

## **INS TAKES MOLESTER INTO CUSTODY**

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A Hmong child **molester** who sparked outrage after he was placed on probation for 24 years and ordered to continue to learn English was **taken** into **custody** Thursday by U.S. immigration officials.

The Immigration and Naturalization Service began deportation proceedings against Sia Ye Vang after he was convicted **in** July of four counts of first-degree sexual assault of his then 10- and 11-year-old stepdaughters, said Gail Montenegro, an **INS** spokeswoman **in** Chicago.

Anyone convicted of a felony is subject to deportation, officials said.

He has the right to a hearing before an immigration judge within seven days.

The girls testified they had been assaulted by Vang, 32, at their home between 1992 and 1994.

Vang, of Detroit, was placed on probation on the condition that he continue **taking** English classes, remain employed, perform 1,000 hours of community service and stay away from the victims.

The sentence angered many people, including state Sen. Alberta Darling, R-River Hills, who said she would introduce legislation requiring a minimum one-year sentence for convicted sex offenders.

The judge defended the ruling as a "true and just decision."

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