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Former special deputy faces prison in sex assaults on teen sisters

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GENESEE COUNTY, Michigan -- A former special deputy with the Genesee County Sheriff's Department faces prison after pleading to charges he had sex with two teen sisters.

Alan E. Trimue Jr., 29, of Flint, faces an April 21 sentencing after pleading no contest to two counts each of third-degree criminal sexual conduct and attempted kidnapping, and one count of felony firearms.

Trimue originally was ordered to stand trial on seven counts of first-degree criminal sexual conduct, and two counts each of kidnapping, impersonating a peace officer to commit a crime and felony firearms use.

Prosecutors dismissed some charges and amended others to reach a plea deal with Trimue.

Attorney Frank J. Manley, who represents Trimue, said he pleaded no contest because of potential civil liability.

A no contest plea is not an admission of guilt but is treated as that at sentencing.

Manley said Trimue committed "a crime of immaturity, not malice."

Genesee Circuit Judge Richard B. Yuille said Trimue used a "false persona" of being involved in law enforcement to trick the girls, then 13 and 14, and their mother.

At an earlier hearing, the girls testified their mother asked Trimue, a family friend, to straighten them out for unruly behavior.

The girls said they and their mother believed Trimue was a deputy with the Genesee County Sheriff's Department because he had a badge, gun and uniform.

They said Trimue told their mother he was taking them to jail, juvenile detention or boot camp, but instead took them to area motels. One girl said she was there for several days and had sex with Trimue as he placed his gun on a night stand, pointed at her.

Neither girl is being named by The Journal, but the 13-year-old said Trimue was usually dressed in a deputy's outfit, complete with gun and badge, when he took her to the motels.

She said Trimue would leave her in the room alone for periods and order her not to call her mother.

She said she would watch television until he returned.

Both girls said Trimue told them to keep the motel visits quiet and not tell their mother. The older girl said she once told her mother what was happening, but Trimue denied it when asked by the girls mother.

The incidents occurred between December 2006 and June 2007, officials said.

The liaisons came to light after the older girl ran away from home and the younger girl told their mother they'd been having sex with Trimue, officials said.

Special deputies help with crowd control at community events and sometimes provide security at local churches or the jail, but have no police authority, Genesee Sheriff Robert J. Pickell said earlier.

Trimue, a special deputy since 2005, was released from the program by Pickell.

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