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Former Salinas Police Employee Won't Register As a Sex Offender

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SALINAS, Calif- Former police employee Scott Callan plead no contest on Tuesday, admitting there's enough evidence for a conviction. Prosecutors say he had sex with a 15 year old girl who he met through the Salinas Police "Explorer Program".

As part of a "plea deal" this week, he won't have to register as a sex offender when he gets out of prison.

Currently there are 221 registered sex offenders in Salinas and you can find information about them on the Megan's Law website. Although Scott Callan plead no contest to two counts of statutory rape of a minor you won't find him on the website.

"Every charge that sex offender registration is required is set forth in penal code section 290 and this is just not one of the charges that the legislature included," said prosecutor Cristina Johnson.

Callan's attorney said that's why he accepted the deal. He originally faced several tougher charges but prosecutors dropped them to make the deal.

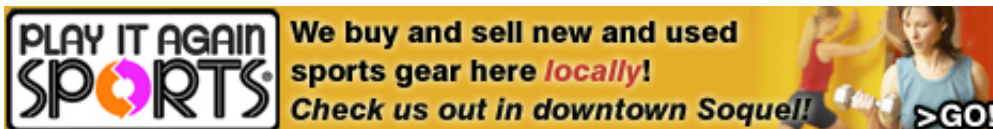
"The sentence that was agreed upon between myself and the defense attorney was approved by the court and is consistent with the wishes of the victim and her family," said Johnson.

Johnson also said the felony will be on Callan's record and hopes that and three years in prison will stop him from committing similar crimes, even if he doesn't have to register as a sex offender.

"Based upon the punishment he's going to receive, having a felony conviction, serving time in prison, that that is a deterrent for him not to engage in this conduct again"

Callan will be sentenced on January 20th.

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