

Second abuse victim expected to sue former priest

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A second girl who was molested by a former priest is expected to sue him and the Rockford Diocese, her attorney said Wednesday.

Mark **Campobello**, 39, began serving an eight-year sentence May 29 after admitting to molesting a 14-year-old girl and a 16-year-old girl in 1999, while he was living at St. Peter Catholic Church in Geneva.

On Wednesday, the 14-year-old, now 19, filed a civil lawsuit seeking more than \$50,000 each in compensatory damages from **Campobello** and the Rockford Diocese. The lawsuit also seeks punitive damages.

According to the lawsuit, the sexual abuse against the 14-year-old occurred from January to April 1999.

Joliet attorney, Keith Aeschliman, who represents both victims, said he expects to file a lawsuit by next week on behalf of the other woman, who now is in her 20s.

Campobello and the diocese have 30 days to respond to the first lawsuit.

Aeschliman said both cases will center on diocese officials' failure to conduct background checks on **Campobello** before hiring him in 1994.