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Ex-cop sentenced to prison for sex abuse, child porn

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PENDLETON, Ore. (AP) - A former Eastern Oregon police officer has been sentenced to nearly 10 years in prison on child pornography and sexual abuse charges.

The East Oregonian said a jury last month convicted 38-year-old Mark Benton Ashcraft of six counts of sexually abusing and sodomizing a 15-year-old girl in 2009 and seven counts of possessing or viewing child pornography on his computer.

The paper reports that Circuit Court Judge Lynn Hampton handed down the sentences on Tuesday.

Ashcraft, in cuffs and jail attire, was silent during the sentencing.

His attorney had asked for probation. The prosecutor asked for more than 11 years.

Ashcraft was a police officer in Athena, a town northeast of Pendleton.

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