

Suppression ruling issued in case of alleged sexual abuse

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WATERLOO — Seneca County Judge Dennis Bender has ruled statements by a town resident accused of sexually abusing two young boys can be used if the case goes to trial.

In a ruling issued earlier this month, Bender said police properly gave Ronald Spoor his Miranda rights before statements he made to them in December 2012. The statements, some of which are on an audiotape, were the focus of a suppression hearing last month in Spoor's case....

Spoor's attorney, Steven Getman, argued police improperly gave Spoor his Miranda warning Getman sought to have the audiotape suppressed and not played at Spoor's trial, which has not been scheduled.

Spoor said he had several beers before Grbic arrived at his house, had trouble understanding the Miranda rights and has difficulty reading. He claimed police coerced him into a confession after he repeatedly denied the allegations....

Getman said while he was disappointed in the ruling on the statements, he was happy to see Bender rule that uncharged crimes ...can't be used at trial.

"If the jury listens to the recording, we hope they will see the context in which those statements were made," Getman said.

The charges against the defendants are accusations and a defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty in a court of law.

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