

## **Noel Harvey of Mudgee Australia– convicted of child sex offences**



Police escort a 59-year-old man charged with child sex offences from the Mudgee Local Court after the bail hearing.

Noel Roy Harvey was a worker in NSW, Australia in 1978 (confirmed by list) and it's widely believed that he was in the work for some years surrounding 1978. Noel left the work and was married at the time of his arrest.

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A FORMER minister of a Christian group will appear in court today charged with 18 sex offences dating back to 1977.

Police said the 59-year-old Mudgee man was charged with sexual and indecent assaults of a number of children living throughout NSW between 1977 and 1995, from the Riverina and central west to the north coast.

He was arrested by Mudgee detectives at 9.30am (AEST) yesterday in relation to the sex offences.

The man was a former minister of a non-denominational Christian group, although he was no longer a member of the group, police said.

He was refused bail and was due to appear in Mudgee Local Court today.

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Police said the 55-year-old Mudgee man was charged with sexual and indecent assaults on children living in the Riverina, North Coast, Central West between 1977 and 1995.

Investigations which may lead to additional charges are continuing, a police spokesman said.

"The man was an ex-minister of a non-denominational Christian group," the spokesman said.

"The Christian group is cooperating fully with police in relation to this matter.

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# Man on child sex charges expected to reapply for bail

A 59-year-old man from Mudgee, who is facing 19 child sex offences, is expected to reapply for bail when he appears again in court on Monday.

It is understood the man, whose name has been suppressed, was once the minister of a non-denominational church.

He is accused of sexually assaulting a number of children in the 17 years to 1994 in the Wagga Wagga and Mudgee districts, and also on the state's north coast.

Police prosecutor Senior Constable Jason Puxtley told the court yesterday he had a strong case against the man.

He said his evidence included statements from victims, witnesses and electronically recorded phone calls.

Richard Wise, the solicitor for the accused, suggested bail be granted under strict conditions.

However, the chamber magistrate, Russell Sears, refused the application on the grounds that it appeared repeat offences had been committed over a long period of time.

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### Child sex charges

Friday, 27 June 2003

A 59-year-old Mudgee man will re-appear in Mudgee Local Court on Monday facing 19 child sex offences after being denied bail during a hearing yesterday morning.

During the bail hearing, Chamber Magistrate Russell Sear issued a suppression order preventing publication of the accused man's name.

Police arrested the man at 9.30am Wednesday and charged him with 18 child sex offences against a number of children living in the Riverina, North Coast, Central West and other areas of the State. A 19th charge was laid yesterday morning.

The offences are alleged to have occurred between 1977 and 1995.

Facts tendered before court allege some of the offences occurred at a Mudgee rural property while others occurred at Coolatai, the Riverina and the MacLean/Casino area of northeast NSW.

A police media statement said the man was an ex-minister of a non-denominational Christian group and that this group was cooperating fully with police in relation to the matter.

Police said the accused is no longer a member of the group.

The accused man was represented in court by solicitor Richard Wise of Mudgee, who made application for bail so the man could "get his affairs in order".

Mr Wise said the man had employment working as a pruner at a Mudgee vineyard and proposed that the man be placed under curfew from 6pm to 7am. He said the wife of the accused was prepared to be go surety for the man and that she was at present trying to raise a \$1000 surety.

"The five alleged victims do not live in Mudgee and I propose that bail



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conditions should include the accused staying away from them," Mr Wise said.

Detective Senior Constable Jason Puxty, speaking for the prosecution in opposing bail, told the court police believe the accused had committed a number of offences on children aged from five to 14 years between 1977 and 1994.

"I ask your honour to consider the strength of the prosecution brief and we have overwhelming evidence from victims and witnesses and dates of offences.

"The accused has a propensity to sexually assault children and if convicted I believe a custodial sentence will be handed down."

Mr Wise said the man has lived in Mudgee since 1989, was married in 1985, has no children and had worked at Mudgee Hospital for 10 years but is no longer employed there.

In refusing bail, Chamber Magistrate Sear said he had the onerous duty to ensure the accused attends court as required and to protect the community and adjourned the matter to Monday June 30.

"A further application for bail may be made when he re-appears [in Court] on Monday," he said.

Both the prosecution and defence, in response to a question from the Chamber Magistrate, said they had no further submissions to make.

Chamber Magistrate Sear then asked if there was any application for a suppression order. After discussion between Mr Wise and the accused, a suppression order was applied for and granted with an appeal by the media declined.

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## **Accused man named**

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Solicitor Mr Rod McFarland, Mudgee, told the court the man had received death threats since his appearance last Thursday and said the man needs to be protected and to get a fair hearing.

Mr McFarland also said his family need to be protected.

Visiting Magistrate Paul Lyon said the law was intended to protect complainants, young people and children.

He said the accused was in custody and was up to those who guard him to ensure his safety and said the only order he would make would be prohibit the identity of the complainants.

Mr McFarland applied for bail for Harvey saying he had strong family ties in Mudgee and that his wife lives here and has worked as a registered nurse for 20 years and that his family was in court today.

"He is aware of the seriousness of the offences," Mr McFarland said

"There are no real fears he will not attend court when required.

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Mr McFarland said his wife was prepared to lodge up to a \$2000 surety and that he was prepared to accept strict reporting to police and that non-contact with victims would be accepted.

In opposing bail the prosecution said that Harvey has been a member of the clergy, in a position of trust and that trust has been breached.

"He has made full and frank admissions to the majority of charges," the prosecution said.

"He lives in rented premises and it his wife that has strong ties, not the accused."

The prosecution said the strength of the prosecution case was extraordinarily strong and that he had continued to abuse trust even after a conviction against him in 1982.

Mr McFarland submitted that it was now more than two and a half years since Harvey was a member of the clergy.

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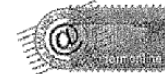
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The man, who police declined to name, has been refused bail and remanded in custody to appear before Mudgee Local Court tomorrow.

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