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FOSTER'S DAILY DEMOCRAT

ment is not an indication of guilt; rather, it means a grand jury found sufficient evidence to warrant a trial.

The indictment alleges Bishop sexually assaulted a boy who participated in Color Guard between July

comment this morning.

No trial date has been set in the case yet.

Felonious sexual assault is a Class B felony that carries a maximum sentence of up to 7 years in the state prison.

ational purposes and that a golf course will conserve the open land there and generate revenue for the city, Elliott said.

A feasibility study showed a successful golf course could generate

has been making great strides," he

Elliott also gave good news about

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tive from the state Administrative Office of the Courts, said the state court system eventually wants to electronically link all 10 counties.

If county officials give a green light, the state would pay the \$70,000 for equipment and most of the installation costs to set up a Rockingham courtroom in the superior court and a holding room at the county jail. The county would be expected to pay a one-time \$2,100 installation cost for the necessary fiberoptics and to foot the monthly "video phone bill."

The purpose of the presentation

**Portsmouth Naval Shipyard
Restoration Advisory Board
Public Meeting**

**Day's Inn - Kittery, ME
March 20, 1997
7 p.m.-9 p.m.**

Topic

**Work Plan for Sites 10 and 29
Phase 1 Fate and Transport
Modeling Report**

was to inform Rockingham officials of program, Gallagher said. The AOC is also talking with or will talk with officials from Cheshire, Coos, Grafton, Hillsborough, and Merrimack Counties.

"We're not imposing this on anybody but we're trying to expose counties to this technology," Gallagher said.

The concept was put to the test last year in a six-month-long pilot project in Hillsborough County. The Hillsborough Superior Court South in Nashua was linked to the Hillsborough County Jail by six different electronics vendors from March until October.

Michael Scanlon, the deputy clerk in charge of the criminal division at the Hillsborough Superior Court South, said court officials were pleased with the results of the pilot project and would like to see the county move forward.

"Overall everyone from the court's perspective thought it a worthwhile project," Scanlon said. "The court is behind the project being implemented full-time."

Rockingham officials had mixed

feelings about the project.

Sheriff Dan Linehan said that the project wouldn't reduce costs unless most court proceedings were handled through the project.

"If I have to transfer two less prisoners out of a van of eight, we're not saving any money because I still have to pay for the van and the deputies," Linehan said.

County Attorney Bill Hart said the county doesn't handle a large enough volume of arraignments to justify paying for the costs to the county.

"Arraignments aren't as much an issue as at the district court level," Hart said. "If this were in the district court, you'd notice a difference in costs from day one."

Gallagher said that a large volume district court could be figured into the link up with the county.

County Commissioner Thomas Battles said he would like to see the results of a cost-benefits analysis before pursuing the project.

"We don't want to embrace technology simply because it's the cool thing to do," Battles said. "There needs to be a lot more information."

according to Hawkes.

Hawkes said Wattendorf told him he deals with three to four cases a week in which victims retract their stories of abuse.

"During the (Flux) hearing you represented to the court that, in your opinion, the letter was not exculpatory because victims often recant or minimize," Hawkes wrote in the letter. "Moreover, you told the court that you receive three or four letters like that every week from recanting victims in domestic assault cases. . . . Therefore, it is apparent that your policy is to never disclose such statements."

If Hawkes' finds other recanted stories as a result, his investigation could have far-reaching results. However, Barbara Dennett, outreach coordinator for A Safe Place in Portsmouth, said this morning, "It is an irresponsible leap to assume all the domestic violence convictions over the past three years are unfounded. A woman may recant her story for many reasons. It doesn't mean the assault didn't occur."

However, Ms. Dennett also said, "We all have to follow the rules of justice."

Wattendorf claims he did. "Allegations that a defendant's rights have been violated are unfounded,"

the prosecutor said, insisting that no other cases will be dropped or overturned. "There is no case when the defendant did not know the victim had recanted."

"What is so ridiculous about this is that in these cases the defendant usually calls the victim as a witness," Wattendorf said. He maintains Hawkes planned to call the victim in the Flux case to the stand as well.

Wattendorf maintains he informed Hawkes of the victim's recantation, even if he didn't formally show Hawkes the document.

"That's not the issue," Hawkes said. "He's trying to dodge the issue. If this is exculpatory evidence that would tend to impeach the credibility of victims, he is to turn that over."

"Only when I demanded to see the letter did he give it to me," Hawkes continued. "Not only did he not give it to me, but he also forwarded it to two of the state's witnesses, which is totally unprofessional. The prosecutor has a duty beyond winning the case."

Wattendorf claims Hawkes took his statement about three or four victims a week recanting their story out of context. Victims recant their story in about 10 cases every year, according to Wattendorf.

Obituaries

James Aikens

ROLLINSFORD — James Aikens, 83, of 333 Sligo Road, died Tuesday, March 18, 1997, at Catholic Medical Center, Manchester after a brief illness.

He was born Sept. 28, 1913 in Philadelphia, Pa., the son of Eugene and Elizabeth (Bush) Aikens, and resided in Rollinsford since 1954.

Aikens was a cook in the U.S. Air Force during World War II and was stationed in England. He also got married in England.

He returned to America in 1945 and went into business for himself and was the original owner of The Poultry Shop in Somersworth.

Surviving are his wife of 51 years, Margaret J. (Honeybone) Aikens of Rollinsford; two daughters, Marv

River Shipyard. He, his wife, and family returned to Kittery in 1945; where he owned and operated his business, Jason's Service Station, for 21 years.

After being forced into retirement by illness, he and his wife spent winters in Wildwood, Fla., and summers at Silver Lake in Shapleigh, Maine. They moved to the Dahlgren area of King George County, Va. in 1922, to be with their daughter, son-in-law, and family.

Gilmore was an inspiration to family and friends as he dealt with rheumatoid arthritis with grace and courage. He had a boundless love for family and friends, and he was fascinated with the world of nature, animals and insects. He loved the outdoors, reading about history, and enjoyed painting. During the late

with AIDS Response Seacoast.

Besides his mother, survivors include two brothers, Paul Hayes of Newmarket and Charles Hayes of Newmarket; two sisters, Jean Robb of Dover; several nieces, nephews, aunts, and uncles.

There are no visiting hours. A memorial service is at 11:30 a.m. Friday at the Unitarian Universalist Church, State Street, Portsmouth. Friends are invited.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to AIDS Response Seacoast, P.O. Box 1524, Portsmouth, N.H. 03820-1524.

Arrangements are by J. Verne Wood Funeral Home, Portsmouth.

George Howard

ROCHESTER — George E. Howard, 79, of 208 Roland Roberge Manor, died Tuesday, March 18,

L. (Vooris) McDermott, formerly of Newton, died suddenly Monday, March 17, 1997.

Mrs. McDermott was born in Brooklyn, N.Y. and lived in Newton, Mass. for a number of years, where she worked in the school system. She was past president of the Corpus Christi Guild, Newton.

She retired to Centerville, Cape Cod, a few years ago.

Mrs. McDermott was predeceased by her husband, the late Attorney Joseph T. McDermott.

She is survived by four sons, James F. McDermott of Hanson, Thomas J. McDermott of Centerville, William A. McDermott of Framingham, and Richard V. McDermott of Berwick, Maine; five grandchildren and two great-grand-

A schoolteacher as well, she taught math, physics, and chemistry in the Leominster, Mass. school system for 15 years. During the 1950s, Mrs. Ritzo lived in Germany, and upon returning to the States, she lived in Leominster until 1980 when she and her family moved to Rye, N.H.

She married Lt. Col. Eugene Ritzo, USA Ret. in 1945. Together, she and her husband raised their six children. In recognizing all of Mrs. Ritzo's achievements, the greatest of all were being a loving wife, mother, and grandmother.

A communicant of St. Theresa Church in Rye Beach, she was former president of the American Association of University Women.

She was also a member of the UNH Alumni Association, Officers