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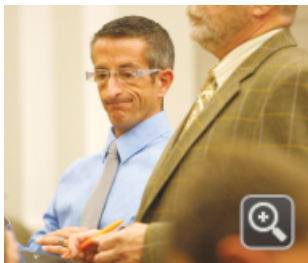
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## Former police officer makes appearance with Yengich

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FARMINGTON -- Former West Valley City police officer Douglas L. Paulsen, 41, of Layton, appeared with his attorney, Ron Yengich, in 2nd District Court in Farmington on Wednesday.

Following an Internet sting, the Utah Attorney General's Office charged Paulsen with six counts of third-degree felony dealing in material harmful to a minor and one class B misdemeanor enticement of a minor.

If convicted of the third-degree felonies, Paulsen could be sentenced to serve up to five years in Utah State Prison on each count.

Another hearing is set for Nov. 9.

Two days after he was arrested on Oct. 7, Paulsen resigned from the police department, where he had worked for 19 years.

His last assignment was as a school resource officer at Hunter High School in West Valley City.

Layton police arrested Paulsen at Layton Hills Mall, where he had arranged online to meet a 15-year-old boy.

Instead, a police detective was posing as the boy online.

According to court documents, Paulsen started corresponding in September with the person he thought was a teenager.

The sting operation was part of the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, an ongoing effort between local police and the Utah Attorney General's Office.

Officers spend four- and six-hour shifts trolling the Internet, posing as underage male and female teens, to attract online predators.

Most arrests have been of males.

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