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Officer takes molest plea deal

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A former Hayward Police officer has accepted a plea deal after he was accused of having sex with teenage boys.

Alameda County Deputy District Attorney Susan Torrence said that Jeff Cristofani, 41, of Tracy, faces two years and eight months in prison after he pleaded no-contest on Friday to two counts of oral copulation with a minor.

He faced three counts of that charge, plus two counts of intimidating a witness because he reportedly threatened to shoot one of the boys if he went to police.

Torrence said Cristofani is out on \$250,000 bail and must report to the California Department of Corrections on Dec. 4. At that time he will undergo a psychological evaluation to determine if he is likely to commit future sex crimes. Within 90 days he will appear back in court for sentencing, with two years, eight months, the maximum sentence. He also must register as a sex offender once he is released from prison.

The charges are based on two incidents and two separate victims. One incident was reportedly in Tracy in January 2000, and the other was in Hayward in 1997. Torrence said the then-boys are ages 20 and 23 today.

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