

Former corrections officer accepts plea agreement

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Although he may not receive it as his sentence, probation is possible under the terms of the plea agreement for a former corrections officer who had been facing charges for allegedly sexually molesting a female child and physically abusing a young boy.

Last month Christopher Pulling, who worked at the Arizona State Prison Complex in Yuma, pleaded guilty in a plea agreement to one count of aggravated assault per domestic violence.

In return for his guilty plea, the three counts of molestation of a child were dismissed.

If Pulling is not given probation, he could receive a prison sentence ranging from six months to a year and a half, with the presumptive sentence being a year.

Pulling, whose attorney is Kristi Riggins of the Yuma County Public Defender's Office, is scheduled to be sentenced at 9 a.m. July 18.

According to court records, an 12-year-old female claimed that Pulling would give her "front wedgies" by pulling up the front of her underwear and that he would reach his hand into her pants while doing so.

A second victim, a 14-year-old boy, claimed that Pulling hit him more than 10 times on the head, chest and stomach with an open hand and his fist.

Courts records also indicated that Pulling admitted to giving the girl "wedgies" several times and to hitting the boy, saying, however, that he thought it was only four to six times.



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