

Copy of Birth Record Ordered Made Public

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 8 (UPI)—A Circuit Court judge today ordered the Indiana Board of Health to make available "a full, true and exact copy" of a birth certificate purportedly listing Sen. George McGovern (D-S.D.) as the father of an illegitimate child.

The order, by Judge John Rogers, came several hours after state officials refused to reveal to the Fort Wayne News-Sentinel whether McGovern's name was listed on duplicates of the birth certificate on file in Fort Wayne.

The order also prohibits the release of the identity of the mother and the child if the certificate is found.

Chemicals had been used to eradicate the father's name on an illegitimate child's birth certificate found Tuesday in Fort Wayne Health Board files, the board said. The mother's place of birth had been listed as Mitchell, S.D., McGovern's home town.

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"As for the alleged changing of records in Fort Wayne, neither I nor any person acting for me has ever seen these records," he said.