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Men plead in sex case

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Two Samson men pleaded guilty to reduced charges from a 2008 incident involving a minor teenaged girl from Kinston.

Dewey Thomas Denman, 23, and Daniel Anthony Monk, 22, pled last week to reduced charges of Class A misdemeanors relating to a case in July 2008 where the girl reported that the two men had sexually assaulted her.

For Denman and Monk, the charges were reduced from first-degree rape and first-degree sexual abuse. Denman had an additional charge of attempting to elude.

Denman pled guilty to sexual misconduct while Monk pleaded to reduced charges as a youthful offender. Representing Denman and Monk were David Harrison and Lee Knowles, respectively.

According to police reports, the girl reported that Denman and Monk assaulted her following a party they had attended where alcohol was served. Reportedly, the assaults occurred after the party at Denman's home and were not reported to the Geneva County Sheriff's Office until four days later.

Denman and Monk, both of whom lived in Samson, were 21 and

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20 years old, respectively, at the time.

Denman is currently in the Geneva County Jail until January 2011. According to Harrison, Denman was arrested in January for shooting a deer after dark in Samson. Because of this, Denman was in violation of his probation following a previous case. He also faces another case of second-degree assault that occurred in Geneva County.

In an emailed statement, District Attorney Kirke Adams said that in an effort to make sure that all parties were in agreement regarding the case, he met with law enforcement and the family of the victim, who agreed to the charges brought before the individuals.

"My office does not take any case lightly," Adams said. "We involve the victim, their family, law enforcement, DHR and anybody else that investigated in determining the probability for conviction or finding the best resolution of the case."

Adams said that because Monk was treated as a youthful offender, specific details of his punishment could not be divulged.

"The law requires a juvenile or youthful offenders convicted of a sex crime to register as a sex offender for a period of 10 years," Adams said. "Then, if the person has undergone an evaluation and treatment and not committed a new sex crime, he can be removed from the registry."