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Former waiter gets 12-year sentence Suspect allegedly set up hidden video camera in women's restroom

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A judge recently sentenced a former Geneva waiter to serve a dozen years in prison in connection to a video camera found hidden in the women's restroom at the restaurant where he worked.

Assistant Geneva County Dis-

trict Attorney Bill Filmore said the jury found Arturo Ventura, 34, of Geneva guilty earlier this year of three felony charges, which included two counts of attempted production of obscene matter and possession of obscene matter. Filmore said the jury also convicted Ventura of two misdemeanor criminal surveillance charges.

District Attorney Kirke Adams said Ventura received a 12-year prison sentence for one of the attempted production charges, which he said was enhanced because the victim was under the age of 12. Adams said Ventura received a five-year sentence for the other two felony charges, which was ordered to be served concurrently with the

12-year sentence.

According to an earlier Dothan Eagle report, Filmore said Ventura was convicted of setting up what he referred to as a "covert camera," disguised as an ink pen, which also had a USB port on it to plug into a computer. He said the camera was found hid-

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den inside a flower pot on top of the toilet at an Old Mexico restaurant.

According to Filmore's statement, state law says Ventura will not be eligible for parole, and must serve the entire 12-year sentence because one of the victims was under the age of 12.

"As I told the jury in closing argument, it is the local community that sets the standard for what will be allowed," Filmore said in a statement. "This jury said that conduct like this would not be allowed in Geneva County, and I believe the sentence appropriately reflects the jury's verdict."

According to an earlier Dothan Eagle report, Film-

ore said police made the arrest in the case after a 10-year-old girl noticed a blinking light.

He said the two girls identified on the video, ages 9 and 16, testified in the trial against Ventura.

Filmore said Ventura testified in the trial that he did it to look at women.