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Fmr. sheriff's deputy sues over online posting of private phone calls

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SALINE COUNEY, Ill. - A former sheriff's deputy who spent time behind bars for having sex with a teenage girl will be back in court, and, this time he says he's the one that was wronged.

Back in 2011, Todd Fort, who was a deputy in Saline County, Illinois and the school board's president, pleaded guilty to aggravated criminal sexual abuse.

While in jail, Fort made over 500 phone calls.

He says then-States' Attorney Michael Henshaw taped those calls and posted them on a public website called 'The Disclosure.'

Fort is filing a lawsuit, citing invasion of privacy.

He says the phone calls were private, talking with his sister and mother about their health. The two eventually died of the cancer they were battling.

"It was real disturbing and unsettling to know that was suddenly something the public had access to. That was very emotionally charged, conversations that were going on and it was horrible," Fort said.

Todd Fort says those taped conversations going public caused him depression and anxiety. He's seeking \$250,000 in damages, suing Henshaw, not in his official capacity, but as an individual.