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Former sheriff gets one-year jail term for sexually assaulting child

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HONOLULU (HawaiiNewsNow) - A former Hawaii deputy sheriff convicted of sexually assaulting a child was taken into custody Wednesday to begin serving a one-year jail term.

Circuit Judge Dexter Del Rosario sentenced Edwin Salinda, 56, to a year in jail and five years probation for committing various sexual acts on his niece over a four-year period, starting when she was in the first grade.

"He took advantage of his position of trust and authority over her," Thalia Murphy, deputy prosecutor, said. "This was a terrible betrayal to the child and to her family."

"I'd just like to say I'm sorry," the convicted child molester said during the court hearing.

Salinda pleaded guilty to reduced charges and sidestepped a 10-year prison sentence under a deal with prosecutors that spared the victim from testifying at a trial.

He had been with the Sheriff's Division for nearly two decades. His employment was terminated following his guilty plea in May.

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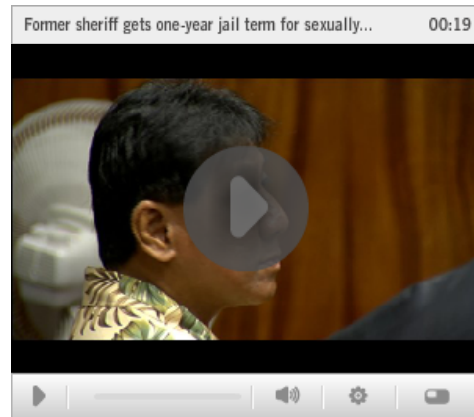
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