

## Ex-Philly cop gets jail time for violating Delco parole in child porn case

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### 2010 Cop Pedophile Child Porn Leo Haley

MEDIA COURTHOUSE — Retired Philadelphia Police Inspector Leo Haley was sentenced Wednesday in Delaware County to 3½ to 7 years in a state correctional facility for violating his sex offender parole when he grabbed and threatened an 8-year-old girl last year.

“The new arrest is mindboggling,” said Deputy District Attorney Michael Galantino. “The fact that the defendant approaches an 8-year-old girl on the street, grabs her, tries to pull her in some direction, she breaks away and he threatens to kill her is significant.”

Galantino said it was not the first time Haley, 73, had violated parole for a 2010 Delaware County case involving child pornography.

According to court records, Haley, of the 4300 block of Lauriston St. in Philadelphia, was arrested by members of the Delaware County Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force in July 2010 and charged with more than 50 counts of possessing child pornography, along with six counts of distribution.

Haley pleaded guilty to one count of dissemination and five counts of possession, for which he was sentenced in March 2011 to six to 23 months confinement and seven years of concurrent sex offender probation.

Haley, who has been retired for more than a decade, was allowed to remain on electronic home monitoring due to his advanced age and health problems, said Galantino.

Not long after the 2011 sentence, however, Galantino said additional child pornography was found on his computer. Rather than revoke his probation and parole at that time, Galantino said his office instead decided to continue to try to treat Haley in the community.

The violation that led to Wednesday’s sentence stems from an incident in which Haley grabbed an 8-year-old girl on the afternoon of October 18, 2012 on the 7000 block of Voigt Road in Philadelphia.

According to police, the girl was playing with another child in her front yard when Haley drove up in a black car. After the other child went to the backyard, Haley allegedly exited the vehicle, grabbed the victim by the neck and told her he would kill her if she went into the house or told anyone.

The girl broke free and ran inside, and Haley fled in the car. The child was later able to identify

him from a Megan's Law Web site. Haley was arrested in November on charges of unlawful restraint, terroristic threats, luring a child and harassment.

"I don't know, quite frankly, what his intention was when he grabbed that little girl," said Galantino. "I can certainly speculate, based on his interests, based on this case, but nevertheless his intentions were certainly not benevolent."

Haley pleaded last month to a single charge of terroristic threats before Philadelphia Common Pleas Judge Roger F. Gordon, for which he received five years of probation, to run concurrent to his Delaware County sentence.

But Haley, appearing via video conference from the Delaware County Prison, maintained Wednesday that he was innocent. Defense attorney Frank Halloran claimed his client was offered the plea and told that it would not affect his probation status with Delaware County.

"He advised me that he accepted a plea bargain because they offered him time served and he wanted to get out of jail," said Halloran. "He was told that that conviction would not affect him."

Judge George Pagano said it sounded like Haley might have a claim under the Post Conviction Relief Act if that was the case, but it did not impact Wednesday's hearing.

Probation Officer Carissa Tillotson recommended the new sentence as well as 153 days of back time, noting Haley had already received leniency on multiple occasions and been given every opportunity to comply with his probation.

"Instead of taking what he learned in treatment and the tools and making a conscious decision and desire to change, he then escalated his behavior in regards to reaching out to an 8-year-old girl," she said. "I feel that my recommendation is more than appropriate. He needs some form of intensive level of treatment that the community and a county level prison can't provide for him."

The judge agreed with the recommendation, ordering Haley to complete an intensive sex offender program while incarcerated and to remain on GPS monitoring for one year following release. He was also barred from using any device with Internet access and is to comply with the rules and regulations of sex offender probation upon his release.