

Ex-Wheeler police chief sentenced to 14 years in prison

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MENOMONIE - The former Wheeler police chief on Wednesday was sentenced to 14 years in prison and 16 years of extending supervision on 16 convictions stemming from sexual contact with two teenage boys from March to mid-July 2011.

In October Gary L. Wayerski, 57, of Menomonie, who was fired as the village's police chief, was convicted by a Dunn County jury of two counts of felony child enticement, two counts of causing a child to expose genitals or pubic region, two counts of exposing a child to harmful materials, and two counts of causing a minor to view or listen to sexual activity. He also was convicted of eight counts of felony sexual assault of a child by a person who works or volunteers with children.

Wayerski maintained his innocence, claiming he had been set up.

Dunn County Judge Bill Stewart sentenced Wayerski, who was given credit for 531 days served

About 100,000 pornographic images were found on Wayerski's computer, as well as pornographic videos. Most of images showed bondage, sadistic and masochistic behavior with what looked like teenage boys.

According to the criminal complaint in Dunn County:

Eau Claire County authorities interviewed two teen-age boys, ages 16 and 17.

Wayerski had arrested them for breaking into a Wheeler church in March 2011 and began mentoring the 16-year-old and helping the 17-year-old become more physically fit.

Wayerski is accused of spiking their energy drinks and showing them pornographic movies and images on his computer. He is accused of fondling the teens individually and at the same time between March and July 2011.

Former Wheeler police Chief Gary Wayerski, left, talks with family members before his sentencing Wednesday for 16 convictions stemming from the sexual assault of two teen boys. Wayerski, who was sentenced in Dunn County Court to 14 years in prison and 16 years of extended supervision, is pictured with his attorney, Lester Liptak.