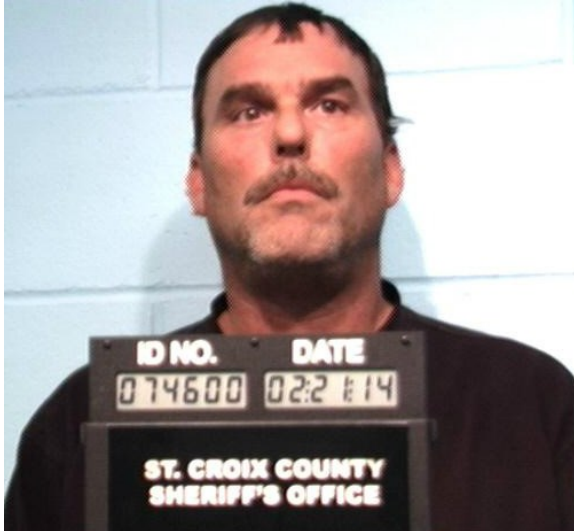


Former police officer convicted of sexual assault of a child in St. Croix County

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St. Croix Co. (WQOW) - A western Wisconsin businessman, and former police officer, has been convicted of sexual assault of a child, child enticement and possessing child pornography.

Daniel Barber, from north Hudson, was charged earlier this year with abusing several boys, including two toddlers.

Investigators say he preyed on children in his care, sometimes using Craigslist and Facebook to connect with parents in need of baby sitters.

St. Croix County Sheriff John Shilts said Barber appeared to be a knight in shining armor, sometimes taking care of children of single parents with financial difficulties.

Barber's sentencing date has not been scheduled yet.