Court convicts former Scout leader for child molestation

CHICAGO (AP) — A Cook County judge, saying society must be protected, sentenced a former Boy Scout leader to 100 years in prison for molesting a boy in his southwest suburban scout troop.

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, for two counts of aggravated criminal sexual assault. Prosecutors had said that Hacker had abused many more boys.

Hacker was convicted Nov. 11 of molesting an 11-year-old boy on two different occasions during weekend trips to south suburban Camp Sullivan in December 1986 and June 1987.