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Former Klan Leader Jailed In Maryland

Francis Xavier Edwards, a former leader of a Maryland Ku Klux Klan organization who was convicted of receiving stolen goods in 1967, has been jailed by a Prince George's judge for violation of probation.

Circuit Judge Damuel W. H. Meloy invoked the 18-month sentence that he had imposed and suspended when Edwards was convicted. Meloy made the decision Tuesday.

Edwards admitted during testimony that he had violated his probation by changing his address and his job without permission. His probation officer said he had tried to find Edwards for a year.

Formerly Imperial Wizard of the Interstate Ku Klux Klan and Exalted Cyclops of the United Klans of America Inc., Edwards said he had quit the Klan.

But, he testified, his past association still plagued him. The United Klans had sent an agent to kill him, he maintained in court. He said he had lost several jobs with area printing firms when his employers had learned of his Klan background.