

**CENTRE DAILY TIMES****79 / 315 - Saturday, August 8, 2009****Section:** CITY**Page:** 1**Source:** By **Sara Ganim** sganim@centredaily.com**MAN ACCUSED OF SEX CRIMES HAS HISTORY OF ASSAULT**

A Philipsburg resident and former Tyrone pastor facing two sex-related cases in Centre County was also charged in 2006 with groping a 12-year-old during a week-long religious camp, the Centre Daily Times learned.

Court records in Franklin County show that Dennis N. Reedy, 65, received ARD -- a probation sentence that in some cases allows for records to be expunged -- in August 2006 and spent one year in the program before successfully completing it.

The boy accused Reedy of groping him twice in a cabin around 12:30 a.m. July 11, 2005, the first night of a week-long stay at Camp Penn, a religious campsite in Michaux State Forest in Waynesboro.

The second time Reedy allegedly touched him, the 12-year-old told police that he kicked Reedy, jumped out of bed, and called him a name before telling another staff member what had happened, court papers say.

"The D.A. in Franklin County offered an ARD response to the allegation, and that seemed like a reasonable resolution for all parties," said Reedy's attorney, David Mason. "So, Mr. Reedy accepted ARD and successfully completed it."

Reedy, who is due in court Monday on two sex-related crimes brought against him in Centre County this summer, is the former pastor of the Christ United Methodist Church in Tyrone. It is unclear if he was pastor at the time of the alleged incident at the camp.

In March, police say Reedy invited two boys, both younger than 14, to work on their go-cart in his Philipsburg garage, then grabbed the crotch of one boy and gave them each a story that depicted them engaging in homosexual sex acts.

Reedy is facing trial on indecent assault, corruption of minors, and a charge related to giving obscene or sexual materials to minors in connection to that case.

And a judge last week found enough evidence for Reedy to stand trial on a corruption of minors charge after security at the Nittany Mall found him in the handicapped restroom stall with a 16-year-old boy.

The teen testified in court that he had been having anonymous sex with a different man in the community bathrooms, and when he exited, Reedy grabbed his crotch and invited him to go down the hall to a more private bathroom, where they engaged in oral

sex and other activities.

In that case, Mason argued that Reedy could not have known that the boy, dressed in a button-down shirt and white sneakers, was younger than 18. And, since the age of consent in this state is 16, Reedy wasn't corrupting him, Mason told the judge.

On Monday, prosecutors are expected to ask that Reedy's bail be revoked because police say the mall incident happened while Reedy was free on bail on charges related to the March incident.

District Attorney Michael Madeira said his office is also aware of the ARD case in Franklin County.

In ARD cases, a defendant does not enter either a guilty or not-guilty plea, and is neither acquitted nor convicted.

In most cases, the charges are expunged as long as the program is successfully completed, but the charge for which Reedy was placed on ARD, indecent assault of a child less than 13 years old, can't be expunged by law.

It remains on his record, showing that he was charged, but not convicted. He petitioned the court to have it expunged in October 2007, but that petition was denied.

Waynesboro is about 260 miles south of State College.

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