

EXCLUSIVE: Sex Criminal Given Soft Sentence By Dallet Taken Into Custody Thursday Night

I have learned that 72-year old Donald B. Skenandore, the convicted sex criminal whose lenient sentence has become a major issue in the current Wisconsin Supreme Court election, was arrested and taken into custody Thursday evening (March 29) outside a bar and restaurant on West Wisconsin Avenue in Milwaukee near the James Lovell intersection. He was taken in for a violation of the terms of the extended supervision handed to him in Dallet's controversial 2011 sentence.

Skenandore pleaded guilty in a plea bargain to attempted sexual assault of a child under 13 but was given a mere two years in prison, plus five years of extended supervision after that, by Milwaukee County Circuit Judge Rebecca Dallet. That sentence has been the subject of a critical ad run by a state business group that backs Dallet's opponent. Only hours before Skenandore was taken into custody, his relatives criticized the ad contending it served to identify Skenandore's victims.

State Department of Corrections spokesman Tristan Cook tells me Skenandore was picked up for multiple violations of his supervised release. He was in custody for four months until March 15 for violations including alcohol use and not reporting to his agent. After his release, he failed to charge the battery on GPS ankle bracelet and did not report to his agent. A warrant for his pick-up has been out for days. He was found last night on West Wisconsin Avenue and is in the Milwaukee County Jail. Skenandore's supervision, under the Dallet sentence, expires later this year.

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