

Former cop Ashcraft sentenced to almost 10 years

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Former police officer Mark Benton Ashcraft was sentenced today to almost 10 years in prison for sexual crimes.

Circuit Court Judge Lynn Hampton of the 6th Judicial District of Umatilla and Morrow counties handed down a sentence of 58 months for Ashcraft's child pornography crimes and 57 months for his sexual crimes against a 15-year-old girl in 2009, for a total of 9 years, 7 months.

The 38-year-old Ashcraft, in cuffs and jail attire, was silent throughout the proceeding.

His attorney, Micheal Breiling, and family and friends had asked the court Monday for probation. State prosecutors had asked for more than 11 years, and told the judge she could sentence Ashcraft for almost twice as long.

Ashcraft will receive credit for the jail time he has served, and will be eligible for reductions in his sentence for good behavior.