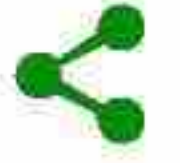


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Ex-teacher **Name Redacted, 90, cleared of sex attacks at Skegby Hall**

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A 90-year-old former teacher has been cleared of committing a string of sex attacks on a boy at a residential approved school in the 1950s.

Name Redacted of **DPA** denied committing the offences while teaching at Skegby Hall, near Mansfield, about 60 years ago.

He was acquitted of seven counts of indecently assaulting a child at Nottingham Crown Court on Wednesday.

An ex-pupil had told the court he had been "bribed" with sweets to be quiet.

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In a police video interview shown in court, the alleged victim said he was threatened and told that if he said anything, he would be sent to a borstal.

He also said when he complained to the school's head, he was told "not to be a silly boy".

When asked why he had taken so long to come forward, he replied: "To get it off my chest, I'm ashamed, I feel guilty as though it's my fault."

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Speaking outside court, Name Redacted **told the Nottingham Post:** "I am getting on for 91. I'm weary of the whole business."

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