

# *U.S. Representative Pleads Not Guilty to Concealing Alleged Sexual Abuse Payments*

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Chicago, June 12 (RHC)-- Former U.S. House of Representatives Speaker Dennis Hastert has pleaded not guilty to charges of hiding large cash withdrawals and lying about it to the FBI.

Hastert was allegedly making payments to a former student to conceal sexual abuse that occurred during Hastert's previous career as a high school teacher and coach in Illinois.

Appearing in a Chicago court, Hastert was ordered to surrender his passport as part of his conditions for pre-trial release. It was his first public appearance since being indicted last month.

Dennis Hastert is the longest-serving Republican House of Representatives speaker in history.

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