

Ex-New Mexico police chief sentenced for child solicitation

ROSWELL, N.M. (AP) — A former police chief in a New Mexico town has been sentenced to three years of probation and must register as a sex offender for sending sexual images and texts to a child.

The Roswell Daily Record [reports](#) 68-year-old Cassius “Cass” Mason was sentenced Monday after the former Hagerman police chief pleaded no contest to child solicitation by electronic device.

Chaves County authorities say Mason gave a cellphone to the girl and asked her send pictures of herself.

The victim’s mother found the phone and alerted authorities to the sexual images and explicit texts.

A six-year prison sentence and two years of parole were suspended.

Prosecutors dropped sexual exploitation and criminal sexual contact charges in exchange for his plea.

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