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Ex-Harrodsburg officer sentenced to three years

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PARIS — A former Harrodsburg police officer was sentenced Thursday to three years in prison after pleading guilty to more than 140 felony counts of rape, sodomy and sexual abuse.

Jason Elder, 31, pleaded guilty in January to two counts of third-degree rape, 49 counts of third-degree sodomy and 97 counts of first-degree sexual abuse. All of the charges involved one girl, who was 14 at the time.

Under a plea agreement, Elder must enroll and complete a sex-offender treatment program, and he must serve at least 85 percent of his sentence before he is eligible for parole. When he is released, he will have to register as a sex offender.

Elder was an officer who conducted Drug Abuse Resistance Education classes in the Mercer County schools. The Harrodsburg City Commission suspended Elder without pay after the indictment was returned last year, and he turned in his badge and gun.

His sentencing was held in Paris because the special judge in the case was Bourbon Circuit Court Judge Rob Johnson.

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