

# Child-abuse judgment delayed in priest's case

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BEAUMONT, Texas — A judge Tuesday deferred judgment for 10 years on charges a Roman Catholic priest sexually abused a 7-year-old boy.

The ruling by District Judge Larry Gist meant the Rev. Jude Sivcoski was neither judged nor sentenced upon the condition that no other criminal charges be brought against him for 10 years.

If Sivcoski violates the court's conditions, he could be found guilty on the sexual abuse charge, a second-degree felony, Gist said.

Sivcoski was arrested in December on charges connected with the abuse of a boy at the child's home in Port Arthur.