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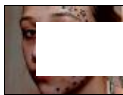


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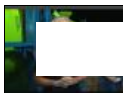
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# Former Officer Pleads Guilty To Sexually Abusing Girl

## Ray Kiefer Jr. To Be Sentenced In May

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**LOUISVILLE, Ky. --** A retired Louisville metro police officer will have a felony on his record after pleading guilty to sexual abuse.

Ray Kiefer Jr. took a deal and admitted in court that in December, three days before Christmas, he had sexual contact with a 4-year-old relative.

Kiefer, 63, pleaded guilty to one count of first-degree sexual abuse.

The victim's family members at the

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hearing were visibly upset.

"The focus of the family and of everybody is the care of the 4-year-old. Obviously, people want more of a penalty in cases like this, but there has to be balance with what are we going to do to a child," said Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney David Scott.

The agreement reached is a three-year prison penalty with the commonwealth recommending Kiefer instead gets five years of probation.

Kiefer must also complete a sex offender treatment program and will be required to comply with the sex offender registry for 20 years.

The 4-year-old girl came forward and told her parents what happened.

Scott said Kiefer was compliant with police and came in with a written confession to the allegations.

"I guess the real message here is that this child was a 4-year-old victim and he had knowledge to tell someone when someone did something bad to her, and so we hope that parents are talking to their children about good touches and bad touches," Scott said. "This is a fairly typical type of offense that no one ever hears about and a child that knew to come forward and tell everyone about it."

Kiefer returns to court for formal sentencing in May.

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