

Three Ozark men plead guilty to sex charges

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OZARK — Three Ozark men pleaded guilty to sex crimes this week and were sentenced to a collective seven years of incarceration.

Larry Brandon Smith, 24, of Midland City pleaded guilty to first-degree sex abuse of a child less than 12 years of age and was sentenced to five years in a state prison. An application



Jonathan C. Miles



Kendall J. Russaw

for probation is pending.

According to Dale County District Attorney Kirke Adams, Smith's plea to the felony offense calls for him to

register as a sex offender and never live in a residence in which children also reside.

In addition to Smith's plea, two other men, Jonathan Champale Miles and Kendall Jarel Russaw, also pleaded guilty to sex crimes.

Miles, 24, of Ozark pleaded guilty to sexual misconduct with a teenage girl and was sentenced to a year in a state prison. The crime was committed in January while Miles was on probation for

another crime, according to Adams.

Miles had been charged with two felony counts of first-degree rape and a single felony count of second-degree rape.

Russaw, 21, of Ozark was initially charged with three first-degree felony counts of sodomy and a single felony count of first-degree sex abuse but pleaded guilty to misdemeanor second-degree sex abuse against a teenage

boy in February 2009. Russaw was sentenced to serve a year in the Dale County Jail.

Adams said Russaw served eight months of the sentence and received credit for the remaining four months, provided he registers as a sex offender and has no contact with the victim.

Adams said each of the pleas were discussed with law enforcement, the victims and their families.