

Man Faces Sex Charges

SCITUATE, R.I. (UPI) — Dr. William Pepper, former head of Rhode Island Youth Services Inc., faced arraignment in Cranston District Court today on four sex-related felony charges.

Pepper surrendered to state police yesterday afternoon after District Court Judge Albert DeRobbio issued a warrant for his arrest on four counts of transporting minors for immoral purposes.

Pepper is charged with transporting, enticing and soliciting two young boys from Massachusetts and Rhode Island to engage in lewd and indecent acts on

four separate occasions in Providence between 1975 and 1978.

Each count carries a maximum of five years imprisonment.

Pepper, 40, of Westerly, told reporters after his release on bail, "We've been set up. We're going to blow them (the charges) out of the water very quickly."

Rhode Island Youth Services Inc. was under contract with the state to arrange foster homes for wayward youths in state custody. The contract was canceled after reports of mismanagement.

Pepper charged with 4 sex assaults

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