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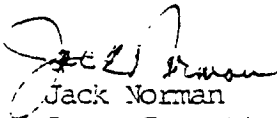
Paul Ernst  
Director Registration Service  
Boy Scouts of America  
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Irving, TX 75015-2079

Dear Mr. Ernst,

Attached is the decision made by the court in the trial of Rex Prasson,  
former leader.

If you need additional information please let me know.

  
Jack Norman

Scout Executive  
Egyptian Council #120



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IRVING, ILLINOIS 62948

January 8, 1990

Paul Ernest  
Director Registration Service  
Boy Scouts of America

Irving, TX 75015-2079

Dear Mr. Ernest,

We promised to send to you the results of Mr. Presson's trial as soon as possible.

Please find attached a copy of the Southern Illinoisian that spells out the results.

If we need to do anything else please let us know.

Sincerely,

Jack Norman  
Scout Executive



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January 30, 1990

Mr. Ralph Jack Norman  
Scout Executive  
Egyptian Council, No. 120

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Rex D. Presson

Dear Jack:

Thank you for the detailed information sent concerning the above Scouter. This case has been reviewed with our attorney and is now on our permanent Ineligible Volunteer File.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service

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cc: North Central Region

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JAN 30 1990  
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# Southern Illinoisan

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## Sex offender given four years probation

By Larry Davis  
Of The Southern Illinoisan

Rex Presson — one-time city official, longtime youth leader, convicted sex offender — has been given a chance to seek redemption outside prison walls.

"Now, Mr. Presson, you have an opportunity to do something worthwhile during your remaining years," said Judge C. David Nelson. "I'd just like to say that we will know you by your deeds."

Nelson placed the 66-year-old former

Marion City Council member on four years probation Friday on two convictions of aggravated criminal sexual abuse.

During the first year, Presson must not leave the interior of his home except to keep medical and mental health appointments.

The sentence announcement followed a day of testimony Thursday — both by witnesses who decried Presson's conduct and those who stood by him in a plea for mercy. Reaction Friday was swift and varied.

"I thought it was a very, very well-reasoned decision by Judge Nelson," said defense attorney Bernard Paul of Marion. "It's obvious that he took an awful lot of time and effort in analyzing what would be best, not only for the community, but also for Mr. Presson."

"Complete shock. Total disbelief," commented Williamson County State's Attorney Charles Garnatt. "His decisions like this that make prosecutors, police officers, child victims and their parents want to just give up

and throw in the towel."

But Nelson noted that everyone involved — from the eyewitnesses who had seen Presson with youngsters, to the people drawn into the prosecution and defense — had done their duty.

"This troubling case which has implicated so many people is almost over," Nelson said as he began the remarks that indicated it was time for him to complete his own duty. The judge said he had more than once refused requests to release Presson from jail

because he remained unconvinced that Presson posed no threat.

But Nelson eventually came to the conclusion that a prison sentence was not necessary to protect the public — and that probation would not be "inconsistent with the ends of justice."

"Justice and common-sense demand a portion in the sentence," Nelson said. Paul decried Nelson's ruling. "I think the sentence is literally letter- See Presson, A2

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perfect for the crime," he said after the hearing. "And I think Judge Nelson is to be commended for not being swayed by publicity or notoriety or thoughts of vengeance, which we've heard mentioned around here today and yesterday."

"Garnatt simply could not understand."

"It almost makes you want to just walk out of this building and never come back," he said. "How in the world next month when another Rex Presson comes along am I supposed to tell, convince little kids and their parents to get up there on that witness stand and go through all this..."

"If this is justice," said Garnatt, "then we need to change our system of justice in this country."

The parents of two youngsters involved in the case agreed.

"I don't feel that the boys were served justice," said the father of one of the boys.

Presson had "used his influence as one who is supposed to be respected and admitted and he totally abused that trust, that respect that the young men put in him."

"He violated — not only physically, but mentally violated — those young men."

Even a short prison sentence, suggested the angry mother of another young man, might have indicated that society will not tolerate conduct like that from the man who had been active in such youth programs as Scouting and Civil Air Patrol.

"Even the boys feel that way about it," she said.

"If this man is let go to do this again, and again, and again, well then we might as well just tell all the child molesters out here, 'It's OK!'"

But it is not OK — as the judge and the psychologists who have been treating Presson agreed.

Nelson noted that the judicial system does not operate only through criminal law, and that civil actions may be brought even after the criminal statute of limitations expires.

He fined Presson \$10,000 and ordered him to pay for any counseling services that shall be deemed required by his victims.

The judge also put a freeze on the transfer or disposition of any of Presson's assets in order to guarantee that money will remain available to help his victims.

Presson must continue to get mental health counseling. He must report to his probation officer whenever he prepares to leave for a counseling session.

No one other than his immediate family will be allowed inside his home with him. No one under age 21 will be allowed inside at any time during the home confinement, Nelson said.

None of it seemed enough for Garnatt.

He had sought the maximum prison sentence of 14 years. He had been outraged that the psychological plan of treatment proposed for Presson calls eventually for him to become involved again with young people.

"It's a case for Ripley's Believe It Or Not," said the prosecutor.

Sex offense cases involving children, by all accounts, are difficult. Garnatt said they will be even harder to prosecute now.

But the alternative is actually no alternative at all, he said.

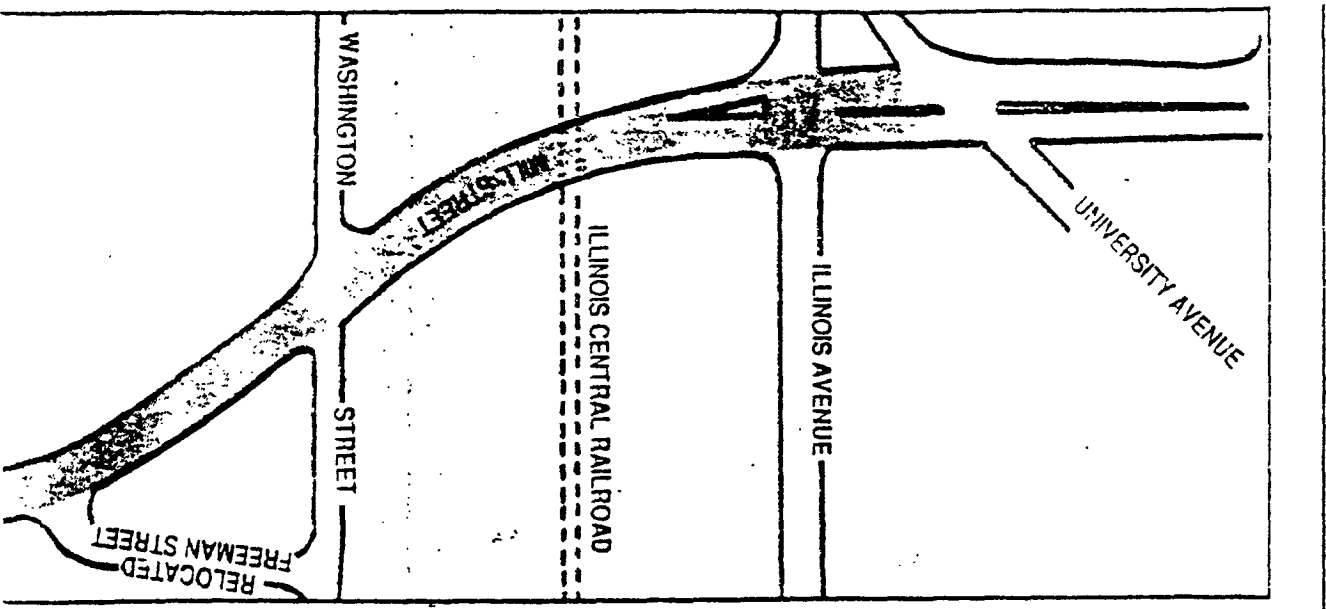
"There's no easy solution or brilliant answer. I guess I'm very disappointed right now, but the best thing I can say is even though we all are shocked and disappointed, we just can't give up. We have to keep fighting..."

He intends to do just that. "I'll be here Monday morning," he said.

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# Ex-councilman guilty in 1 case

## Two more child sex abuse trials planned

**By Marta Brautigam**  
Of The Southern Illinoisan

The former Marion City Council member and youth leader accused of sexually abusing three young boys was convicted Tuesday in the first of three cases expected to come to trial.

Rex Presson, 66, was found guilty of aggravated criminal sexual abuse in connection with an April 22 incident at a Williamson County swimming facility involving a boy under the age of 13.

Williamson County State's Attorney Charles Garnatt said he is now "prepared to go forward with the other two cases."

In Circuit Court in Williamson County, Judge C. David Nelson ordered Presson held without bail pending sentencing.

No sentencing date has been set. Presson had been free after posting \$4,000 cash bail.

The two other charges of aggravated criminal sexual abuse were filed against Presson after his April 28 arrest.

The alleged incidents occurred April 16 and 25 involving boys between the ages of 13 and 15. Presson has worked as a num-

ber of young boys and girls for many years through his involvement with organizations such as the Civil Air Patrol, Boy Scouts, the YMCA and Big Brothers of America.

In closing arguments, Garnatt said that Presson had "used his position ... to get around to do the thing he's done in this particular case."

Defense attorney Bernard Paul said he found it difficult to believe that the boys would have allowed Presson to repeatedly abuse them sexually.

"Why would a stranger, an older man, he permitted this liberty with teen-age boys?" Paul said in his closing arguments.

Nelson recessed the court shortly before 11 a.m. He returned at 1 p.m. to hand down his decision.

Before announcing the verdict, Nelson said that heightened awareness about child molestation has made it difficult in some instances for adults who work with children. Adults are occasionally faced with false accusations for "innocent acts," Nelson said.

"I don't think this is that kind of case," he said. Garnatt said at a news conference after the trial that the conviction demonstrates that even influential,

well-known citizens are not immune to the law.

"This was in my opinion an extremely important case, because for the last six or seven months I've heard persistent rumors that Rex Presson was too influential, Rex Presson knew too many people — that he would never be convicted. Today he found out that it doesn't matter who you know or who you are in Williamson County," Garnatt said.

He said that he hopes Presson will admit he is guilty of the other two charges before the two witnesses must be submitted to testifying again.

"He's already put kids through enough turmoil, and to make those kids go through two more trials I think would be ... even worse than the things he's already done," Garnatt said.

He said that he plans to push for a prison sentence for Presson.

Aggravated sexual abuse is a Class II felony punishable by up to seven years in prison.

If Presson is convicted of the other two charges, he could accumulate a term of up to 21 consecutive years, Garnatt said.

Neither Presson nor Paul would make any statement after the trial.



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Phone [REDACTED]

November 17, 1989

Paul Ernst  
Director Registration Service  
Boy Scouts of America

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Irving, TX 75015-2079

Dear Mr. Ernst,

I received your letter dated 11/3/89 requesting the outcome of a trial for Mr. Rex D. Presson.

I personally was not familiar with the case, so I talked to Mr. Robert Shields, Senior District Executive, who was familiar with it. He informs me the case has not gone to trial yet. As soon as it does we will inform you of the outcome.

Sincerely,

  
Jack Norman  
Scout Executive  
Egyptian Council #120



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November 3, 1989

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A. GRAVES

Mr. Ralph Jack Norman  
Scout Executive  
Egyptian Council, No. 120

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: REK D. PRESSON

Dear Jack:

Earlier this year, you sent us material which indicated that a trial was taking place for Mr. Presson. We would like the outcome, since we hope it has now been completed. We would also like any sentencing which has been imposed.

Please give us all the material which will help to close this file, so that we will have the ability to refuse registration anywhere it might be attempted.

Thanks for your help.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service

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cc: North Central Region

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JUN 21 1989

JULIE EATON

June 21, 1989

Mr. A. Terry Flachs  
Scout Executive  
Egyptian Council, No. 129

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: REY D. PRESSON

Dear Terry:

We really appreciate the material recently received from your office concerning the above named individual. This will enable us to identify him should he attempt registration in any other location.

We would like the outcome of the legal action once it has been completed. We understand there is to be some further legal action in the middle of July.

Thanks for your help in taking care of this matter.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service

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cc: North Central Region

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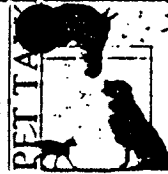
Former staffer for LBJ, other government posts, tells about her life in government

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Although its too late for Easter, find out some tips on how to take care of that special bunny.

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MARION, ILLINOIS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 1989

## Witnesses testify against Presson in sex abuse case

By J. Majerus of the Daily Republic

Witnesses in a preliminary hearing Tuesday for Rex Presson of Marion, testified to his alleged sexual abuse of two boys, 12 and 13, at the Delta Health Club and at Presson's home.

Describing Presson's activities in the pool at the Delta Health Club, witness Diane Hood said she had seen Presson on two separate occasions fondling boys.

Presson, 65, of Marion, is a former Marion city councilman. While on the city council from 1967-1975, he served as police and fire commissioner and street commissioner. He is also the vice-chair of the Marion Cultural and Civic Center Board of Directors.

In addition, Presson has been involved in numerous youth activities in the area for many years. His involvement in the Civil Air Patrol spans 30 years, and he had, until his arrest, served as commander for the Williamson County squadron.

Testifying in Williamson County court before Circuit Judge C. David Nelson, Hood said that on April 16, 1989, Presson and two boys entered the pool area of the health club.

Once they entered the water, she said, Presson pulled one of the boys

close to him, with the boy's backside to Presson's front.

At that point, according to Hood, "he (Presson) was rubbing him in his genital area."

When pressed by Williamson County State's Attorney Chuck Garnau to name exactly where Presson was touching the boy, she said he was touching his penis.

Hood said she watched as Presson fondled the boy and watched as he got out of the water.

"When he (Presson) got out of the water and he was coming toward me, he had an erection," she said.

After that incident, she said, she did not notify authorities because she did not know the names of Presson or the boys, and wanted to get more information.

On April 22, Hood testified, she again saw Presson with two boys at the club pool. When the three got in the water, she said, the same activity began again.

"He (Presson) just started right away, fondling onto his breast and his genital area," she said, adding, "This time it was more than the first time. It was like he was masturbating him."

Presson and the boys were all wearing swimming trunks, said Hood,

and the activity went on in the shallow end of the pool.

Defense attorney Bernard Paul asked Hood if she believed Presson could have been teaching the boys to swim.

"The way he was touching them, he wasn't trying to teach them to swim," she replied.

Garnau asked Hood what she saw after Presson stopped touching the boy.

"He held him up in the water like he was floating on his back and he (the boy) had an erection," said Hood.

Hood said after witnessing Presson's acts with the boys, she spoke to a friend of hers in another room. Without saying what she thought was going on, Hood asked her friend to watch the pool area. Her friend did so, and returned, infuriated, to the room where Hood was.

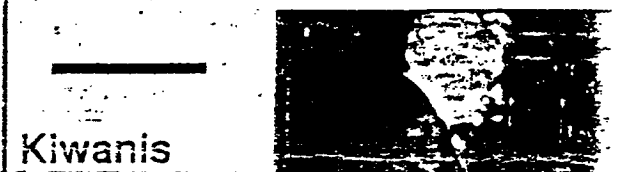
Both women agreed to report the incident to the manager on duty. They did so, and obtained Presson's name.

Hood's friend also asked the boys their names in order to report the incident, according to Roger Webb, a detective with the Williamson County Sheriff's Department, who also testified in the hearing.

In his investigation of Presson, Continued on page two



1989 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS - Kenneth Powless from the Marion Kiwanis Club presented Marion Junior High School students with both the Kiwanis Club Scholarship and Citizenship awards yesterday. The Scholarship Award winners for the eight grade were: bottom (left to right) Roy Thiuprasert; top (l) Monroe, Kathleen Lynn P. Kobyluk. (Photo by Julie)



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with the JCEA takes precedence over that which as far as our working agreement is concerned," Miles said.

Board president Gerald Woodford replied that "state law will override any laws we have with the teachers," which Miles said was wrong.

Miles said that if the board put the administrators on the list, the union would file a grievance with the district.

The board later decided that it would draw up their own agreement was in progress, however, and taken to be interviewed by Miles. The interview was conducted at 7:30 p.m. on the same day, Miles said.

clothing by Presson 20 to 30 times, according to Miles.

Following testimony by witnesses, Judge Nicholson ruled that there was probable cause to continue prosecuting Presson on the three counts of criminal sexual abuse.

A July 14 pre trial hearing was set for 9 a.m. in the case.

the watered and records concerning any payments respecting land options for the lake.

Emery said he is interested in information about the proposed Marston lake because he owns some property near the site and he is interested in developing it as a recreational tract.

Emery, who was defeated in a prior mayoral bid, said he hasn't decided whether to seek the mayor's office again.

Department of Public Health officials said information may be obtained by calling the agency at 618 997-2354.

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