



Former reserve officer sentenced for rape

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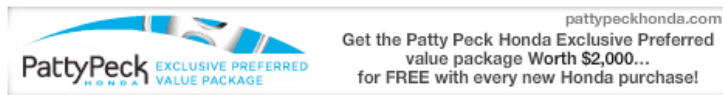
COLUMBUS, Miss. (AP) - A former reserve Columbus police officer has been sentenced to 20 years in prison after pleading guilty to statutory rape.

The Commercial Dispatch reports 46-year-old Richard Carr admitted he had sex with his girlfriend's 15-year-old daughter when the girl was 13 and 14 and her mother was at work.

Circuit Court Judge Jim Kitchens could have given Carr up to life in prison, but decided to give the near-minimum sentence on Tuesday.

Besides serving his time without eligibility of parole, Carr must pay court costs, endure five years of post-release supervision, register as a sex offender and cannot be alone with anyone under age 16.

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