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# Sausage man Jimmy Dean gets high school diploma

PLAINVIEW, Texas (AP) — Wearing a red gown topped with a blue cap and a white stole, Jimmy Dean finally received something he's wanted for decades — a high school diploma.

of the United States on down. But none of that is as important as this," Dean said, clutching his diploma.

*"You talk about a slow learner ... but this is very important to me."*

— Jimmy Dean  
country western singer

The 75-year-old country western singer and sausage company founder dropped out of Plainview High School in 1944 to work and help his mother, who was a barber in the small community of Seth Ward, outside Plainview.

On Tuesday, Dean received his diploma at a community luncheon from Plainview School Board President Rocky Favila.

"You talk about a slow learner," an emotional Dean said. "This may have a comedic feel — a 75-year-old man graduating from high school — but this is very important to me."

"I have solid gold records on the wall of our home and a Grammy award. I have plaques and accolades from the President

the authority to issue diplomas those who did not finish high school and went into the armed services between 1946 and 1951.

Before starting the Jimmy Dean Meat Co. in Plainview about 70 miles south of Amarillo in the late 1960s, Dean achieved fame as an entertainer.

In 1961, the folksy singer recorded "Big Bad John," a song he wrote on a piece of cardboard during a flight from New York to Nashville, the Plainview Daily Herald reported in its Wednesday editions.

The tale of a miner who saved the lives of 20 trapped co-workers while losing his own sold 1 million copies, and was the biggest selling record in the world that year.

Dean was the first country performer in Las Vegas to play the London Palladium and Carnegie Hall in New York. It was the first celebrity to substitute for Johnny Carson on "The Tonight Show."

Dean has said his mother was always upset that he never finished high school. Dean's wife Donna and a family friend worked with Plainview school officials to get Dean the diploma. A new state law gives schools

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*Questions?*  
Please call Gamma Phi Beta at 979.680.5747 or email at [tammugmaphi@aol.com](mailto:tammugmaphi@aol.com).

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# Scam artist pleads no contest

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A man who used to dress as a priest to scam nearly \$25,000 worth of merchandise from San Antonio businesses has pleaded no contest to the thefts.

George Persyn will be required to repay all his victims and could serve up to two years in jail, prosecutors said. Sentencing was set for Oct. 24.

Persyn had a long-running scheme in which he ran up tabs for thousands of dollars on credit after convincing business owners he was a Catholic priest in need of donations.

Among the items he took from at least 13 businesses included \$2,149.85 worth of business suits, a golf cart, wall art, cell phones, furniture and about \$5,400 worth of police equipment.

Persyn, who was arrested in late July in Arizona, surprised even prosecutors with the quick plea.

According to court records, Persyn dressed as

a priest and visited area businesses where he opened lines of credit.


Some businesses indicated they visited Persyn's storefront office. There, they claimed they met a woman who confirmed Persyn was a Catholic priest and assured merchants they will be reimbursed by the Archdiocese of San Antonio.

Authorities say that woman was Persyn's wife, Barbara Moreno. Her case is pending, the San Antonio Express-News reported in its Wednesday editions.


Once the credit was issued, Persyn then went on a shopping spree, even bilking a religion supply store for about \$457 in religious tapestry and communion wafers. Persyn and his wife left the area earlier this year after a number of media reports surfaced.

Police were led to them in Tucson, Ariz., by an anonymous tip.


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