

Former Aurora Officer Pleads Guilty To Sex Charge

Michael Mangino To Be Sentenced July 5

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A former Aurora police officer involved with a kids' anti-drug exploitation of a child.

Prosecutors said Tuesday that 51-year-old Michael Mangino

Aurora police arrested Mangino last year on allegations that year-old runaway who had been arrested. He later resigned

Mangino had been an officer for DARE, or Drug Awareness

A 29-year veteran of the Aurora Police Department, Mangino female runaway to take sexually explicit photos of herself wi

When police officers confiscated that cellphone from Mangino, detectives found it also engaging in sex with women, possibly while on duty, Police Chief Dan Oates told 7NE

Mangino, who most recently worked as a community resource officer in District 1, was elementary schools

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In one of the videos found on Mangino's phone, the camera focuses on the buttocks of a girl bending over a table in a classroom, according to the arrest affidavit.

It's not clear where the class was held, or who the girl was, but the video was taken on March 9. Mangino was tasked to take her to jail.

According to the arrest affidavit, another teenager, a runaway from San Francisco, was taken to Children's Hospital so she could be medically cleared before she could be booked at jail. Mangino said.

After she was fingerprinted, she told Mangino that she had smoked marijuana four hours before she was taken to Children's Hospital so she could be medically cleared before she could be booked at jail. Mangino said.

On the way to the hospital, Mangino asked her to take a photo of herself with his Android phone. Of everyone he arrests, she told detectives.

Then, while waiting by the ER, Mangino "strongly hinted" for her to take pictures in the ER waiting room, according to the arrest affidavit.

She did as she was told and took a handful of photos of herself partially undressed, at the hospital.

When she handed his cellphone back to him, he asked if he was "going to be surprised" by the photos, she said.

On the drive to the juvenile facility, she said he handed her some Cheetos because she was hungry. He told her out to lunch when she was released, "free and clear."

He then handed her his business card and asked her to call him when she was out, a detective said.

When she returned to the home for runaways, she told a counselor that she took photos of herself. When asked if she thought this was abnormal, she said no, that she's done that at least twice during the other two times if the officers involved were really officers or police impersonators, she said.

She said she did what Mangino told her to do because he was "nice to her, not hands-off," she said.

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