

Ex-Detroit cop sentenced for sexually assaulting teens

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Geoffrey Townsend)

Pontiac — An ex-Detroit police officer was sentenced Monday to 10 to 15 years in prison for sexually assaulting young victims met through his troubled teen boot camp.

Geoffrey Townsend, 46, of Farmington Hills was convicted of six counts of third-degree criminal sexual conduct involving victims he met through his Reality Check Detroit boot camp. A website for the nonprofit boot camp touted Townsend's experience as a Detroit police officer as an asset to helping teenagers straighten out their lives.

Oakland Circuit Judge Martha Anderson exceeded sentencing guidelines of 51 to 85 months based on Townsend exploiting his career to gain the access and trust of young victims and their parents. At least one victim was only 13 years old.

The incidents took place between October 2010 and August 2012 inside Townsend's home in Farmington Hills and surfaced after one girl's mother learned of the inappropriate acts and contacted police.

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