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Priest faces more sex assault charges Second girl accuses
ex-administrator at Geneva school of criminal abuse

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A former Geneva priest faces additional charges that he abused a girl while he was a teacher and priest at an Aurora high school.

A grand jury earlier this month indicted Mark **Campobello**, 38, of Belvidere, on three counts of criminal sexual abuse after a second girl came forward claiming **Campobello** improperly touched her. The girl, now 20, contacted prosecutors following media reports of the initial charges against **Campobello** last year, Assistant State's Attorney Jody Gleason said.

According to the indictment, which was unsealed Friday in court, **Campobello** is accused of abusing the girl - who was 16 and 17 years of age at the time - on three separate occasions between Nov. 1, 1999 and March 31, 2000. He faces three additional charges of criminal sexual abuse based on the allegations.

Gleason declined to give details on where the abuse may have taken place or if the girl was a student at Aurora Central Catholic High School when the abuse occurred. However, the indictment, which was unsealed Friday, charges that **Campobello** "held a position of trust, authority or supervision" in relation to the girl.

Campobello pleaded not guilty to the new charges and posted \$5,000 bond. His attorney declined to comment on the new allegations.

Campobello was first charged last December with five counts of aggravated criminal sexual abuse and five counts of aggravated criminal sexual assault after a girl came forward claiming she was abused while **Campobello** was a resident priest at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Geneva.

The girl, who was a student at the church's school, was 14 at the time of the abuse. Prosecutors allege **Campobello** abused the girl between January and May of 1999. The girl contacted Geneva police about the abuse last year after discussing the issue with an attorney.

Campobello also has pleaded not guilty to those charges.

Following his initial arrest, Rockford Diocese officials removed **Campobello** from his duties as a parochial administrator at St. James Parish in Belvidere. Diocese officials Friday could not be reached for comment about the latest charges.

Campobello was ordained in 1991 and served as a parochial vicar at St. Peter's in 1994. **Campobello** also was a resident priest at St. Peter's while he was serving as an assistant principal and spiritual director at Aurora Central Catholic High School.

Gleason declined to say if the investigation is still ongoing or if any other allegations of abuse are expected.

Campobello will appear before Judge Timothy Sheldon on Dec. 4 at 9 a.m. for a status hearing on the case. A trial date has not yet been set for the original charges.