

# Two plead guilty to child solicitation

## Suspects part of Operation Guardian Angel

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Two men will now be convicted sex offenders after they pleaded guilty to soliciting children over the Internet during an undercover Hartford police investigation called Operation Guardian Angel.

A former health care official, 59-year-old Michael Lee Graue, pleaded guilty Thursday morning to felony electronic solicitation of a child in front of Circuit Court Judge Kenneth Quattlebaum.

As part of a guilty plea agreement, Graue received a 6-year prison sentence. He applied for probation through his attorney, Thomas Smith, which will be heard by the court on March 5.

As part of the guilty plea agreement, the prosecution dismissed a second felony charge against Graue of traveling to meet a child for an unlawful sex act.

In an unrelated case, Fernando Carrazco-Casillas, 24, of Headland, pleaded guilty to a felony electronic solicitation of a child charge.

As part of his guilty plea agreement, he received a 6-year prison sentence. Carrazco-Casillas applied for probation through his attorney, Thomas Smith, which will be heard by the court on March 5.

As part of the guilty plea agreement the prosecution dismissed a second felony charge against Carrazco-Casillas of traveling to



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meet a child for an unlawful sex act.

Geneva County District Attorney Kirke Adams said both men will now be convicted sex offenders.

Both Graue and Carrazco-Casillas were arrested by the Hartford Police Department in May of 2014 as part of their ongoing undercover investigation called Operation Guardian Angel.

At the time of Graue's arrest, he told police he worked as the senior vice president of operations of Tenant Healthcare, a nationwide healthcare system. After his

arrest he was terminated.

Graue, of Kennesaw, Georgia, was arrested as part of the Hartford Police Department's continued working relationship with the Perverted Justice Foundation.

Hartford Police Chief Annie Ward told the *Dothan Eagle* after Graue's arrest that a "decoy" working with the Perverted Justice Foundation started an online conversation with him through a dating website called meetme.com.

Ward said the online conversations "very quickly" escalated into a sexual nature, including Graue allegedly propositioning the "decoy" for sex online.

Both men pleaded guilty to the electronic solicitation of an unlawful sex act from what they believed was a 14-year-old girl.