

## Former Spavinaw Police Chief convicted of lewd molestation

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*Clarence Gregory Sr*

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PRYOR — After deliberating for more than three hours a Mayes County jury convicted the former Spavinaw police chief of lewd molestation.

Clarence Gregory Sr., 76, was found guilty Wednesday, Oct. 28, on two counts of lewd molestation after a three-day trial. The jury recommended a 17-year sentence on each count, to run concurrently.

Formal sentencing is scheduled for Dec. 16.

Gregory had told investigators when he was arrested in 2014, he “was trying to instruct them (the girls) on what to not let boys do to them,” according court documents.

Gregory, who had been employed with the town for two years, also served as a church Sunday school teacher and was a former coach and school board member.

Spavinaw is 71 miles northeast of Tulsa in Mayes County.