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### **Sex case shouldn't be in Cape**

A civil suit accusing Pennsylvania priest and former Villas resident Thomas Kohler of sexually abusing a former altar boy two decades ago should not be tried in Cape May County, an appeals court ruled Monday.

The decision upholds that of a Superior Court judge who said New Jersey is the wrong venue for a case in which both defendant and plaintiff are Pennsylvania residents.

According to the lawsuit, filed early in 1994 on behalf of one-time altar boy Kevin Mackenzie, some of the "repeated and continual" assaults occurred in Wildwood between 1973 and 1978.

The court, however, ruled that there were insufficient grounds to try the case in Cape May County and directed Mackenzie to pursue his claim against Kohler and the Archdiocese of Philadelphia in Pennsylvania.

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