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A Lake County jury deliberated about two hours Thursday before finding a former Round Lake Beach police officer guilty of sexually abusing a 16-year-old girl.

Leroy Kuffel, 52, faces up to seven years in prison after being convicted of aggravated criminal sexual abuse, but will also be eligible for probation.

Kuffel, who retired from the department with 29 years of service about four months after his arrest last April, became acquainted with the girl while she was dating Kuffel's 21-year-old son.

The girl, who is now 17 years old, testified she became close to Kuffel as she was ...

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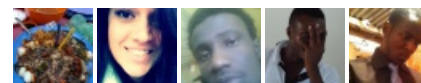
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