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## Former probation officer pleads guilty

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Daniel Darwin Orders, age 32, entered a guilty plea Friday morning to two counts of lewd conduct with a child under 16 and one count of rape with a female under 16. He appeared before District Judge David Nye.

Orders resigned his position as an adult probation officer with Bingham County at the time the charges were filed. There are actually two cases against Orders. The first was filed in 2011. In this case, Orders admitted to two actions of lewd contact with a minor child, age 14.

In the 2012 case, Orders admitted to statutory rape to a 17-year-old girl during the time period of Sept. 1, 2009 to March 1, 2010.

The victims were two different individuals.

In the lewd conduct case, Orders could possibly face life sentences on each count.

In the statutory rape case, Orders could be sentenced up to 25 years.

After pleading guilty, each defendant is asked if he or she made this decision voluntarily. After asking series of questions, Judge Nye concluded that Orders was "pleading guilty knowingly and voluntarily given."

Orders will be sentenced at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 18.

The sentencing "could be a lengthy hearing," said defense counsel Scott Axline. "We need adequate opportunity to question any witness the state may present."

The judge ordered a psycho-sexual examination. The list of witnesses the state may present is due one week after the psycho-sexual examination. The judge also ordered a pre-sentence investigation.

Orders had been released on his own recognizance and this order will remain in effect. The no contact order also remains in place until his sentencing date in January.

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