

Priest Sentenced In Kidnaping Of Girl, 17

Superior, Wis. (P)—The Rev. Lawrence Dudink, a 47-year-old Roman Catholic priest, pleaded guilty Friday to a charge of abducting a 17-year-old girl and was sentenced to three years in state prison.

Father Dudink, former chaplain at St. Mary's Hospital here, admitted in superior court that he abducted Rosalie O'Connell of Gilbert, Minn., Nov. 8 from the hospital where she had been admitted a few hours earlier for treatment of a nervous condition.

Judge A. Walter Dahl pronounced sentence in a closed court session after Douglas County authorities agreed to reduce the original charge of kidnaping to abduction.

Wisconsin statutes differentiate kidnaping and abducting of minors by requiring that a kidnaping prosecution establish the victim was held involuntarily.

Dudink, described by his Society of Divine Word Missionaries superiors as a reformed alcoholic, was arrested at a Phoenix motel last week. The girl was with him. She was returned to the custody of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Conrad O'Connell.