

The trial ended nine months ago, but the judge's ruling wasn't ready until today.

Chad Schroeder should learn this afternoon whether he'll be released from prison, or committed to a state hospital. Schroeder already has served about 20 years for forcing underage girls to have sex with him, while he was a teenager in Holmen. The state justice department requested a commitment trial, to determine if Schroeder might commit sex crimes again if he's sent out into the community. Judge Dale Pasell has been weighing a decision since the trial last May.