Ex KCK school resource officer pleads guilty to child sex crimes

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Michael English Sr.

KANSAS CITY, Kan. — A former Kansas City, Kansas, school resource officer faces a maximum of just over 14 years in prison after pleading guilty to sex crimes against children.

Michael Eugene English Sr. pleaded guilty Monday to three counts of aggravated indecent liberties with children between the ages of 14 and 16, the Wyandotte County district attorney's office said.

The crimes began in January 2018 and an investigation began after a parent tipped off police in March of that year.

English worked as a school system security guard before he joined the Kansas City, Kansas, School District's independent police unit in 2015.

A sentencing hearing was scheduled for May 8.

Another Kansas City, Kansas, school resource officer was <u>charged</u> last year with sex crimes against children. Mark A. Scheetz faces two rape charges, two counts of aggravated criminal sodomy and a sexual exploitation charge. He was charged in Norton County.

Scheetz's jury trial was scheduled for April 29.

The Kansas City, Kansas Public School District issued a statement after sentencing:

"Today, Kansas City, Kansas Public Schools (KCKPS) was made aware of the guilty plea in Wyandotte County District Court by Michael Eugene English, a former employee of the school district."

"KCKPS is an important part of our community. We have high expectations for all employees and understand our responsibility to protect the health, safety and welfare of our students and staff within the district. The district makes every effort to ensure that we maintain the highest standard of professional conduct throughout our school campuses. Our student's well-being and safety is a top priority."

"Any egregious or inappropriate conduct of an employee will not be tolerated in this school district. KCKPS has adopted policies to provide guidance and direction within the district's educational environment."

"We appreciate the continued support from our school community."