

Former Kansas police officer sentenced for child sex crime

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A former Augusta police officer has been sentenced in connection to a child sex crime.

Last July, Augusta Public Safety Officer Jerry Ballinger was arrested on two counts of Aggravated Indecent Liberties with a Child. The alleged crimes happened in Butler county between April and July of 2013.

He was bound over for trial in August, but pleaded guilty in February to one count of attempted aggravated indecent liberties with a child.

Monday morning, a judge sentenced Ballinger to 60 months of probation with Community Corrections. Before probation begins, he will serve 59 days under house arrest.

He must also register for life as a sex offender and enroll in a sex offender treatment program. If Ballinger violates probation, he will go to prison for 34 months.

He had been an officer in Augusta since 1997.