

McGuire Released on Bond, Given Home Confinement

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Despite pleas from the United States Attorney that he still poses a threat to the community, Fr. Donald J. McGuire will await trial from his Oak Lawn home. Last week McGuire was accused of abusing a minor he took to Austria and Switzerland in December of 2000.

U.S Magistrate Judge Arlander Keys set bail for \$50,000 and allowed two of McGuire's acquaintances to act as custodians to watch over him while he is confined to his home. One of the "custodians" owns the building where McGuire has been living since June of this year.

The two custodians stated they understood that their only responsibility is to report any violations that they witness. McGuire was ordered to have no contact with anyone under the age of 18.

Despite acknowledging that the charges against McGuire were "disturbing," Keys stated that his job was to determine whether there are conditions that will keep the public safe and ensure that McGuire will appear in court.

"Knowing what I do about McGuire, I am very concerned for the children and young vulnerable adults in the community. The only safe place for him to be is prison" said Marc Pearlman, attorney for several plaintiffs in the civil suits against McGuire.

Currently, McGuire is appealing a 2006 conviction in Wisconsin and will be returned to the custody of Wisconsin officials, from which he was removed last week, following his third probation violation.

On Tuesday, McGuire was also given formal notice of his termination pending Vatican approval. Rev. Edward Schmidt, head of the Chicago Jesuits, has reported that he contacted the Jesuit headquarters in Rome about having McGuire removed from the religious order more than a year ago.