



Outrage over Plea Deal in Former Deputy's Child Sex Assault Case

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JEFFERSON - A former Waukesha county sheriff's deputy accepted a plea deal Thursday on charges that he sexually assaulted two children.

Terrence Greenwald, 57, had been facing dozens of years in prison if he had been convicted of six felony sex crimes.

But under the plea agreement, all the charges were reduced to misdemeanors.

Greenwald's attorney is expected to ask for a county jail sentence and probation.

The victims' relatives are outraged by the deal. The children Greenwald is accused of sexually assaulting are relatives of his - a boy and a girl.

The children's grandfather could barely contain himself in court. "And him being a retired deputy, at the Waukesha County Sheriff's department, it's outrageous. That guy should be taken out in the back and just pounded to a pulp," the grandfather said.

Greenwald pleaded "no contest" to four counts of sexual assault and two counts of exposing his genitals to a child.

The deal allows the retired deputy to avoid a trial.

"It's a fabulous offer," Greenwald's attorney, Jennifer Dorow, explained. "It avoids felony convictions, it avoids prison."

According to the criminal complaint, the abuse started when the children were 6 and 8 and continued over a period of nearly 11 years.

The kids finally told their mother last year. She too is outraged by the deal. "It takes considerable restraint, and only because of my job and my kids and the fact that I don't want to go to jail, I haven't done anything," she said.

Other family members agree that Greenwald is getting off easy.

"He's supposed to uphold the law and here he's molesting kids," the kids' grandfather said.

Thursday's hearing was held in Jefferson County, to avoid any conflict of interest in the Waukesha County Courthouse.

Sentencing in the case will take place next month, at the Waukesha County Courthouse.

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