

Former Officer Enters Plea to Sexual Communication with Minor

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A former Ryan reserve police officer accused of sending explicit text messages to a minor has entered a plea to his charge.

Robert Gutierrez Jr. is charged with sending explicit texts to a 15-year-old girl.

Jefferson County district attorney officials say Gutierrez entered a "blind plea" of guilty .

That means he didn't accept the D.A.'s plea offer.

Authorities say the alleged victim was Gutierrez's foster child several months before the alleged texts were sent.

Gutierrez was a reserve officer for the Ryan Police Department assigned to Ryan Public School.

The judge has ordered a pre-sentence investigation before he decides Gutierrez's punishment.

He's expected to be sentenced Dec. 3.

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