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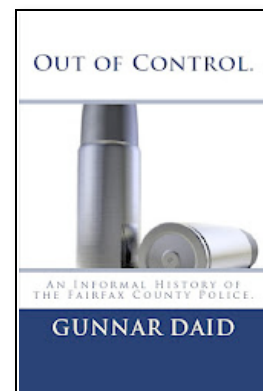
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Aurora cop sentenced for sexual exploitation of a child

A former Aurora police officer has been sentenced for having sexually explicit photographs of a teenager on his cellphone.

Michael Mangino, 51, who was dismissed from the police department after the March 9, 2011, incident, was sentenced Thursday to three years in the Colorado Department of Corrections, according to an Adams County District Attorney's Office media release. The execution of the sentence was "stayed" for five years when Mangino agreed to immediately serve 90 days in the county jail and comply with terms of a sex offender management board treatment program.

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Mangino pleaded guilty to sexual exploitation of a child, a felony, on April 24. The victim in the case was in Mangino's custody when he was a DARE officer with the department.

"Mr. Mangino, by his perverse and sexually deviant actions, did great harm to the image of the Aurora Police Department," Police Chief Daniel J. Oates said in the release. "His violation of trust caused great harm to our community, making it harder for the most vulnerable victims to trust the police."

Mangino drove a runaway suspected of smoking pot to Children's Hospital for a urine analysis so she could be medically cleared to go to the Arapahoe County Juvenile Assessment Center.

According to an arrest affidavit and testimony during a preliminary hearing, the girl told investigators that Mangino said he had started taking photos of all the people he arrested. The girl told investigators that she thought Mangino wanted her to take photos of her naked body using his personal cellphone, and so she did.

Investigators found the photos on Mangino's cellphone, according to the arrest affidavit and testimony.

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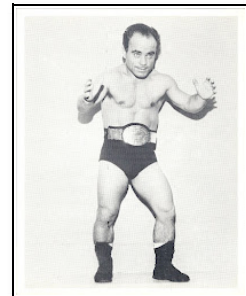
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