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Former Elwood police officer Brian Vincent

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A former officer in Elwood and Wathena, Kan., pleaded no contest Wednesday to one count of sexual exploitation of a minor and one count of use of a concealed camcorder to eavesdrop.

Brian Vincent, a sergeant who was relieved of his duties in June 2011, will be sentenced in Doniphan County on Sept. 12.

According to court files, Mr. Vincent had two videos depicting underage girls nude or undressing. The girls were filmed without their knowledge. The acts occurred between November 2007 and July 2010.

Mr. Vincent was a full-time officer in Elwood and part-time officer in Wathena since 1998. The case is being handled by a special prosecutor, Brad Lippert, of Nemaha County.

Former Elwood clerk sentenced in fraud case

Leanna Bell, the former Elwood, Kan., deputy city clerk, was sentenced Wednesday in Doniphan County court for misusing public funds and making a false report.

Her 14-month sentence was suspended and she was placed on probation for 18 months. As a condition of her probation, Ms. Bell must serve 30 days in the Doniphan County Jail and pay \$5,733.26 in restitution to the city of Elwood.

Ms. Bell pleaded no contest in July to the charges, which accuse her of keeping money received from court fines and citations. The acts occurred between January 2009 and December 2010. Ms. Bell was fired in December 2010.

The case is also being handled by Brad Lippert, of Nemaha County.

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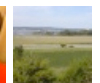
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