

# ARCHIE SENTENCED TO FOUR-YEAR JAIL TERM

Attorney Robert Archie was sentenced Monday to four years in prison by District Judge Howard McKibben for his conviction July 9 of statutory sexual seduction of two teenage girls in 1980 and 1982. The sentence was made with the possibility of a modification after serving six months.

Archie stood emotionally with tears in his right eye and a black patch over his damaged left eye.

He faced a maximum of more than 30 years and the state Department of Parole and Probation had recommended an eight-year-prison sentence.

Archie's attorneys, Stephen Stein and John Momot, said they will appeal the conviction.

McKibben ordered Archie confined to a minimum security prison, and treated for drug abuse and given psychiatric analysis.

After the end of the six months, McKibben said Archie's attorneys can petition the court to consider modification of the four-year sentence in conjunction with confinement to a drug rehabilitation program.

Before he was sentenced, Archie gave an emotional last-minute plea for leniency, explaining his rise to success within the black community and the subsequent pressures he faced to remain on top.

"I'm not crying for mercy, but because I'm embarrassed by what my friends have to see me going through," said Archie. "I was good at what I did. Nothing is going to hurt as bad as not being a lawyer. You can't punish me any more. I have to put together a new life. You have to live with the hand you're dealt."

McKibben told Archie it is difficult for him to see how a man of his stature could get involved in drugs and sex with underage girls and that he did not testify truthfully at the trial by

admitting that he had sex with the two girls.

Archie said he was not able to relax because of the pressure of maintaining his status in the black community as a leader and that he was never able to relax. Someone recommended cocaine to him as a way of relaxing, and freebasing a way of sleeping. Archie said the first time he freebased, he didn't sleep for two days.



Atty. Robert Archie

Attorney Stein told McKibben that Archie's left eye had been irreparably damaged when a blood vessel broke, and the jail refused him treatment for 2 1/2 days. He said he

had to get a court order to get Archie medical help.

One observer said, "I hope that Archie, when he is finally released, will not forget he is black."

## Competency Hearing Set For Collins

A competency hearing to determine whether Assemblyman Gene Collins should be allowed to represent himself on federal tax charges has been set for Aug. 15 at the request of Assistant U.S. Attorney Barry Lieberman, according to the Las Vegas Sun Monday report.

U.S. Magistrate Phillip Pro also ruled against Collins' motion asking

that the indictment against him be dismissed because the lawmaker thought the government took too long to indict him.

Collins, 40, of 1101 Eleanor Ave., was charged with failing to file returns for 1979 and 1980.

He claimed he has gotten rid of notes and records that might help him during the trial.

Pro ruled that Collins "failed to demonstrate actual prejudice suffered as a result of the delay in returning the indictment."

All of Collins' motions asking for dismissal of the indictment have been denied by Pro.

At Sentinel-Voice press time, Collins was planning to have a Tax attorney with him during the August 15 hearing.

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