, DATE RESIGNED. Rows include Tr-490 and Tr-490 with details on Madison, Conn, Asm, SM, and registration dates.

SUSPENDED OR DENIED REGISTRATION FOR FOLLOWING REASONS: Was arrested in connection with the reported genital fondling of three boys and the showing of pornographic books and movies to them and 6 others. The boys ranging in ages of 10 to 15 yrs. old.

SPECIFY THE FACTS WHICH LEAD YOU TO RECOMMEND DENIAL OF REGISTRATION AND LIST ATTACHED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS (STATE ONLY KNOWN FACTS, NOT RUMOR, CONJECTURE OR SPECULATION):

F. STARON APR 23 1985

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Written by, Registration Signed SCOUT EXECUTIVE Council National, Irving Texas

Essex Pastor Who Left 'Trail' of Abuse Sentenced in Molesting of Boys

By STEVE BURKHOLDER
Courant Staff Writer

NEW HAVEN — The pastor of an Essex church sentenced to prison Friday for sexually molesting boys in his Madison Boy Scout troop had committed similar acts in at least three other towns in the Midwest, leaving what a Superior Court judge called "a trail of damaged and soiled lives."

The Rev. David Dirk Davenport, 48, of Madison, pastor of Unity Centerbrook Congregational Church, was sentenced to 10 years in prison — with six years suspended — and

five years' probation for risk of injury to or impairing the morals of minors and fourth-degree sexual assault involving five boys aged 10 to 14. The judge also ordered Davenport to obtain counseling.

Appearing calm, Davenport was sentenced by Superior Court Judge Frank J. Kinney Jr. at an emotional hearing where a mother of one of the victims read a letter condemning Davenport and demanding a prison sentence.

After his attorney argued against incarceration and for counseling — and noted Davenport's willingness to take the drug Depo-Provera, for so-

called chemical castration — the minister apologized to a group of the victims' parents sitting in the courtroom.

"I never intended to harm anyone. My whole life is built around serving others," he said. "I would like to say to them, I am deeply sorry... I'm willing to do anything to change this, so that this never, ever happens again."

Patrick J. Clifford, an assistant state's attorney, detailed the incidents of Davenport's fondling boys at various times in the past two years in his home and car in Madison and on a camping trip in Killing-

worth. Davenport pleaded guilty to the charges in September and October.

When Davenport was arrested by Madison police in April, "it certainly appeared that these acts were out of character," said Clifford. "Nothing could be further from the truth, because he had been doing it for 20 years."

The prosecutor said investigators had found that about 10 years ago, Davenport had been a minister, Boy Scout leader and school bus driver in Weeping Water, Neb. There, he had been caught in a fondling incident

involving four boys, aged 12 to 15, while camping in his backyard, and had been told to leave town quietly, Clifford said.

He later went to Medford, Minn., where he was forced to leave when similar incidents were discovered, Clifford said. The same kinds of things occurred in Dodge Center, Minn., "and other locations," Clifford said without elaborating.

A mother of one victim spoke to Kinney, condemning Davenport for exposing his victims "with a great deal of meticulous premeditation," as demonstrated by his taking jobs

that would provide social contact with boys and his showing them what the prosecutor called pornographic magazines and films.

"Our group of sons was not the first" group of victims, said the woman, who requested anonymity to protect her son's identity. "But please, please let them be the last. He steals their childhood and innocence."

Kinney lamented other states' authorities' failure to prosecute. "Perhaps the youths of Madison would not have been victimized if that [prosecution] had occurred," he said.

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January 29, 1986

Mr. Kenneth W. Prowse
Scout Executive
Quinnipiac Council, No. 74

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: David Dirk Davenport

Dear Ken:

Thank you for the detailed information concerning the above Scouter. We have reviewed this case with our Attorney and have now placed this man on the Confidential File.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration, Subscription &
Statistical Service

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cc: Northeast Region

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November 11, 1985

Mr. Ernest O. Cuccaro SUM415
Boy Scouts of America
1325 Walnut Hill Lane
Irving, Texas 75038-3096

This is probably the last of the Dirk Davenport case.

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F. STARON
NOV 15 1985

Connecticut

Ex-preacher gets prison in child sex case

By Nick Povinelli
Staff Reporter

A defrocked minister from Madison was sentenced Friday to four years in prison after he apologized to a courtroom packed with members of his own family and the families of young boys he sexually molested.

Before the sentence was imposed, the former Rev. D. Dirk Davenport, 48, stood and turned his head toward the mothers and fathers of the boys he had molested.

"I never intended to harm anyone," Davenport said. "I never thought I harmed anyone, but I did. I am deeply sorry and I hope that some day, somehow you can convey this to your sons."

The irate parents seemed barely satisfied after Davenport was led away to begin serving his prison sentence.

"No matter what he gets," one father said, "I don't think he'll suffer as much as these kids will suffer during their lives. . . . No sentence was too great — not for him."

A mother said simply that, "It's over."

Davenport, a slim man with wire-framed spectacles, was arrested three times, beginning April 18, in connection with a series of incidents last year in which he molested and showed pornographic magazines to a dozen boys between the ages of 10 and 15.

The arrests shocked the community he had served as a Boy Scout troop leader, Little League umpire, school bus driver and ambulance technician. He also worked as a part-time minister of a Congregational church in Essex.

Subsequent revelations showed he had been driven out of similar posts in other areas of the country during a 20-year career as a child molester.

According to his attorney, Jonathan Silbert, Davenport was asked to resign his ministry two weeks ago by the Connecticut Conference of United Churches in Christ.

Davenport was hit with a string of fourth-degree sexual assault and risk of injury to a minor charges for fondling boys in incidents that occurred during 1984 in Madison

and at a state park in Killingworth where he had been camping with scouts.

Davenport also was ordered to refrain from any professional or social activities that would bring him into unsupervised contact with children under the age of 16. Remaining charges were dropped Friday.

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One victim's father

face and avoided the need for courtroom testimony by his victims.

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dergo psychiatric counseling as a sex offender.

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a punishment could prevent others from turning in kind, loving people like Davenport who have this one tragic flaw, Silbert argued.

Silbert also asked the court to balance the good Davenport has done in his life against evil. "The balance tips sharply in favor of the good that he has done," Silbert said.

After the 90-minute sentencing proceeding concluded, one man emerged from the courtroom and identified himself as "a sympathizer and not a friend" of Davenport.

The 27-year-old man said he was a victim of sexual abuse in his own childhood and became an abuser of children before entering counseling to deal with the problem.

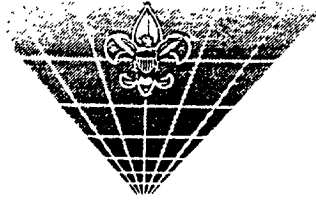
He said he was angered by society's lack of understanding about the compulsive nature of the child abuser.

"I think the nature of compulsion is critical and misunderstood," he said. "The suffering of the offender is misunderstood. The offender was abused and passes on that abuse as a means of dealing with his experience."

Jury indicts 12

Peabody admits molesters

SHAPING TOMORROW



QUINNIPIAC COUNCIL Boy Scouts of America

October 4, 1985

Mr. Paul Ernst
Registration & Subscription
Boy Scouts of America
1325 Walnut Hill Lane
Irving, Tx. 75062-1296

Dear Paul:

Please add the enclosed to your file on D. Dirk Davenport. I will keep you informed and advise you of sentencing when it is passed down.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kenneth W. Prowse".

Kenneth W. Prowse
Council Executive

P. STARON

OCT 10 1985

1861 Whitney Ave / Hamden, Connecticut 06517-1493 / Telephone: (203) 288-6211



CONF024686

Minister is facing 11 years in prison

By Nick Povinelli
Staff Reporter

The Rev. D. Dirk Davenport faces up to 11 years in prison when he is sentenced Nov. 8 on charges that he sexually molested and showed pornography to young boys in a Madison Boy Scout troop he supervised.

Davenport, 48, of Westbrook Road, Essex, admitted in court Thursday that he committed the crimes with which he was charged earlier this year.

He pleaded guilty in Superior Court in New Haven to one count of fourth-degree sexual assault and one count of risk of injury and impairing the morals of a minor.

Davenport, a part-time Congregational minister, Boy Scout leader and Little League umpire, was arrested April 18, May 6 and June 5 in connection with a series of incidents at his former Madison home, in his car and in a state park in Killingworth.

He was charged with showing pornographic magazines and films to boys between the ages of 10 and 15 and of fondling some of the boys.

Before accepting Davenport's guilty pleas, Judge Frank J. Kinney Jr. briefly outlined the allegations in the case and asked Davenport, "Is that a correct statement?"

"Yes, your honor. I'm in substantial agreement with that statement," Davenport said. When asked whether he wished to change or add anything to the statement, Davenport said, "Not at this point."

According to Assistant State's Attorney Patrick J. Clifford, the charges to which Davenport pleaded guilty are intended to encompass the factual background of multiple offenses that originally gave rise to charges of six counts of

fourth-degree sexual assault and seven counts of risk of injury that had been pending in court here.

Clifford said the state would drop the additional charges in return for Davenport's guilty plea to two counts. Davenport still faces two counts each of fourth-degree sexual assault and risk of injury charges in Superior Court in Middletown.

Fourth-degree sexual assault carries a maximum penalty of one year in prison and a \$1,000 fine. Risk of injury carries a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison and a \$500 fine. Davenport's conviction in the wake of the guilty pleas means he faces a possible maximum sentence of 11 years in prison and a \$1,500 fine.

Davenport is expected to plead guilty to some or all of the charges pending in the Middletown court before he is sentenced here.

Guilty pleas to added charges in Middletown could increase the maximum sentence he is facing. His plea bargain included no recommendation on the sentence to be imposed.

The proceeding here was attended by five parents of boys involved with Davenport. Before court opened, Davenport sat on one side of the courtroom and the parents on the other. He did not look at the parents.

Speaking for the group, one father expressed some satisfaction that Davenport could be sent to prison for 11 years.

However, the father said, the parents are awaiting the sentencing before deciding if they are pleased with the disposition of the case. "We don't know the outcome yet," he said.

Davenport refused to comment.

Davenport remains free on \$40,000 bond.

F. STARON

OCT 10 1985

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NEWS ALERT

Date: May 1), 1985

Time: PM

The following information was received from the source indicated and may have possible news or other confidential implications. Details to follow, if required.

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Source: News Clipping (via Harold Fieszal) Telephone: _____
(Name and Title)

Address: _____

The facts: The Rev. David D. Davenport, Scoutmaster Troop 490, Madison, CT, was arrested on sexual assault charges involving several members of his Scout troop.

Unit is chartered to St. Andrews Episcopal Church (he is pastor of Centerbrook Congregational Church). Incidents are alleged to have occurred at his home while teaching merit badges and involve fondling, porno magazines and films. Other incidents are alleged to have occurred in his car.

ACTION OR RECOMMENDATIONS: Council confirmed accuracy of news release and says Davenport's registration has been revoked following standard procedures.
Region alerted.

Signed: Barclay M. Buller
Ext: 2271

April 24, 1985

Mr. Kenneth W. Prowse
Scout Executive
Quinnipiac Council, No. 74

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Ken:

Thank you for your letter of April 19 concerning D. Dirk Davenport. This information is most helpful to us and will enable us to set up a file for future refusal of registration.

Please keep us informed as more items are available. We will certainly want to know the outcome of any legal proceedings and also sentencing if a conviction takes place.

If you have any items with which you need help, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

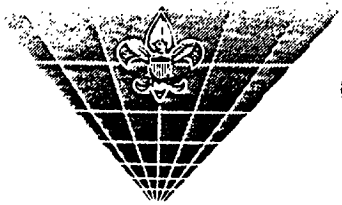
Paul Ernst, Director
Registration, Subscription &
Statistical Service

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cc: Northeast Region

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APR 24 1985
ERIN O'RILEY

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QUINNIPIAC COUNCIL Boy Scouts of America

April 19, 1985

Mr. Paul Ernst
Registration Service
Boy Scouts of America
1325 Walnut Hill Lane
Irving, Tx. 75038-3096

Dear Paul:

The attached newspaper copy make explanation of my letter unnecessary. D. Dirk Davenport, is currently registered as Scoutmaster of Troop 0490 in Madison, Ct., sponsored by St. Andrews Episcopal Church.

The pastor and committee have removed him from his position and are now seeking a replacement.

When we learn anything further we will certainly keep you informed. If you need additional information for the confidential file please advise.

Sincerely yours,

Kenneth W. Prowse
Council Executive

P. STARON

APR 25 1985



Minister arrested in child-sex case

By REGINA BEAUSEJOUR
East Bureau Chief

MADISON — A "pillar of the community" who served as a Boy Scout leader, a Congregational minister and a Little League umpire was arrested Thursday on charges of sexual assault and risk of injury to a minor.

The Rev. Dirk Davenport, 48, was arrested in connection with the reported genital fondling of three boys and the showing of pornographic books and movies to them and six others. He is also driver of

the local ambulance, where he is a supervisor.

The boys ranged from 10 to 15 years old, said Detective George Roche. The arrests followed an investigation by Roche and Lt. George Blair.

Davenport, of 952 Boston Post Road, was arraigned on the charges in West Haven Superior Court Thursday afternoon. He was held at the Community Correctional Center at 1 Union Ave. in New Haven until posting \$25,000 bond Thursday night. He is expected to plead to the charges May 2 in the West Haven court.

He was charged with three counts of sexual assault in the fourth degree and four counts of risk of injury to a minor. The reported incidents occurred over the past year, Roche said.

According to the detective, the first complaint against Davenport was made to police on April 10. Because the boy involved in that first complaint was a member of the Boy Scout group led by Davenport, police contacted the families of other Scouts.

Parents then started bringing

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Journal Courier

Minister charged in sex case

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"some kids in" who related similar incidents involving Davenport, Roche said.

According to police, the boys in the Scout group reported being picked up by Davenport in his car to go to his house to work on projects. Several of the incidents reportedly occurred when Davenport was taking care of the boys for their parents. The boys told police that when they would get into Davenport's car, he would hand them pornographic magazines. Later, at his house, he would show pornographic movies, the boys told police.

Three of the boys reported that Davenport had touched their genitals, while six boys told of being shown the pornography.

Roche said the sexual assault charges and three of the risk of injury charges were filed in connection with the fondling of the boys, while the reports from the other six boys that they

were shown pornographic materials were "lumped together" into the fourth charge of risk of injury to a minor.

Davenport reportedly has been a Scout leader for about 15 years and held an umpire in the local Little League, Roche said.

According to Rev. Gordon Young, pastor of the Ivory Hill Congregational Church, Davenport is part-time pastor of another local Congregational Church.

Both churches are located in Essex. As part-time pastor, Davenport would work at the church on week-ends, with full-time employment elsewhere, the minister said.

Rev. Young expressed "shock" when learning of Davenport's arrest. "I am very upset," he said.

Davenport, who is divorced, is the father of three adult children. He reportedly was planning on moving

D. DIRK DAVENTPORT

MADISON CT 06443

A/K/A - DAVID DIRK DAVENTPORT

DATE OF BIRTH - JULY 1937

CAUCASIAN - 5'10" - 6'-0" - 160-175 lbs.

COMPLEXION - FAIR - HAIR - balding - SANDY BROWN

WEARS EYEGLASSES

GENERAL APPEARANCE - slim, tall, mild manner, soft spoken
"MR. RODGERS" - NICE GUY.

KNOWN PERSONAL HISTORY - JOINED T490 AS ASM - 1980
- ASSUMED SM ROLE - JUNE 1983
- TOWN AMBULANCE EMT
- PART TIME MINISTER - CHESTER CT
- PRIOR BUS DRIVER - BEE BEE
TRANSPORTATION INC.
- DIVORCED - FATHER OF 3 - CHILDREN
NOW - 18-24 YRS.
- TRANSFERRED O/A MEMBERSHIP TO
ARCOON LODGE - 1982 - FROM MIDWEST
- RELOCATED FROM DUBUQUE IOWA ??
- FORMERLY FULL TIME MINISTER
CONGREGATION OF UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
- PRIOR ASM - MID WEST
- PARENTS DECEASED - FLORIDA
- SISTER LIVING IN FLORIDA
- EXPRESSED INTEREST TO RELOCATE TO
FLORIDA THIS YEAR

STATE	COUNTY, DISTRICT	LOCAL UNIT NO.	CURRENT EXPIRATION DATE	NEW EXPIRATION DATE	TERM (MONTHS)	FOR OFFICE USE ONLY		
CT	NEW HAVEN, EAST SHORE	490	12/31/84	12/31/85	12	0490	1	74

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CHARTERED ORGANIZATION
 ST ANDREWS EPISCOPAL CHURCH, DURHAM RD, MADISON CT, 06443

COUNCIL CERTIFICATION LIVES ON FOR NATIONAL UNIT AWARD EARNED UNIT REREGISTERING ON TIME

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S NAME, TITLE, ADDRESS, AND TELEPHONE NO CHRT. DNG. CODE
 REV JOHN MACORT
 MADISON CT 06443 H2452504

SCOUTMASTER TRAINED COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE'S SIGNATURE

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S CERTIFICATION (SEE STATEMENT ON BACK) SIGNATURE
 TROOP MEETING PLACE AND DAY
 CHURCH MONDAY

REGISTRATION INFORMATION
 BOY SCOUTS NO. 11
 ADULT LEADERS 11
 PAID BL SUBSCRIPTIONS 11
 TOTAL REGISTRATION & BOYS' LIFE FEES \$21.00

15 MONTHS COMPLETED UNIT TENURE
 TROOP OR BASIC BUDGET PLAN
 SIGNATURES

BOYS' LIFE INFORMATION
 BEGIN 3/85 END 2/86
 100% BOYS' LIFE

SPECIAL TROOP FOR RETARDED/MHANDICAPPED
 SIGNATURE

NRTH BOYS DATE LIFE POS. NO.	LINE	NAME	CITY	STATE AND ZIP	SEX
5G	2	WILLIAM WOFFITT	MADISON	CT 06443	M
SC/EC	3	THOMAS DOLAN	MADISON	CT 06443	M
MC	13	AUSTIN L JOYNER	MADISON	CT 06443	M
MC	10	LOU OBERENIG	MADISON	CT 06443	M
MC	1	MARK W GETCHELL	MADISON	CT 06443	M
MC	7	AUSTIN A JOYNER	MADISON	CT 06443	M
cd/mc	12	MICHAEL H KELLY	MADISON	CT 06443	M

QUARTER RENEWAL

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STATE	NEW HAVEN, EAST SHORE	CONTRACT NO.	490	CONTRACT EXPIRATION DATE	12/31/84	NEW EXPIRATION DATE	12/31/85	TERM (MONTHS)	12	FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	DATE SENT NO.	0490	1	79
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BOYS DATE	LINE	POS.	NO.	NAME	CITY	STATE	AND ZIP	SEX	PHONE
0737	SM	14	D	DIRK DAVENPORT	MADISON	CT	06443	M	[REDACTED]
0553	SM	4		STEPHEN FITZBON	GUILFORD	CT	06437	M	[REDACTED]
0737	SA	5	0	BRIAN DAVENPORT	MADISON	CT	06443	M	[REDACTED]
0461	SA	6		TIMOTHY J DOLAN	MADISON	CT	06443	M	[REDACTED]
0740	SA	13		WILLIAM MALCHISKY	MADISON	CT	06443	M	[REDACTED]
0964	SA	0		BRIAN R PERKINS	MADISON	CT	06443	M	[REDACTED]