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# State trooper found guilty of sex abuse charges

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A Virginia state trooper pleaded guilty to five charges of sexual abuse of minors in a plea agreement Wednesday in Fauquier County Circuit Court.

Christopher Allen Carson, 30, pleaded guilty to a felony count of criminal solicitation, a count of contributing to delinquency of a minor and one count of exposing his penis to a child. Carson also pleaded guilty to two counts of loaning pornographic videos to a child.

Judge Herman A. Whisenant Jr. accepted Carson's pleas as part of a bargain on the day Carson was to face a jury trial. Carson was originally charged with forcible sodomy, aggressive sexual battery and indecent liberties with a child.

Whisenant recommended a sentence of nine years in prison, all but 30 days of which to be suspended, and two years of probation. As part of the plea agreement, Carson does not have to register as a sex offender. Also as part of the agreement, two additional active charges of forcible sodomy and indecent liberties with a child will be dropped.

Three of the charges to which Carson pleaded guilty stemmed from a series of incidents in 2001 where Carson, then 18, sexually assaulted a boy who was in seventh and eighth grade, said Assistant Commonwealth Attorney Jamey Cook at Wednesday's hearing.

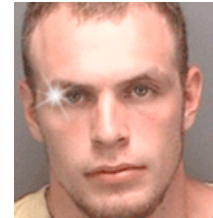
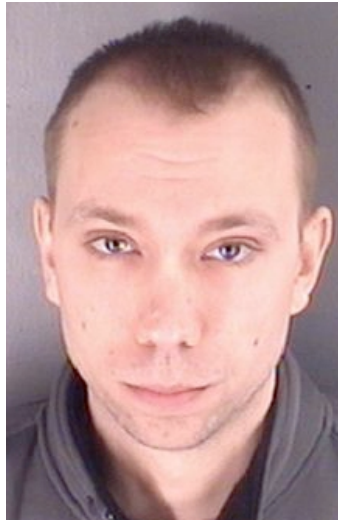
In a proffer statement of accusations, Cook said Carson exposed himself to the child and masturbated in front of and with him. One night, Cook said, the boy woke up to find Carson performing oral sex on him.

Carson told the victim, "This is what friends do for one another," Cook said.

Investigation into Carson started when the victim, now an adult, told his probation officer that he was uncomfortable being watched during a urine test.

When asked, the victim said he had been abused as a child by someone who was now a police officer, Cook said. The victim said that national media coverage of Jerry Sandusky's sex abuses compelled him to come forward with his allegations, Cook said.

Carson joined the Virginia State Police in 2005 and was assigned to the Culpeper Division's Area 12 office in Warrenton.



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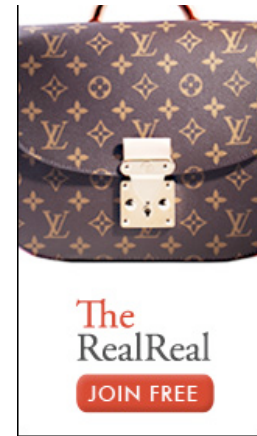
An internal investigation by the state police uncovered two incidents in 2011, in which Carson loaned pornographic videos to another minor, Cook said.

Carson has been on administrative leave since Dec. 27, according to state police. He did not receive pay for the first 90 days of leave, but due to state code, he has received pay after that period because the charges made against him were not resolved within 90 days, said Richmond area state police spokeswoman Corinne Geller.

He was arrested and charged Feb. 13, and released on a personal recognizance bond. Following his indictment in June, Carson was taken into custody and released on a \$5,000 secured bond.

Below is a copy of Carson's plea agreement. The victims' names have been redacted to protect their identities.

[Christopher Allen Carson plea agreement](#)



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