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teenagers are suing a former Assistant U.S. Attorney who is currently serving a 65-year sentence for sex crimes involving the boys, [The Associated Press reports](#). **Eric Tolen** was a prosecutor in the Eastern District of Missouri from 1987 to his termination in 1999.

Following allegations of perjury in connection with his brother's bank robbery trial, the unauthorized outside practice, making false statements to investigating officers and abusing his position and misusing government resources for personal gain. After his termination, Tolen, who claimed he was fired because of racial discrimination, brought claims against Attorney General **John Ashcroft**, then-FBI Special Agent **Gary Fuhr** and former Justice Department attorney **Joseph Gontram**.

In 2008, Tolen was convicted of 36 counts of statutory sodomy for engaging in sex with teenage boys between 1995 and 2007, according to the AP. He was sentenced to two terms of 25 years for two counts of first degree statutory sodomy, 10 years for each of the 34 counts of second degree statutory sodomy and fined for witness tampering, the AP reports.

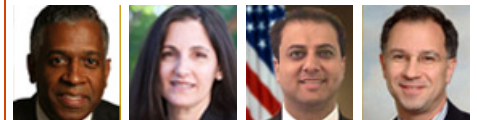
One of the boys, who are now 18 years old, this week filed a lawsuit in St. Louis County seeking \$10 million in damages. In the suit the boys claim that Tolen intended to do them bodily harm, according to the AP story.

During the criminal trial, prosecutors said Tolen asked boys to help him around his home and then would ask them to perform sexual acts with him in exchange for gifts, according to AP.

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