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Floyd pleads guilty

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A former Denton County Constable pleaded guilty to three counts of enticement of a child in a Colorado courtroom Thursday.

Larry Dale Floyd made those three guilty pleas during a motion hearing prior to the start of his trial, which had been scheduled for Monday, according to a prosecutor working on the case. Other counts were dropped as part of a plea bargain deal with prosecutors in the Fremont County District Attorney's Office.

Floyd was arrested last year as part of an Internet sting operation that targeted online sexual predators. According to documents, Floyd contacted a woman over the Internet and allegedly arranged for a sexual encounter with an 8-year-old child. The woman was an undercover police officer, according to the documents, and Floyd was arrested last year in Canon City, Colo. after traveling there to meet the woman. The child did not exist.

The arrest took place while Floyd was serving as Denton County Constable for Precinct 2, an area that includes The Colony. He was subsequently removed from his position.

The offenses are "class four" felonies in Colorado, said Kathy Eberling, a Fremont County assistant district attorney who worked on the case. The state has a six-class scale with murder being a class one felony.

Enticement of a child carries a sentence of between six years and life in prison, Eberling said. A final sentence will come at a sentencing hearing Jan. 23.

"In Colorado, the way things are going, the probability is that he could serve a life sentence," Eberling said.

Floyd's attorney, Philip DuBois of Colorado Springs, could not be reached for comment Friday.

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