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PASCAGOULA -- A 20-year law enforcement officer pleaded guilty Friday to three counts of sexual battery and one count of touching of a child for lustful purposes.

Circuit Judge Robert Krebs deferred Robert Brian Hill's sentencing until March

MARGARET BAKER/SUN HERALD Robert Brian Hill, a former Gautier police officer, talks to his attorney, Calvin Taylor, in court Friday.
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27, during which time a pre-sentence investigative report will be conducted.

In exchange for the plea, the state opted not to prosecute 11 charges of touching of a child for lustful purposes by a person in a position of trust or authority over the child.

Hill, 47, was arrested in September 2011 on 15 felony charges accusing him of having sex with a minor or touching her inappropriately while in a position of authority.

He was indicted on 12 counts of touching a child for lustful purposes and three counts of sexual battery.

The alleged incidents, all involving a girl under age 14, occurred between March 1, 2011, and July 3, 2011. At the time of his arrest, Hill had worked in Gautier for three years. Pascagoula police assisted in the investigation.

Among those present when Hill pleaded guilty Friday was the victim and her family.

"I have a hard time trusting anyone," the victim said. "I don't know who to trust anymore. I don't know how you can hurt someone you say you love so much."

Hill worked for two years as a patrol officer in Gautier, then was assigned in May 2011 to work as an agent at the Narcotics Task Force of Jackson County. Hill remained a narcotics agent until he was placed on administrative leave in July 2011 as a result of the allegations against him.

Prior to working in Gautier, Hill was a police officer in Philadelphia, Miss. Prior to that, authorities said, he served as a law enforcement officer at agencies in Sebastian County, Ark., and in McNairy County, Tenn.

Assistant District Attorney Angel Myers served as prosecutor on the case.

