

## Lynn sentenced to up to six years in prison

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William J. Lynn, the former secretary of clergy for the Philadelphia archdiocese, was sentenced to three to six years in prison this morning, [according to The Associated Press](#) [1].

Lynn was [convicted June 22](#) [2] on one count of child endangerment for allowing former priest Edward Avery to remain in ministry despite knowledge of past abuse.

Lynn's defense lawyers had sought a minimal sentence of probation without jail time while the Philadelphia district attorney's office pushed for a maximum sentence of seven years in prison.

Lynn and his lawyers are expected to appeal the decision.

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