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## Ex-policeman gets life in prison for abusing boys

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The former top police officer in [Fredericktown, Mo.](#) (<http://www.fredericktownmo.org>) has been sentenced to multiple life terms for molesting two young brothers over several years.

Judge Ted House on Friday told Kenneth D. Tomlinson II "you're every parent's nightmare."

Tomlinson pleaded guilty in November to 22 counts related to sexual abuse.

The boys were ages 11 and 13 when the abuse began. Tomlinson was the Scout master of a Boy Scout troop the boys joined.

Attorney General [Chris Koster \(http://ago.mo.gov\)](#) personally [led the state's case \(http://ago.mo.gov/newsreleases/2011/AG\\_Koster\\_to\\_represent\\_state\)](#) at the sentencing hearing. In a statement, Tomlinson apologized to the boys' family, sought their forgiveness and said he will seek rehabilitation in prison.

Tomlinson's attorney had asked for a 20-year sentence.

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