

METRO NEWS BRIEFS: NEW JERSEY; Coach and Ex-Officer Sentenced in Sex Cases

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A former Union City police officer and a girl's soccer coach from Medford were sentenced yesterday in separate cases in which they were convicted of sexually assaulting youths who were in their care.

The former officer, Raymond Bonelli, 41, was sentenced to 22 years in prison after being convicted in May of having a sexual relationship with a boy he supervised in the Police Explorers program, a leadership club run in conjunction with the Boy Scouts, said Robert Lane, an assistant Hudson County prosecutor. Mr. Land said the assaults occurred in 1991 and 1992. Mr. Bonelli denies the charges.

The soccer coach, Richard A. Gibbs, 47, was sentenced to 45 years in prison after pleading guilty in January to molesting seven young girls who played for him, said a prosecutor, Kathleen Grahn.

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