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June 30th - A man sworn to protect the public is now facing a prison sentence for child sex crimes. Former police officer Anthony Peluso was sentenced to ten years in prison today. During the sentencing, the judge said his actions were disgusting and repulsive. Peluso was once a Valley Center and Sedgwick police officer. He pleaded guilty one month ago today to charges of sex crimes, including repeated, aggravated criminal sodomy of a 13 year old girl since 2003.



In a letter read by the prosecution, the court heard how Peluso's victim contemplated suicide because of his actions. The victim's mother called Peluso a monster and the lowest of the low for his abuse while also being sworn to uphold the law. She asked for the maximum sentence of 10 years and three months in prison, which is exactly what Peluso received.

Peluso apologized for his actions today. He must now register as a sex offender and will never be able to work as a police officer again.

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