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VanKampen said that the Illinois State Police had been contacted by Manito Police Chief Jerry York about a complaint he had received concerning Butler and the girl. According to the ISP officer who investigated the case, Butler admitted that he had met the girl through his duties as a police officer and that he had later contacted the girl to start a relationship. At some point he asked the girl to send him nude photos and the girl complied, VanKampen said.

Butler received the five-year prison sentence and a \$2,000 fine and the prosecution dismissed the second count of child pornography that had been filed. Butler will have to serve two years of parole after he finishes his prison sentence and he will also have to register as a sex offender for 10 years.

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