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Sandusky Jailed On New Abuse Charges

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. (AP) — Ex-Penn State assistant football coach Jerry Sandusky was arrested and jailed Wednesday on new child sex abuse charges brought by two new accusers, including one who claims Sandusky molested him numerous times in a basement bedroom.

The claims bring the number of Sandusky's criminal accusers to 10 and he now faces more than 50 charges stemming from accusations he molested boys for years on Penn State property, in his home and elsewhere.

The scandal has raised questions about whether Penn State officials did all they should have to stop the alleged activity and ended the careers of the school's president and Hall of Fame football coach Joe Paterno.

Sandusky, 67, was first arrested last month and has said repeatedly that he is innocent. The latest charges were brought after new accusers were questioned by a grand jury, which issued another report detailing chilling new allegations of abuse.

Sandusky lawyer Joseph Amendola said after the arraignment Wednesday that he had not yet read the latest grand jury report, but said he has no reason to doubt Sandusky's claims of innocence. Sandusky was unable to immediately post a \$250,000 bail and was taken to jail.

GOP Campaign Enters Aggressive Phase

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Inviting contrasts with thrice-married religious convert Newt Gingrich, Mitt Romney cast himself as a man of consistency in religion and matrimony Wednesday as he and other GOP candidates went after the latest front-runner in a strikingly aggressive new phase of the Republican campaign.

"I'm a man of steadiness and constancy. I don't think you're going to find somebody who has more of those attributes than I do," the former Massachusetts governor said in a new TV ad that included grainy home videos of his wife and five sons. There was no mention of equivocations and policy reversals that his critics have pointed out.

Also on Wednesday, in an effort to revive a flagging rival campaign, Texas Gov. Rick Perry launched an ambitious effort to compete against Gingrich for the support of Christian evangelicals by emphasizing his Christianity in a flood of new commercials in the leadoff caucus state of Iowa. Separately, Texas Rep. Ron Paul pressed his contention that former House Speaker Gingrich was simply a Washington insider who would eventually flame out.

"He's the flavor of the week," Paul said dismissively on CNN. "Our growth is steady."

The sharper tone — limited to TV for now — marked a pronounced shift in the Republican presidential race away from policy differences and toward character distinctions, with the new GOP leader in state and national polls — Gingrich — clearly the focus a month before the Jan. 3 Iowa caucuses. The former Georgia lawmaker is getting a second look from Republican voters across the country after his campaign imploded earlier this summer, and time is running short for his opponents to slow him before the voting starts.

Egypt Military: Parliament Not Representative

CAIRO (AP) — Egypt's military rulers said Wednesday the next parliament will not be representative enough to independently oversee the drafting of a constitution, and they will appoint a council to check the influence of religious extremists on the process.

The announcement followed a surprisingly strong showing by Islamist groups who took the overwhelming majority in the first round of parliamentary elections. The outcome caused concern among the liberals who drove Egypt's uprising and the military, which took power from ousted leader Hosni Mubarak.

"We are in the early stages of democracy," said Gen. Mukhtar Mulla, a member of the ruling military council. "The parliament is not representing all sectors of society."

In theory, the new parliament will be entrusted with forming a 100member constituent assembly to write the new constitution. But Mulla said the new council will coordinate with parliament and the Cabinet to ensure the assembly is representative of all religions, professions, and political parties.

The new constitution will determine the nature of Egypt's post-Mubarak political system. Liberal groups and the military— a secular institution that has traditionally controlled access of Islamists to its ranks — are concerned that religious extremists will exert too much influence and could try to enshrine strict Islamic law, or Shariah, as the only guiding principle for state policies.

Occupy San Fancisco Camp Dismantled

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Police gave protesters at San Francisco's Occupy encampment five minutes to gather belongings before dismantling the camp in an overnight raid, taking down about 100 tents and arresting 70 people.

About two dozen officers in riot gear remained at daybreak Wednesday, down from more than 100 who carried out the raid. They blocked access to the former camp site as trash crews raked up paper and plastic bottles, removed chairs and other belongings that had accumulated there over the past two months, and pressure-washed the sidewalks.

Blagojevich Gets 14 Years In Prison For Corruption

BY MICHAEL TARM AND DON BABWIN Associated Press

CHICAGO — The Rod Blagojevich who once challenged a prosecutor to face him like a man, the glad-handing politician who took to celebrity TV shows to profess his innocence, was nowhere to be found Wednesday as he was sentenced to 14 years in prison for corruption.

Frowning and pulling nervously at his tie, the disgraced former governor seemed like another person as he stepped up to address the sentencing judge. Bluster once as conspicuous as his famously lavish head of dark hair was wiped out, a victim of his June convictions on charges that included attempting to sell President Barack Obama's U.S. Senate seat.

In a low voice, the two-term Democrat apologized again and again, telling Judge James Zagel he had made "terrible mistakes."

"I caused it all. I'm not blaming anybody," Blagojevich said, trying with uncharacteristic humility to avert severe punishment. "I was the governor and I should have known better and I am just so incredibly sorry."

It was not enough for Zagel, who gave the 54-year-old a sentence close to the 15 to 20 years prosecutors had sought.

"The abuse of the office of governor is more damaging than the abuse of any other office, except the president's," he said.

"Whatever good things you did for people as governor, and you did some, I am more concerned with the occasions when you wanted to use your powers ... to do things that were only good for yourself," Zagel said.

Blagojevich slumped forward in his chair — momentarily frozen as the judge pronounced the sentence. Moments later, his wife, Patti, fell into his arms; when he pulled back from their embrace, he brushed tears from her cheek.



JOSE M. OSORIO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE/MCT Former Gov. Rod Blagojevich, center, leaves his Chicago home, Wednesday, for sentencing in his corruption trial at the Dirksen U.S. Courthouse in Chicago, Illinois.

"When it is the governor who goes bad," Zagel said, "the fabric of lllinois is torn and disfigured and not easily repaired."

Illinois governors have gone bad with stunning frequency. Four of the last nine have been sentenced to prison, including Blagojevich's predecessor, George Ryan, who remains behind bars.

Blagojevich, who received more than twice as much time as any of the other governors, was also more of a national spectacle both because of the charges against him, and how he responded to them.

In the most notorious of the FBI wiretaps that sealed his fate, Blagojevich is heard crowing that his chance to name someone to Obama's Senate seat was "f—ing golden" and he wouldn't let it go "for f—ing nothing." His lawyers claimed the comments were simply "musings," but jurors and the judge agreed they were evidence of a crime.

The jury also found that Blagojevich demanded a \$50,000 donation from the head of a children's hospital in return for increased state support, and extorted \$100,000 in donations from two horse racing tracks and a racing executive in exchange for quick approval of legislation the tracks wanted.

Blagojevich responded to his Dec. 9, 2008, arrest with defiance, appointing Roland Burris to the Senate job he was accused of trying to sell and proclaiming his innocence with a media blitz.

nocence with a media blitz. The boyish-looking defendant continued pursuing the spotlight after he was removed from office, writing a book, appearing in reality TV shows such as "Celebrity Apprentice" and even appearing in a TV ad in which he opens a briefcase overflowing not with money but with pistachios. "Rod Blagojevich does it innocently," was the line.

"His behavior and conduct once he was charged was almost a template for what you don't want a defendant to do," said Joel Levin, a former federal prosecutor. "... He did everything possible to alienate the prosecutors and the judge and, ultimately, it came back to hurt him." It took two trials for prosecutors to snare Blagojevich. His first ended deadlocked with jurors agreeing on just one of 24 counts — that Blagojevich lied to the FBI. Jurors at his retrial convicted him on 17 of 20 counts, including bribery and attempted extortion.

On Wednesday, Blagojevich licked his lips nervously as he stepped up to address the judge mouthing the words, "I love you," to his wife as he passed her on a spectators' bench. Leaning into a hefty oak podium, tightly gripping its sides, the often fast-talking Blagojevich spoke slowly, sometimes pausing and searching for the right word. "Wu life is muined." he told

"My life is ruined," he told Zagel. Accentuating each of the next five words, he added, "I have nobody to blame but myself."

He offered more than half a dozen apologies to, among others, his former colleagues and to his former constituents across Illinois. But he stopped, seemingly to gather his composure, when he said that he also owed an apology to his family — including his two daughters, 15-year-old Amy and Annie, 8.

"I have ruined their innocence," he said quietly.

Sitting just a few feet to Blagojevich's left were the three federal prosecutors who devoted more than three years to his case. In his remarks, Blagojevich also apologized to them for itching to spar with them verbally, sometimes through the media.

Alluding to his teenage years as an amateur boxer, Blagojevich told Zagel, "I'm accustomed to fighting ... it was childish and not productive."

On his way out of the courthouse, Blagojevich cited author Rudyard Kipling and said it was a time to be strong, to fight through adversity and be strong for his children. He said he and wife were heading home to speak to their daughters, and then left without answering any questions.

Protesters Arrested In D.C. After K Street Shutdown

BY ERIC TUCKER Associated Press

WASHINGTON — More than five dozen protesters upset about what they call corporate greed and the excessive influence of money in politics were arrested Wednesday after shutting down K Street, home to many of the city's influential lobbying firms, in a mass demonstration that snarled midday traffic in the nation's capital. p.m. Wednesday, said spokeswoman Gwendolyn Crump. Sixtyone of the arrests were for obstructing a public highway and an additional arrest was made for a misdemeanor assault on a police officer.

A group of about three dozen protesters clad in rain gear and protective covering were carried into police vans after lying down in the middle of a busy intersection and ignoring repeated orders to move. Their supporters on the sidewalk chanted, "This is what democracy looks like!" and "We are the 99 percent" and then jeered and yelled at officers as they began arresting demonstrators. Earlier, 11 protesters affiliated with the American Dream Movement — which advocates for the

working-class — were separately arrested and charged with obstructing a public highway.

The arrests appeared to be the most since Occupy DC took root earlier this fall at McPherson Square, just blocks from the White House. The group's relationship with police has been generally peaceful, though U.S. Park Police officers on Sunday arrested 31 protesters who refused to dismantle and get down from an unfinished wooden structure they had built in at congressional offices and a vigil for the jobless on Thursday. One person was arrested at Tuesday's sit-ins for unlawful entry.

The demonstration Wednesday created a commuting headache downtown, as police shut down neighboring streets and cars lined up waiting for protesters to pass. Demonstrators set up tents on K Street NW near McPherson Square, the site of the Occupy DC encampment. Some buildings along K Street took precautions by adding extra security guards amid warnings that the protesters planned to enter certain firms and companies.

A handful of protesters stood by, occasionally jeering at officers but otherwise heeding their instructions to stay back. tors from across the country converged on K Street for a march that included participants from Occupy Wall Street encampments as well as other groups — including unions— sympathetic to their message about income inequality. D.C. police had made 62 arrests by 5:30 the park.

The march was diffuse and in spread across blocks, making it difficult to gauge the size of the crowd. But organizers said they expected several thousand people in Washington this week for days of activism, including sit-ins Tuesday



We want to thank our children for helping us celebrate our 60th wedding anniversary. Many thanks to everyone who sent cards and good wishes. It was so good to hear from you all.

Alan & Lillian Schenkel

OBITUARIES

Donna Newman-Hackl

September 9,1931-December 2, 2011 WYNOT, Neb. — Donna Jean Newman-Hackl passed away at the Hospice House - The Josie Harper Residence in Omaha, NE after a very brief illness.

She was born on September 9, 1931 to Irene (Mallett) & Hugo Schroeder on a farm east of Wynot, NE. She lived in Wayne, NE and Sioux City, IA before moving to Wynot in 1945 where her mother Irene taught school. Donna graduated from Wynot High School in 1948. She married Don Newman in 1948 and she and Don owned and operated Newman's Bar in Wynot from 1961 until their retirement in 1993. Her husband Don passed away in October 1998. In 2001 Donna married Howard Hackl. They lived in Wynot, California and Arizona. Howard passed away in Arizona in January 2010.

Donna was a member of the Holy Family Catholic Church, Wynot, NE and the Wynot American Legion Auxiliary.

She is survived by her five children: Tom Newman, Sutton, NE: Jane Newman, Sioux Falls, SD; Bob (Trixie) Newman, Eagan, MN; Nancee (Roman) Sudbeck, Hartington, NE; Kelly (Tom) LeBlanc, Omaha, NE. Five grandchildren: Ryan (Mollie) Newman, Sartell, MN; Nichole (Dave) Janssen, Hastings, MN; Ross

(Betsv) Sudbeck, Kearney, NE, Řory (Becca) Sudbeck, Omaha, NE; Kirby LeBlanc, Omaha, NE, step grandchildren: Andy (Wendy) LeBlanc, Plattsmouth, NE; Laura (John) Zucchelli, Omaha, NE- Five great grandchildren: Anna & Josie Sudbeck; Dylan & Rylie Newman; Brody Sudbeck. Štep great grandchildren: Brady & Samantha LeBlanc; Rylee Zucchelli. One brother Don (Ďoral) Schroeder Wynot; brothér-in-law Earl (Marilyn) Newman, Primgahr, IA; two nephews; a niece, and many, many friends throughout the Wynot community.

Donna was preceded in death by her parents, two husbands, and grandson Miles Sudbeck (March 19, 2010). At Donna's request (like her mother Irene), her body was donated to the Anatomical Board of the State of Nebraska, Nebraska Medical Center for medical research.

A Memorial Mass will be held at Holy Family Catholic Church in Wynot on Saturday, December 10 at 10:30 a.m. The family will also receive friends one hour prior to the service. At a later date, her cremains will be interred in the Wynot Public Cemetery along side her first husband Don Newman. are suggested in Donna's honor to Holy Family Catholic Church, Wynot, NE; Wynot High School Booster Club, Wynot, NE; Hospice House -The Josie Harper Residence, Omaha, NE. Yankton Press & Dakotan December 8, 2011

In lieu of flowers, memorials





