

Former Irwindale police officer sentenced for molesting girl, sexting teen

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LOS ANGELES - An ex-Irwindale police officer was sentenced to two years and eight months in prison for molesting a 14-year-old police Explorer and sending sexually suggestive text messages to a second girl in the program.

Jane Robison, spokeswoman of the District Attorney's Office said Daniel Robert Camerano, 28, must also register as a sex offender for the rest of his life.

She said the former officer was taken into custody following his Tuesday sentencing at Los Angeles Superior Court.

Camerano, who was one of the advisors to the department's Explorer Program, began a sexual relationship with the 14-year-old girl between May 2009 and December 2010. Robison said the eight-year veteran also admitted sending sexually suggestive text messages to a 17-year-old female Explorer in November 2012.

He was originally charged with using a minor for sex acts, sending harmful matter, oral copulation of a person under 16, sexual penetration by a foreign object and two counts of contact with a minor for sexual offense. He faced a maximum sentence of five years and four months if convicted of all the charges.

But Camerano decided to take a deal and pleaded no contest last month to using a minor for sex acts, oral copulation of a person under 16 and contact with a minor for sexual offense.

Camerano was placed on leave after the allegations surfaced. He resigned before deputies arrested him June 11, 2014.

He is the third Irwindale officer to get convicted since 2013.

David Fraijo, a former sergeant, received a 9-year prison sentence last week for sexually assaulting a woman during a 2012 traffic stop.

The victim was delivering newspapers when Fraijo pulled her over Oct. 20, 2012 near Azusa Canyon Road and Arrow Highway. He asked to see her driver license. When the woman said she didn't have a license, Fraijo told her to head to a parking lot where he assaulted her.

Fraijo was fired from the department last year.

Like Camerano, he also accepted a plea bargain. Fraijo pleaded no contest on Oct. 3, 2014 to

oral copulation under color of authority and sexual battery by restraint.

Former officer Dennis Alva got sentenced in 2013 to one year in county jail and five years probation for stealing \$250,000 from his father. He pleaded no contest to one count of grand theft.

Irwindale Police Capt. Ty Henshaw said there are no ongoing investigations involving officers.

“We’re very happy about that. That’s very positive for Irwindale,” Henshaw said. “We move forward and go in a positive direction, providing a good service to the community we serve.”

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