Child molester gets 100 years

CHICAGO — A former Boy Scout leader convicted of molesting a boy in his troop was sentenced to 100 years in prison by a judge who called his behavior "mind-boggling."

Thomas Hacker, 52, formerly of suburban Oak Lawn, was sentenced Wednesday by Circuit Court Judge Lester McCurrie to two 50-year terms, to be served consecutively, on two counts of aggravated sexual assault.

Prosecutors said during the trial that Hacker had abused many more boys than the one for which he was being tried.

Before he was sentenced, Hacker told the judge he accepted responsibility for the damage he caused. "There is no way I can undo the damage to society, young men, their families and my family," he said.