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## Ex-beach patrol officer sentenced for sex with teens



**VOLUSIA COUNTY, Fla.** — On Thursday a judge sentenced a former beach patrol officer to 18 months in prison for having sex with two teenaged girls.

Bobby Tameris, who was first arrested in October of 2009, didn't say anything during his sentencing.

The father of one of the victims told WFTV he isn't happy and he would have liked to see Tameris go to trial. He could have gone to prison for a minimum of 11 years, but a plea deal kept him from doing hard time.

Bobby Tameris, former Volusia County beach patrol officer, was charged with two counts of sexual activity with a minor under the age of 18.

"The full extent of this sentence is not enough for this individual for what he has taken from my daughter," said the victim's father

Michael Drury.

It's a short sentence according to Drury, who made a statement before the judge voicing his dissatisfaction with the sentence. Drury's 16-year-old daughter once worked a summer job as a lifeguard on the beach, where Tameris met her.

"Where better would you have sent your daughter for a summertime job at 16-years-old? To work with police officers, who would have thought?" said Drury.

The State Attorney's Office says Tameris had two victims and both were 16-years-old. WFTV was there in 2009 as authorities took him to jail in his beach patrol uniform. At the time, investigators said Tameris had sex with one victim at least 20 times in 2007.

Since his arrest, Tameris has been fighting his charges in court. In March he pleaded no contest.

Tameris was also named in a civil lawsuit filed against Volusia County by his victim. However, a judge recently dropped that lawsuit after the court determined sexual abuse did not happen while she was at work.

In addition to 18 months in jail, Tameris will be on sex offender probation for 4 years after prison. He has also lost his law enforcement certification.

He had worked for Volusia County beach patrol for nearly 20 years.

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