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Habitual Drunk Driver off the Streets

A Poplar Grove man with seven previous drunken-driving convictions was found guilty of aggravated driving under the influence.

William Hess was found guilty Wednesday following a bench trial. Hess was charged with a Class X felony because of his lengthy criminal driving history. Hess is not eligible for probation and faces a prison term of 6 to 30 years.

Hess was arrested after a breath-alcohol test showed a 0.19 percent blood-alcohol level, more than twice the legal limit of 0.08 percent.

Assistant State's Attorneys Ann Switzer and Roxanne Sosnowski prosecuted the case.