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Former Wichita police officer sentenced to life for child sex crimes

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A former Wichita police officer received consecutive life prison sentences Friday for sexually abusing a 15-month-old girl.

Greg P. Nicks, 32, was given a life sentence on each of four counts of sexual exploitation of a child, and he was ordered to serve two of the sentences consecutively. He will have to serve 50 years before becoming eligible for parole.

Prosecutors said Nicks was arrested after sending sexually explicit cellphone pictures of himself and the girl to a woman he was having a sexual relationship with. The woman, Luz Coronado, 29, is serving a sentence of life without parole for 25 years on similar charges. Prosecutors said police were tipped off by the girl's mother.

Defense lawyer Mark Schoenhofer said his client never had sexual contact with the girl. At the time, he said, Nicks was a body builder who was using steroids.

"The steroids not only increased Mr. Nicks' muscularity, (they) also increased his appetite for sex," Schoenhofer said in a written motion seeking a lighter prison sentence. "Mr. Nicks began leading a life of debauchery and over-indulgence in carnal pleasure. ... The illicit relationship with Ms. Coronado advanced down a dark and perverted course of sexual promiscuity, including explicit text messages rife with sexual content."

Nicks told District Judge Terry Pullman that his relationship with Coronado was an aberration.

"What I did is not what I am," he said. "I'm just asking for a second chance. I won't need a third."

Prosecutor Justin Edwards introduced three written statements at the hearing, including one from the victim's mother. She said Nicks had used her daughters — the 15-month-old and a 4-month-old — as sex objects to fulfill his sexual fantasies.

"I feel that Greg Nicks is beyond help and will act again on the impulse if given an opportunity," she said in the statement.

Schoenhofer argued that no one was physically injured by Nicks' behavior, and that the girls will

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Courtesy photo

Gregory P. Nicks on Friday received consecutive life prison sentences for sexually abusing a 15-month-old girl. The 32-year-old worked for the Wichita Police Department for just over three years beginning in 2006. (May 3, 2013)

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have no memories of what Nicks did with them. Pullman said that doesn't lessen the magnitude of the crime. He likened the crime to raping a comatose victim in a nursing home.

"A victim is no less a victim if there is no recollection of the injuries," he said before imposing the sentence.

Nicks worked for the Wichita Police Department for just over three years beginning in 2006. He is a former football player for the Wichita Wild and the University of Kansas.

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He'll be lucky to last a week in the big house.

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He will be isolated. The state would be liable otherwise.

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Oh well.

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It's a shame that he will be eligible for parole in 50 years.

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But according to some here, "only cops should have guns". I wouldn't give such blind trust to anyone. And if this guy had done this to my kid, no one would find his body. We can all hope that he gets poor treatment in prison, but I think that such poor treatment is unlikely to happen.

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Ohhhhhh, so the drugs did this, and not the bad x cop, OK, I don't get it.

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Another cop on steroids.. They really need to do something to attract higher class people into wanting to be cops.

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Are you volunteering? And, what are your suggestions? From the sound of it, you'd be willing to see your taxes go up to pay police officers a higher wage, no?

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No, taxes are high enough. Just change the standards to stop attracting macho insecure jerks who hide behind a badge and live above the law. 50 years ago cops were generally decent respectable people. They are a much lower class today.

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And, with people like you so anti-police, ready at the moment with your video cameras to record and publish their every move when they have to make snap decisions and deal with an ungrateful public each day -- where do I sign up?? You punish them and call them "cowards" when they use their guns to protect themselves, you call them "fascists" for keeping peaceful protests, you never say a word when they do something right but speak VOLUMES when they make human mistakes. Where do I sign up for this job?? Frankly, I'm surprised they can get ANYONE to do it, especially in this day and age when people can't WAIT to publish their little videos, out of context, hoping to inflame the public even further against men and women who are doing a job you wouldn't even FATHOM doing. What have YOU ever done to put yourself on the line for your fellow man? I'm betting not a d# thing. Oh, and way to stereotype ALL cops as being "lower class today". I'll bet in your mind ALL black people are thieves and mexicans all lazy.

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aircapguy → 7geez • 2 days ago

Very well said 7geez and john if anyone is acting like a insecure jerk its you. Any one with the least bit of common sense knows that there are bad apples in any organization so don't judge the good police by a bad apple cop. Thanks WPD for all you do.

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HobbyFlyer → John Henderson • 20 hours ago

I would like to think so, but OTOH my generation produced Chuck Deering and Willie Adams in the 70's and 80's, so I guess it is true that the WPD (and all LE organizations) is a microcosm of society.

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daycaremom • 2 days ago

From the article....."Schoenhofer argued that no one was physically injured by Nicks' behavior, and that the girls will have no memories of what Nicks did with them" ...REALLY MARK??

Read more here: <http://www.kansas.com/2013/05/...>

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Big3Kansas → daycaremom • 2 days ago

I agree, his argument is pretty stupid and insensitive.

Then he went on to say that "He likened the crime to raping a comatose victim in a nursing home."

Infants may not have long term memory recall. But those memories will be recorded in their subconscious and will no doubt affect their lives in some aspect.

Secondly, at least a comatose victim is in a coma, so they won't even have any subconscious memory because they were never physically aware in the first place of what is going on outside of their sleeping mind in the physical world around them.

And Greg Nicks is pleading for a 2nd chance. Sometimes they don't even give 2nd chances to men who had a sexual relationship with someone above the age of 13 who consented. What makes this guy think he would get anything less than what he was sentenced to? He's lucky he didn't life with no parole, because as it is, he may still get parole by the time he's 85. There's men who have had hard 40 sentences for having a sexual relationship with someone only 4-5 years younger than them. Compared to that, I'd say he's lucky he didn't get the death penalty.

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I am just appalled at Mark's statement. I understand attorneys concepts about winning the case regardless of who gets hurt....but these children will never be allowed to ask for a 2nd chance...Mark's statement in my opinion says that is ok to harm a child cause of their age.

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I don't think that the taxpayers should have to support this scum with food, shelter, clothing, utilities, medical and dental care, library, etc. We should just castrate him, brand him on his forehead, and put him back on the street.

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Oinkers gone wild!

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Hanging is too good for him.

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nola0911 • 2 days ago

Curious....where was the mother of these girls while this was happening to them? How and when did she know about it? I'd have slit his throat if this had been my girls!

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Good Riddence you S..ofaB....

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Elizabeth Siebert Newman • 2 days ago

A baby raper AND a cop....the boy's in prison are gonna LOOOOOOVE him!!!

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He has a big head.

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