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eenagers are suing a former Assistant U.S. Attorney who is currently serving a 65-year sentence for sex crimes ring the boys, The Associated Press reports. **Eric Tolen** was a prosecutor in the Eastern District of Missouri from 1987 is termination in 1999.

ring followed allegations of perjury in connection with his brother's bank robbery trial, the unauthorized outside practice t, making false statements to investigating officers and abusing his position and misusing government resources for an 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 ram**.

, in 2008, Tolen was convicted of 36 counts of statutory sodomy for engaging in sex with teenage boys between 1995 007, according to the AP. He was sentenced to two terms of 25 years for two counts of first degree statutory sodomy, ears for each of the 34 counts of second degree statutory sodomy and fined for witness tampering, the AP reports.

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

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

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