

Former Missouri Attorney General to Plead Guilty

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The former Attorney General of Missouri, William L. Webster, who gained national recognition for arguing abortion and right-to-die cases before the United States Supreme Court, is planning plead guilty to charges of conspiracy and embezzlement, a Federal judge said Friday.

The judge, Russell G. Clark of Federal District Court, said he had been told by Federal prosecutors that Mr. Webster would plead guilty in his court here on Wednesday.

Mr. Webster has been the subject of a two-year investigation into his political and personal dealings. He has denied wrongdoing and has not been charged with a crime. Expansion of Investigation

Although he was once considered unstoppable in his race for governor last year, news reports about the Federal investigation hurt his campaign, which he lost to Mel E. Carnahan, a Democrat. His term as Attorney General expired in January.

Last year the investigation of Mr. Webster expanded to include an examination of his handling of a workers' compensation fund, as well as possible misuse of office equipment for campaign purposes.



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