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Judge Michael Hecht had been accused of **paying one man for sex and threatening to kill another man who talked about having sex with him...**

Assistant Attorney General John Hillman contended that Hecht bought sex from one young man on multiple occasions in 2008 and 2009 and **threatened to kill another who last summer was telling people about his alleged previous sexual relationship with Hecht...**



**And his sentence?**

Former Pierce County Superior Court Judge Michael Hecht, convicted last month of felony harassment and patronizing a prostitute, **was sentenced this afternoon to 240 hours of community service and “John School.”**

The sentence handed down by King County Superior Court Judge James Cayce **did not include any jail time.**

Before being sentenced, Hecht told Judge Cayce that he had suffered greatly as a result of the allegations against him and his conviction. Hecht said he lost his job, and that his reputation had been tarnished.

“I’m a broken man,” Hecht said...

Assistant state attorney general John Hillman argued today that Hecht should serve 90 days in jail for his crimes. Hecht has taken no responsibility for his actions nor shown any remorse, Hillman said.

Hecht’s attorney, Wayne Fricke, told Cayce that the former judge has suffered enough with the loss of his job and his reputation. **Jail time would serve no purpose,** Fricke said.