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Former Cerritos Sheriff's Deputy Gets Probation for Teen Explorer Sex Case

The 10-year veteran pleaded no contest to sex with a 16-year-old girl enrolled in the station's Explorer Program.

By [MarieSam Sanchez](#) [Email the author](#) November 1, 2012

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A [Los Angeles County sheriff's](#) deputy who oversaw the Explorer Program at the [Cerritos Sheriff's Station](#) has been sentenced to three years probation and 200 hours of community service on charges of having sex with a 16-year-old girl enrolled in the program.

Manuel Enrique Perallon Jr., 36, pleaded no contest to one count of oral copulation of a person under 18 on July 27, according to the Deputy District Attorney.

Perallon must also undergo six months of sexual offenders counseling and pay restitution -- the amount of which will be determined upon completion of his probation. The former sheriff's deputy is also required to register as a sex offender.

At the time of the incident -- which occurred between April 29, 2011 and May 1, 2011 -- the 10-year veteran was working at the Cerritos Station, where he met the girl through the Explorer Program.

The department launched an investigation into the allegation last year and Perallon was relieved of duty with pay in August 2011. [He was arrested on April 25, 2012.](#)

What Is the Sheriff's Explorers Program?

The LASD's Law Enforcement Explorer Program began in 1969 to help "create new inroads of understanding between youth, law enforcement, and the general citizenry." Deputy Explorers not only help represent the sheriff's department and individual stations in the community, they also receive extensive training and actively participate in community affairs and non-hazardous law enforcement activities.

[Deputy Explorers from the Cerritos Sheriff's Station](#) are extremely visible and active in the community, often helping represent the department at community events and programs throughout the city. Most recently, the [Explorers assisted Cerritos deputies in promoting the bi-annual Neighborhood Watch Town Hall meeting by going door to door to speak to area residents.](#)

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Rodger Higgins

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The sentence is wrong. He, as an educated sheriff knows better and should have been sentenced to prison, made to pay back the wages received from August until April, loss of all retirement privldges and made to register as a sex offender. What he received was a virtual slap on the wrist.

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Robert Perry

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All Men should pay attention! Teens althought they are sexual with each other, you cannot touch them. Young girls" is pretty bright and affectionete. You are not equals. They are not little adults. You risk your life, career. Marriage, Kid futures. reputation for life. Over a pretty face & raging hormone. And a few moments of pleasure.

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Sam Izera

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I think his 3 year probation sentence was too harsh. After all, look at the good he did for the sheriff's department with all the other kids he probably did not molest.

Like the dog who is allowed one free bite before he is considered dangerous, this deputy should have been allowed to keep his job, but his supervisor should have been required to monitor him to prevent future molestations.

Just where is the judge's sense of fair play? Law enforcement officers deserve a free pass because there are so many civilians who break the law that are stopped by the deputies.

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Pat Pacheco

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Are you kidding me? You think a 3 year probation is TOO much? Do you feel comfortable having your child in that program? Never mind if it was consensual what about the fact that he was her boss, that is sexual harrassment.

The Cerritosian

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That is crazy talk @Izera! He is a person who is entrusted with our public safety and the well being of our community. Sheriffs are not here to make romantic/sexual advances on our children. Albeit, it takes two to tango, but he definitely knew better.

You must not have any children Izera.

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