

Former Sorrento police officer, Owen Ockman, found "Guilty" of indecent behavior with juvenile

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2013 Cop Pedophile Owen Ockman

At the end of a two day trial the six-member jury selected on Monday to decide the fate of former Sorrento police officer, Owen Ockman, found him Guilty of Indecent Behavior with a Juvenile.

The jury deliberated for just under two hours before returning the verdict, at one point asking to review certain documentary evidence which Judge Jessie M. LeBlanc did not allow. She did read the pertinent criminal statute to the jurors which describes the criteria satisfying the elements of Indecent Behavior with a Juvenile.

The victim, now 21, was 16 at the time of the criminal act.

"Indecent behavior with juveniles is the commission of any of the following acts with the intention of arousing or gratifying the sexual desires of either person:

(1) Any lewd or lascivious act upon the person or in the presence of any child under the age of seventeen, where there is an age difference of greater than two years between the two persons."

Louisiana Revised Statute 14:81

Whoever commits the crime of Indecent Behavior with a Juvenile "shall be imprisoned with or without hard labor for not more than seven years." Since the statute does not mandate a term of imprisonment, a six-member jury is appropriate.

Sentencing is scheduled for November 16 and Judge LeBlanc set a post-conviction bond amount of \$75,000 over Prosecutor Joni Buquoi's request that Ockman be immediately remanded to custody of the state. Ockman's pre-trial bond was \$7,500 and he asked that it be continued.

LeBlanc gave Ockman until 4:00 pm tomorrow to post the \$75,000 bond or turn himself in to authorities. He is prohibited from having any contact with the victim or her family as a condition of the bond.