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Pennsylvania: Mixed Verdict for Disgraced Judge

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A former juvenile court judge was convicted Friday of racketeering in a case that accused him of sending youth offenders to for-profit detention centers in exchange for millions of dollars from their builder and owner. The former judge, [Mark Ciavarella](#), 61, left the bench in Luzerne County in disgrace two years ago. Federal prosecutors accused him and a second judge, Michael Conahan, of taking more than \$2 million in bribes from the builder of the PA Child Care and Western PA Child Care detention centers and extorting hundreds of thousands of dollars. A jury in Scranton convicted Mr. Ciavarella of 12 counts, including racketeering and conspiracy, and acquitted him of 27 counts.