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Non-IFBX In Child Sex

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A former Morehead City police officer and Jacksonville youth pastor pleaded guilty Tuesday in Onslow County Superior Court to four counts of indecent liberties with a [child](#).

David Boothe, 26, received a suspended sentence of 64 to 80 months. He must serve six months in the N.C. Department of Corrections and then will be on supervised probation for 36 months. He must do 72 hours of community service, pay court costs and fines and register as a sex offender.

Superior Court Judge Jack Jenkins also ordered Boothe, who is from West Virginia and has requested that his probation be served there, not have any [contact](#) with the victim or her family. The girl is now 17 years old.

When Boothe was arrested by Jacksonville police in August 2005, he was originally charged with four counts of statutory rape, four counts of statutory sexual offense, four counts of indecent liberties with a child and four counts of crime against nature. The victim was 15 at the time of the offenses.

Boothe, who had [worked](#) as a Morehead City police patrol officer for two months, resigned after his arrest. He was fired from Good News Ministries in October 2004.

Assistant District [Attorney](#) Mike Maulsby told the judge that Boothe met the victim's family shortly after he moved to Jacksonville in August 2002 and became the youth minister at Good News Ministries on Doris Avenue.

The victim's family treated Boothe as a son, and over a two-year period they all became close to him. In August 2004,

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Boothe asked the victim's mother if it would be OK for him to check the teen out of school during lunch because she was depressed and he wanted to talk with her, Maultsby said.

Boothe checked the girl out of school but instead of taking her to lunch, he drove to his [home in](#) Cardinal Village claiming that he forgot his wallet and needed to get it. He ended up having sex with her in his [bedroom](#), Maultsby said.

Boothe had sex with the girl on three other occasions. The girl told Boothe in January 2005 that "they had to stop this," Maultsby said. "She knew the defendant was married and didn't feel right about it. He told her that he loved her and didn't want to stop."

Boothe started taking basic [law enforcement](#) training in February 2005.

"He actually called (the victim) and read to her what the punishment of statutory rape and sex offense was and asked her not to say anything," Maultsby said.

When the girl went to the prom with a boy she liked in April 2005, Boothe called her several times on her [cell phone](#). He screamed at her "in a jealous rage," Maultsby said. In August 2005, the girl told her father about the incidents with Boothe. Her parents went to the Jacksonville police, and detective Harry Evans was assigned the case.

Evans was familiar with Boothe, because Evans did the [employment background check](#) on him after Boothe applied for a position at the Jacksonville Police Department. During that time, Boothe told Evans that when he was 20 and living in West Virginia, he had sex with a 15-year-old girl. Jacksonville police didn't hire him, but Morehead City Police Department did, Maultsby said.

Before Jenkins sentenced Boothe, Jacksonville attorney Ed Bailey, who was representing Boothe, told the judge that his client comes from a good family. Family members, including Boothe's wife and parents, were in the courtroom.

"His wife has been completely supportive of him in this situation," Bailey said. "He comes from a good family and good background. He has a good [education](#). He has been a good citizen all these years and has never been in trouble at all. "Other than this situation, I don't think anyone can say anything bad about David."

In a very emotional plea to the judge, the victim's mother said her family trusted Boothe and treated him like their son.

"We stood up for him when he was fired," she said. "We admired him, and we trusted our daughter with him. "He knew she was a virgin. He knew she'd been taught to save herself for marriage."

Boothe whispered in Bailey's ear while the victim's mother spoke. His family showed no emotion until the hearing was over. At that point, family members embraced Boothe, who was crying, until Onslow County sheriff's deputies took him into [custody](#).

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