

## Former APD officer apologizes after 'no contest' plea

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**2011** Matt Kindle extorts prostitute with offers of not arresting her

- ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. —A former Albuquerque police officer, who was caught on camera reportedly offering to help a prostitute in exchange for sex, has pleaded no contest to an ethics charge in District Court.

In 2011, a graphic video surfaced of Kindle in uniform in a hotel room with a prostitute. Kindle reportedly offered to fix a criminal case for the woman if she provided sexual favors.

Matt Kindle was sentenced to 364 days of supervised probation for attempting to commit a felony violation of an ethical principal of public service.

In court Monday, Kindle apologized.

“There’s many officers, I’m sure, that have received grief over this that they just did not deserve,” Kindle said.

The judge also ordered Kindle to perform 50 hours of community service at Legacy Church, where he is a member.

Kindle, a 15-year veteran of APD, quit from the force and resigned his commission as an officer after the charges surfaced. The judge asked for assurances that Kindle never wear an APD badge again.